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From the Principal's Desk

Dear SRS Parents and Friends,

With all the warm weather we experienced in September, I know that many of us are looking forward to the cooler weather of autumn.

I am happy to report that SRS students and teachers have settled into the comfortable routines that allow them to enjoy teaching and learning. It's been a joy to watch them start the new school year.



Dr. Gary Davis



During the month of September, our students participated in a series of assessments that help us establish a baseline for their knowledge in reading. This information will be utilized in developing reading interventions for the students who require support in specific areas.

The installation of our new playground was an exciting experience for our students. They lined up along the tennis court fence to watch the drama of the playground installation unfold. They cheered when their beloved turtle was moved to its new location.

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We held our annual **Back-to-School Picnic** on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Parents, staff and students enjoyed the chance to eat pizza and socialize informally together. As usual, the talent show was one of the highlights of the evening. Thanks to everyone who made this event such a success, especially to **Kate Dickey** and **Beth Resweber** for coordinating this event and **Bridget Welsh** for organizing the talent show.



We had the official opening of our new playground during our Back-to-School Picnic festivities. **Congressman Bryan Lentz** and our new superintendent **Richard Noonan** were able to join us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On behalf of the Swarthmore-Rutledge School community, **SRS** sends special thanks to **Bryan Lentz** for his support in helping us receive the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Development Grant award that made our new playground possible. Thanks also to **SRS** parents **Brooke Penders** and **Stacy Clements** for their support in developing the grant application for this project.

The results of the **Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)** administered in the spring of 2010 were released recently. When ninety percent or more of a grade level is performing at the advanced and/or proficient level in Math and Reading, a school community has a lot to celebrate! Congratulations to our students and staff!

Principal's Letter cont.

2010 PSSA Results

Math Assessment

Grade	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
5 th	86.0	13.0	1.0	0.00
4 th	87.6	10.4	2.0	0.00
3 rd	51.2	38.8	6.5	3.5

Reading Assessment

Grade	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
5 th	51.1	38.8	7.0	3.1
4 th	77.5	19.5	2.0	1.0
3 rd	39.3	51.7	4.5	4.5

Absence and Tardiness. The best way to assure your children's academic success is to send them to school daily. Daily attendance is required except when a child is ill or has a family emergency. Parents are asked to call the office at 610-544-5702 by 9:00 a.m. each day that the child is ill and will not be attending school. We also ask that students arrive on time to school each day. Students are tardy after 8:45 a.m. When a student is tardy they not only lose instructional time, but disrupt the instructional time of others. Please work with us to assure your child is at school every day.

Hope to see you all at the **SRS Halloween parade at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2010.**

Gary Davis

A Few Words from Home and School

www.srskids.org

Be sure to visit our web site srskids.org and sign up for our e-mail blasts!



Check out our new playground equipment!

Home and School provided our teachers with \$3,250 for needed supplies. What a great way to start off the year!

Mark your calendars!

Our new superintendent Dr. Richard Noonan will be attending the Oct. 20 Home and School Meeting. Curious? Come to the meeting!

Dear Friends,

Welcome Fall! The Home and School Association has been very busy with activities, fundraisers, programs and events. We started the year with our first meeting Wednesday, September 15th. We want to especially welcome the new faces we saw that night; thanks for your turnout! For those of you who missed it, please be sure to check the link on the website and review the minutes. In our effort to go paperless this year, we had most of the information up on the smartboard for the meeting but we are discovering that a few still want to have a hard copy. At October's meeting we will provide both to ease the transition.

Many of you have been following the progress of the playground and we are waiting in anticipation for the completion. **Stacy Clements** and **Brooke Penders** guided this project and we are seeing the fruits of their labor. If you haven't stopped by, please do and discover the many new additions! **The new playground was funded by a grant given by Representative Bryan Lentz's office.** Mr. Lentz and new superintendent Dr. Richard Noonan were both on hand for a dedication ceremony that took place at the Back to School Picnic, Oct. 7th. It was a fun-filled evening complete with talent show. **Dr. Noonan will also be attending our October 20 Home and School meeting!**

The first day of school ran smoothly, thanks to our wonderful faculty and a few parent volunteers. H&S sponsored a Welcome Coffee, planned by Hospitality chair, **Stephanie Bailey**. Thank you Stephanie! New families (and old) were welcomed in the Butterfly Garden with a cup of coffee and volunteers ready to answer questions. We also provided the faculty with a nutritious breakfast to start their first day. **The Teacher Start Up funds went out to our teachers to help get the year off to a terrific start and we were pleased to present them with \$3250.00 for needed supplies.**

Have you seen the new spirit wear? Check out the new logo and tie dye shirts and hoodies located in the glass case in the front hall. Thanks to **Stephanie Bailey** (again!) for initiating a new design!



One of our biggest annual fundraisers, the **Sally Foster gift wrap sale**, is going on now. It has never been easier to support H&S initiatives, just purchase the Sally Foster gift cards and the recipient gets to use them for Sally Foster items of their choice. Also going on now is the **annual SRS Directory**. Returning chairs, **Ali Holsinger and Lauren McKinney** have put together a wonderful resource for parents. Be sure to order one for home and the car! Thank you, Ali and Lauren for your amazing work!

The **SRS Back to School Night** was a great evening filled with information about our school. As many of you know, the faculty puts in a long day without going home for dinner so the many volunteers of Home and School happily provided a scrumptious dinner for them. We want to extend a hearty Thank You to **Tracy Federico** for heading up this effort!

The **KidStuff Coupon Books** are back this year and were distributed on your child's desk at Back to School Night. **Lisa Healy** has graciously spearheaded this effort, Thank You Lisa! If you decide to purchase a KidStuff book or need additional books, contact Lisa at [dymny@aol.com](mailto:dynmny@aol.com).

Coming up in October is the annual **Fall Festival**. This is a great event for the whole family and our chairs **Patti Donato and Jody Sophocles** have some special activities planned. Mark your calendars for **October 22nd** and join in the fun!

We at Home and School look at these opportunities to raise money for our school as an event to draw our community closer together, while enjoying the many educational enrichment and cultural programs that Home and School helps to fund. Come out, sign up, and volunteer your time to support our **Dimensions in Math, Science, Technology, Art, Foreign Language and Sustainability**. We welcome all to attend the meetings, voice your opinions and give generously to keep our school programs in place for our children! We hope to see you soon at one of these events! Have a happy and joyous fall!



Kathryn Mehan & Marj Hatzell,
Home & School Co-presidents 2010-2011
e-mail us at Presidents@srskids.org

Box Tops for Education

If you can cut you can help. **Box Tops** are located on over two hundred products. A short list of the many brands includes General Mills, Avery, Ziploc, Hefty, Betty Crocker, Kleenex, Yoplait, Pillsbury, Scott and more. Clip the symbol on the package and send them in to the school. For each box top you clip SRS Home and School earns \$0.10. Those dimes added up to over **\$945 dollars last year**. That was up over \$100 from the previous year. Well Done!!



Things to remember:

- Cut on the dotted lines around the box top.
- Send in to the school in a baggie or envelope (reuse one if you can!)

The first submission date is at the end of October. Be sure to send in your boxtops by Oct.22nd.

Box Tops Marketplace

If you shop on-line you can earn a percentage of your purchase for SRS Home and School.



- Before you shop on-line go to www.boxtops4education.com
- Click on buy and earn.

You will need to register with the site if you haven't already.

There are so many stores to choose from including: aeropostale, Loft, Athleta, Gap, Boden, Best Buy, Kodak Gallery, Land's End, Oriental Trading Co, Shutterfly, Snapfish, Target

SRS Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 20

Home and School Meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 22

Fall Festival
6:00—9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 29

Halloween Parade
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 17

Home and School Meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.

SRS Fall Festival



Our annual **SRS Fall Festival** is **Friday, October 22nd** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at SRS. We are planning lots of fun activities and goodies for the entire family. Please save the date and join the SRS community for Facing Painting, a Book Swap, Pumpkin Decorating, a 5th grade Bake Sale, an Ice Cream Social and the 4th grade Pumpkin sale.

What better place to buy your pumpkin than at the Fall festival? SRS fourth graders are working hard cleaning, pricing and decorating pumpkins and gourds for sale. Come to the festival and buy a pumpkin from one of our friendly fourth grade sales representatives from 6:00 to 8:00. Proceeds are used toward the 5th grade expenses such as graduation and yearbooks

Any Fall Festival questions please contact :

Patty Donato gpcadonato@verizon.net or Jody Sophocles jody soph@aol.com

Why You Need the SRS Directory

by Lauren McKinney



Have you ever needed to plan a playdate, car-pool, birthday party, etc?

Admit it. The first thing you reach for is your SRS Directory!

Check out the NEW grade-by-grade activities listed in the 2010-2011 Directory!

1. To find all the names and numbers you need
2. To support the school
3. The School Handbook is in it; yes, THAT'S where The School Handbook is. It's a twofer.
4. To see our NEW page of home business listings
5. To see our NEW list of grade-by-grade activities (That Harrisburg trip is what year, again?)
 1. It makes birthday parties ten times easier to plan
 2. To learn which parents go with which kids
 3. Kids love to pore over this book
 4. Ten dollars? For all that? Three for \$25? WOW! One in each car and one in the kitchen.
 5. To add "Ultra Lava Red" to your home decor

As the ad rep for the SRS Directory (Ali Holsinger puts together the listings), I enjoy working with local shop owners, professionals, and nonprofit board members who support our school. When you buy your directory, please patronize these businesses and tell them you saw their ad in the SRS Directory! Thank them for advertising with us because the directory is a big fundraiser. Our advertisers need to know that their ads are noticed!

One day last month I was trying to sell space to a local Swarthmore business, and he said no, because a competitor was already listed and he didn't want to infringe on her territory. (I thought competition was the American way.) I politely thanked him and walked down the street. He came running after me in a minute, and said "I changed my mind. My assistant told me a guy once said he was looking for our phone number in the SRS Directory and couldn't find it."

See? It's the Holy Grail. Buy one, or two, or three!



Genuardi's E-Scrip Program

**Shop at Genuardi's
to earn money for
our school**

Last year, SRS Home and School earned **\$1200** through Genuardi's eScrip Program which allows customers to earn money for their school of choice just by shopping with their Genuardi's card.

Last year, only 120 families signed up with eScrip.

Help us do better than that!

Renew or sign up with your Genuardi's Club Card today!

Renew by Nov. 1st

If you participated last year, renew so our group continues to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "Yes Renew!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card number

or

Sign-up

Your participation can mean 100's of dollars for our group.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Select SRS Home and School group ID 152103668
- Enter your Club Card Number

Return this slip to school by November 1st. The class with the most eScrip supporters gets SOFT PRETZELS and LEMONADE!

Child's Name: _____

_____ Yes, I renewed!

Teacher/Grade: _____

_____ Yes, I signed up!

If you have any questions, contact Kris Miller at 610-328-3443 or krismiller2@yahoo.com
Thank you for supporting SRS Home and School

H&S Foreign Language News

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We are off to a great year of language enrichment at SRS. Eighty SRS students in grades 1 through 5 are enrolled in Mandarin Chinese, French and Spanish classes at SRS. Home and School has partnered with the Fei Yang Chinese Language and Culture Center, Alliance Francaise, and Cantemos Juntos (Elizabeth Bromley) to provide before and after school language instruction.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or in placing your child on the waiting list for the next session, please contact Sandra Sullivan, ssulliva@comcast.net or Vippy Yee, vippy1@yahoo.com. Information can also be found at www.srskids.org under Foreign Language.

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Green Tip of the Month



Is 'Vampire' energy use taking a bite out of your wallet?



About 15% of the average household's electricity use is from electronic devices such as televisions, computers, printers and DVD players. A good portion of that is what energy experts call "vampire" use, **devices sucking the power grid even when you aren't actively using them.** You might notice it when you touch a cell phone charger that's not plugged into the phone but is plugged into the wall, and you realize that it's warm. It's easy to take the cell phone charger out of the wall, but few people want to pull out the entertainment center and unplug each component at night or before a vacation.

The solution: Buy a power surge strip and plug your electronics into it. Flip the off switch when they're not in use