



## Superintendent's E-Mail Newsletter

*"Staying in touch..."*



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*"Building a foundation of excellence... one student at a time."*



*"From a tiny acorn..the mighty oak tree grows."*



### Are You Still Pitching A Perfect Game?



From Parney's "impactful" words to your "elevator speeches", it was great to hear so many positive messages about the Spring Cove School District on our opening day. Thank you everyone! Now that we are 20 days into the new school year, I hope you still feel that you are off to a great start. We also thought that you might like to read the elevator speeches in their entirety, now posted at the "Superintendent's Corner" on our district web page.

<http://springcove.schoolnet.com/outreach/district/suptcorner/>

Again, many thanks to all who submitted their speeches and to Mr. Phil Waite for his leadership and gracious words. All of these individuals (and Parney too!) were recipients of the Red Sneaker pin. We will be keeping a running record of all the pin recipients on the web page at the Superintendent's Corner. The red sneaker pin is intended to recognize individuals for going the extra distance for our children. I would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on candidates to receive a pin. Don't be surprised if you see me walking down your hallway in my red Chuck's. I am looking forward to giving away many sneakers throughout this year.

### New Employees Welcomed By School Board

Once again, it was our pleasure to invite all new employees to attend a social prior to the September 15 school board meeting. In addition to the employees introduced at our opening day, we have added a few new faces.

We welcome Ms. Rachel Lemmon as our new elementary guidance counselor. This is Rachel's first full-time position as a school counselor. We also welcome Ms. Julie Ribar as our new school psychologist. Julie has prior experience as a school psychologist in Sonoma, California. A welcome also goes out to Mrs. Ginger Claar, our new Business Education teacher at Central High School. Ginger also has prior secondary teaching experiences. Finally, we have also added Mrs. Susan Culp to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian at East Freedom Elementary. Susan brings many years of custodial experience to this position.

We wish them great success and welcome them to the Spring Cove family.

“The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office.”

-Robert Frost



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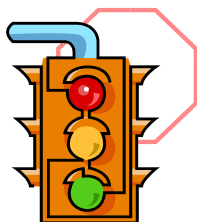
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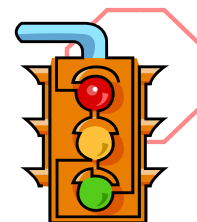
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## Transitions & Retirements

In October, the school board will take time for its annual recognition of all retirees from the past twelve months. Included in that recognition will be Nancy Baker, Gloria Frederick, Jean Gunnett, Rick Hartman, Susan McGrain, Karen Thomas, and Marian Vergona. I would also like to take this time to recognize employees who, since the beginning of this school year, are “transitioning” to new employment opportunities. Included with that group are Kristen Alexander, Marsha Seymour, and Laura Ford. We thank everyone for their service to the district and wish them well on their new journey.



**What Is  
That White Strip?  
(a teachable moment)**



The new traffic signal at Spring Cove Drive is active, and many people have asked, “Why is the white “stopping” strip set back a great distance from the highway?” The answer is that the signal is triggered by an inductive loop system. An inductive loop is simply a coil of wire embedded in the road's surface. The traffic signal actually senses changes in the inductance loop's magnetic field. When a car comes to a stop behind the strip, the traffic light sensor uses the loop to test the inductance of the loop in the road, and when the inductance rises, it knows there is a car waiting! For a more detailed explanation on how it works, you might want to check out the link below:

<http://auto.howstuffworks.com/question234.htm>

## “Lest We Never Forget”



Finally, kudos to Mrs. Heidi Barbarini and Martinsburg Elementary School for inviting local police and fire responders to be their guests on September 11<sup>th</sup>. A number of local emergency service responders joined the students for lunch and received recognition from the students and staff. Thank you for taking time to remind our students that we will never forget those who watch over us.