



Superintendent's E-Mail Newsletter

"Staying in touch..."



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

"The joy that isn't shared, dies young."

*~Anne
Sexton*



2008 SCEF Award Honorees



"Science, It's Elementary" Display

2008 Celebration Of Excellence Takes The Stage!

On Thursday April 24, 2008, the Spring Cove Educational Foundation once again had the pleasure to host the annual "Celebration of Excellence" to showcase innovative teaching practices and to honor three members of the Spring Cove family. The celebration was held at the Spring Cove Middle School and began with a program in the auditorium to recognize the 2007/08 Venture Grant awards and to also announce a round of grant recipients for the 2008/09 school year. The evening began with musical selections offered by an ensemble directed by Mr. Dustin Rainey. Comments from Venture Grant recipients were offered, and Mrs. Traci Shoemaker shared a special video presentation. The highlight of the program was the presentation of the three annual recognition awards. This year's award recipients were: Educator Of The Year – Mr. Thomas Ritchey; Support Staff Of The Year – Mrs. Dawn Smith; and Volunteer Of The Year – Dr. Ramon Burket. Each honoree was given a Hitchcock chair, a certificate of appreciation, and a nameplate to be added to the award plaque. After the awards ceremony, the program transitioned to the cafeteria where numerous displays showcased the many innovative teaching practices that were funded with Venture Grants. Displays were also set up to showcase student artwork from all levels of the school district.

For more information about each of these very deserving award winners, please visit the district web page and click the Foundation link. The Foundation would like to thank all participants for their help in making this event another memorable evening. Many thanks also go out to our district staff and the middle school staff for making the entire evening possible!

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

- Leo Buscaglia



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Staff Appreciation Week Is May 5 – 9!

The Spring Cove School Board of Directors is pleased to recognize all staff during our annual Staff Appreciation Week. In addition to the annual recognition activities for all employees, we have added a new activity to recognize those individuals who have achieved a milestone level in their years of service. We hope all enjoy this well deserved tribute, and we thank everyone for all that they do to make Spring Cove a special place to learn and grow.

Welcome In-Shore Technologies To Our Family!

The Spring Cove School District will soon have a new partner in supporting the needs of all technology resource users. Beginning May 1, In-Shore Technologies of Johnstown, PA will be augmenting our tech support staff with additional staff and strategic planning services. The district has contracted with In-Shore at a critical time in our growth and development as a “data informed culture focused to improve student achievement.” We have already told you about the fiber optic communications project that is underway at Central High School and Martinsburg Elementary, which is the first of many critical upgrades and enhancements to take place in our schools. This partnership with In-Shore is another facet of our enhancement efforts.

Because today’s business world (and we are a business with a unique mission and purpose) relies so much on standard solutions, we felt it was necessary to bring in a company that is well grounded in both the business and educational communities. In-Shore will begin immediately to work on an e-mail solution that will be based on the Microsoft Exchange products. By creating our own e-mail server and spam filtering solution, we will be able to offer all users a total e-mail, contact, and calendar solution. In-Shore will also assist the district with the creation of an on-line reporting system to report and track repairs/problems with all technology. With initiatives like Classrooms For The Future (CFF) and the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) already straining our support resources, we know that In-Shore has the ability to bring expertise and solutions to the table in a fiscally responsible manner. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in helping In-Shore to join our family.

Spring Cove Elementary Groundbreaking



The “official” groundbreaking ceremony for the new Spring Cove Elementary School took place on Friday, April 25, 2008. The Board of Education and many local dignitaries were able to attend the indoor and outdoor program.

Pictured to the left are Pastor Todd Seymour – Roaring Spring Elementary PTO President; Mr. Greer Hayden –

HHS DR Architects; Mrs. Betsy Baker – Elementary Principal; Joel Hamor – EFE Student; Wesley Imler – RSE Student; and Mr. Rodney Green – Superintendent of Schools.