



Superintendent's E-Mail Newsletter

"Staying in touch..."



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

"Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist."

- Michael Levine



A Year Of Learning Walks – What Have We Learned?

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who helped with and participated in our first full year of learning walks. Throughout the year, a variety of staff and school board members have participated in learning walks at all of our schools. A learning walk has been a great way to speak with students about their learning and their schools. What did we hear from our kids? At all levels, our students shared many positive experiences and messages. Students said they felt safe in their schools, that they enjoyed the teaching and learning atmosphere, and that they truly believed they were getting a worthwhile education. Did they ever tell us some things we didn't want to hear? Yes, and we have listened and tried to incorporate their suggestions into the school routines and curricula. As we begin to plan for our second year of learning walks, we want to let you know that we will be expanding the use of other team members for 2009-10. We hope to include business and community leaders, senior citizens, and others such as local clergy. We will also be tapping new team members from our own staff. Over time, our goal is to have all staff serve as participants in the learning walk process. Learning walks are a "work in progress," and they are a valuable way to get feedback directly from our customers. Thanks again for your help and support.



Annual Staff Appreciation Week Is May 3 - 9

Once again, we look forward to recognizing the many contributions of you, our Spring Cove employees. We will be adding many names to our annual recognition for "Years of Service," and we also will recognize those who achieved "Perfect Attendance" in the past year. As usual, we have a small gift of appreciation for all, and we plan to have door prize drawings at the end of the week to award prizes at each building. The bottom line: We do appreciate all that you do to ensure that the children of Spring Cove receive a quality educational program. Thank you!

“We can’t all be stars, but we can all twinkle.”

-Anonymous



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Congratulations To Our District Honorees!

The Spring Cove Educational Foundation is proud to officially honor and recognize our Educator Of The Year – Mr. Jerome Conlon, our Support Staff Person Of The Year – Mr. Don Olear, and our Volunteers Of The Year – Mr. Ron and Mrs. Catherine Easy. More information is available for each of these special people on our web page at: <http://springcove.schoolnet.com/outreach/district/foundation/awards/>.

The ceremony takes place on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium. We hope you will join us for this unique gathering.



E. Grant Herr

2009 Leon E. Kensinger “He Cared” Award Honoree

The Spring Cove School District invites the public to attend a ceremony for the purpose of honoring Mr. E. Grant Herr as the 2009 Leon E. Kensinger honoree. Mr. Herr served in a long and distinguished educational career. Most notably, Mr. Herr taught in the Martinsburg School District as a high school teacher for four years, after which he became the Principal of Martinsburg School for 20 years. During his tenure as Principal, Mr. Herr was known for encouraging each student to do his or her very best. He worked tirelessly to ensure the success of many school activities, including senior class trips, class plays, athletic teams, fundraisers, and the prom.

Mr. E. Grant Herr was born in Hanover, PA, on April 27, 1905, the son of Elmer J. Herr and Fannie Miller Herr. He studied at Eastern Mennonite University before receiving his Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Elizabethtown College in 1929. Mr. Herr went on to complete a Master’s Degree in History from the University of Vermont in 1938. He also completed postgraduate studies at Penn State University in the 1940s. Mr. Herr was married to the former Sara Graybill (1908 – 2008). Their marriage endured for 77 years until his death in 2004. We are proud to honor Mr. Herr and look forward to meeting his family and friends. This event is always a “homecoming” experience for our native Cove educators. Please join us on May 3, 2009, at The Center at 2:00 p.m. for this special ceremony.



Spaghetti

Dinner

Last Call For Meatballs!

This is just a last minute reminder that a benefit spaghetti dinner will be held on April 24, 2009, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Martinsburg Memorial Park. A “free will” donation will be accepted for the meal. The funds raised will significantly help to defray their costs. We wish the team well as they prepare for their National Competition.