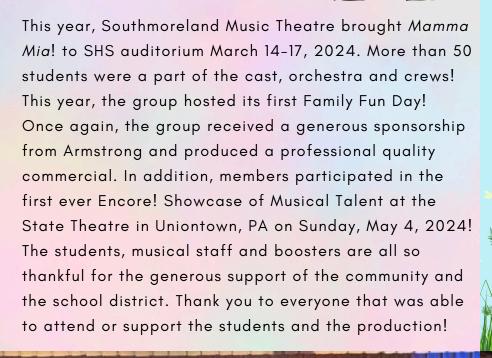
### Musical

By Jamie Gore



### HERE'S WHAT'S UP!

- Kennywood Picnic
- Idlewild Picnic
- Food Service Department
- Job Opportunities
- SPC
- SES
- SMS
- SHS
- Spring Sports Highlights





## 2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 12, 2024

## EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS! TICKETS ONLY \$31.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!

PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR LATER

#### PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 12th FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:

- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
- STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 3: Enter Promo Code southmoreland in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
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- STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

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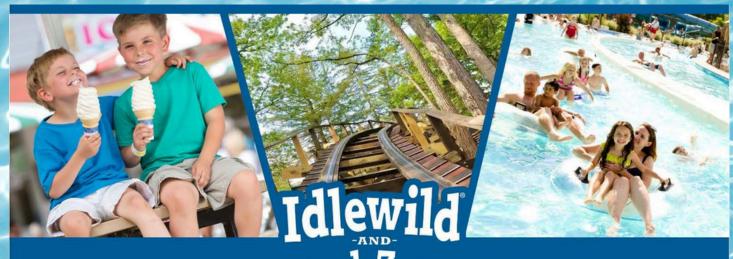
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  JULY 14<sup>th</sup> TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

  "Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1" June 30th.

#### IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.

Visit KENNYWOOD.COM for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.





Soak Zone

## 2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 28, 2024

## \*EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS\* TICKETS ONLY \$29.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!

PRICE INCREASES TO \$31.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR LATER

#### PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 28th FOR AS LOW AS \$29.99:

STEP 1: Go to www.idlewild.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code southmoreland in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

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STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'

**STEP 6:** Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

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## Food Service Department



### **Food Service**



By Zachary Malavite
Food Service Director

The wellness committee met for the first time in March to review the existing policy. The next planned meeting is scheduled in the spring to discuss how the committee can utilize their varying expertise to review and recommend changes to the policy.

Food Service was awarded the School Breakfast Expansion Grant for \$6,215.20 for use at the Primary Center to enhance and expand the program. The grant will be used for an additional milk cooler, new items to upgrade service, new small equipment to help with food service prep. Additionally a new share cart is being procured to provide an option for students who are required to take components to complete a reimbursable meal, that they can then place on the cart and share those items with friends. The main concept of the share zone is to help curb waste and assist with meal service during the CEP expansion.

Summer Food Planning has begun and a survey was sent out to the community. The data for that community survey has been compiled and will help us to better plan the sites for summer food offerings in Scottdale and the surrounding areas. Over 180 households responded to the survey and the initial steps are being taken to offer lunch meals at Loucks Park, Everson Centennial Park, YMCA and Frick Park.

The Sun Bucks P-EBT program was announced by the state for summer assistance. Additionally guidelines and information will be sent out from the district regarding the program and how families might already qualify or how they can apply to the Department of Human Services.





SOUTHMORELAND FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT



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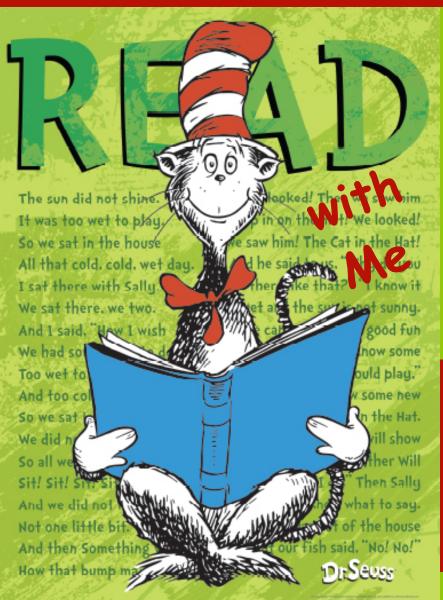
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### Read with Me

by Ron Heitchue, Principal



Read Across America activities and dress-up days were held the last week of February with the culminating "Read with Me at SPC" evening event on March 1st. We had stations for our students to travel to throughout the day. Our theme was "Acceptance" in a diverse world, "SPC A Place For You and Me".

#### The books of the day:

The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
Tacky Penguin by Helen Lester
Spaghetti in a Hotdog by Marisa Dismondy
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
Elmer by David McKee
Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev
The Big Red Umbrella by Amy June Bates

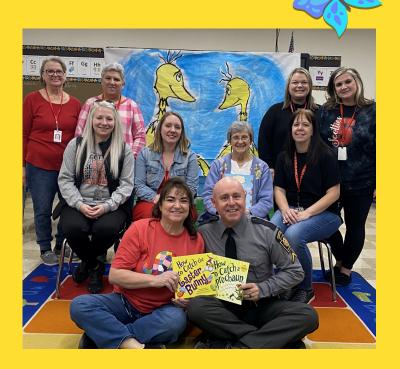
The teachers, staff, and PTA assisted in making this day special. The classroom door decorations were accompanied by posters of the book covers from our featured books, "SPC A Place For You and Me", and mirrors at different heights so students could see themselves as part of the SPC Community. The cafeteria staff decorated for the week too. Through our SPC community, as well as the Southmoreland community, including the community and people around us, we had lovely volunteers to complete rotations for our students.



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## Volunteers

by Ron Heitchue, Principal

Trooper Limani graciously attended to present safety instructions. Mrs. Beinlich ("B") from Triple B Farms came and read to the students. The PTA supplied volunteers to work the book swap, photos, and ELMER the elephant rotation. PTA funded a pizza lunch for volunteers. Mrs. Goodman and her amazing students read to the students and completed crafts with them. Treats of amazing RAA cookies were baked by Giant Eagle and allergy friendly cookies were provided by Herbalicious. Library and Stem classes participated by using our theme for their lessons. The day was fun and exciting for students and staff alike. A huge thank you goes to: Mrs. Pine for her work in coordinating the Read Across America week activities, Ms. Berg-Swope for her work in coordinating the Read with Me at SPC evening event and to all SHS student and adult volunteers from our community that helped out.





## Crazy Sock Day

by Ron Heitchue, Principal



It was crazy sock day at SPC! These kiddos really ROCKED THEIR SOCKS for World Down Syndrome Day!!!!

### **Food Drive**



by Ron Heitchue, Principal

Congratulations to Miss Clemens and her 1st grade class. They collected 507 items for the WPIAL FOOD DRIVE!

Thank you to all of the SPC families for donating.
We appreciate you!

## DONATE 💙





## **SPC Events**



It has been an incredibly exciting and event filled spring for our students and staff at Southmoreland Primary Center this year. Aside from preparing for our upcoming 2024–2025 school year with online kindergarten registrations and planning for kindergarten screenings and orientation events, we have been engaged in numerous learning opportunities and activities.

Additionally at SPC we have continued to receive volunteers from Charter Oaks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of every week to read to our first grade and kindergarten students.

Our kindergarten students are so excited to play on the new kindergarten playground equipment that was installed earlier this winter.

Our kindergarten team reached out to the Westmoreland Land Trust and coordinated and scheduled a presentation on Earthworms for our kindergarten students. This proved to be an exceptionally interactive learning experience for our kindergarten classrooms as they took turns viewing the presentation in the library over the course of two separate school days. Thank you to the kindergarten team and the presenters from Westmoreland Land Trust.



## SPC New Playground Equipment



Earthworm Presentation

## CWCTC Roadshow and Bunny Hop

by Ron Heitchue, Principal

Our first grade students received a visit from the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center's traveling "Roadshow," on April 16th. This event was designed to expose our students to career and technical training they may wish to pursue in their high school years. It is never too early to educate our students on opportunities for their educational growth and development related to career readiness!

SPC students and their very generous families participated in the spring Bunny Hop fund raising event. Funds raised will be used for community based instructional experiences for our students with special needs. As a result of this fundraising endeavor and the extraordinary generosity of our students' families, over \$6,000.00 was raised. Thank you so much to all of SPC students, their families and community members who so selflessly donated.

Mr. Heitchue requested 300 books for our K and First grade students through the United Way's "Big Book Drop" and Dr. Boone picked up those books for our students in mid April at the distribution site for us. Thank you, Dr. Boone!











## **Perfect Attendance**



by Tracey Kuchar-Long, Principal

Since the beginning of the year, Mrs. Romesberg has been running a contest for attendance. Everyday that a classroom has perfect attendance, no lates or early dismissals, they receive a letter from the word ATTENDANCE. When a classroom receives all of the letters they get a reward. The reward can be games in the gym, a movie and popcorn or a trip to Loucks Park. So far, every homeroom has won at least once, some have won twice and a few are on their third reward.

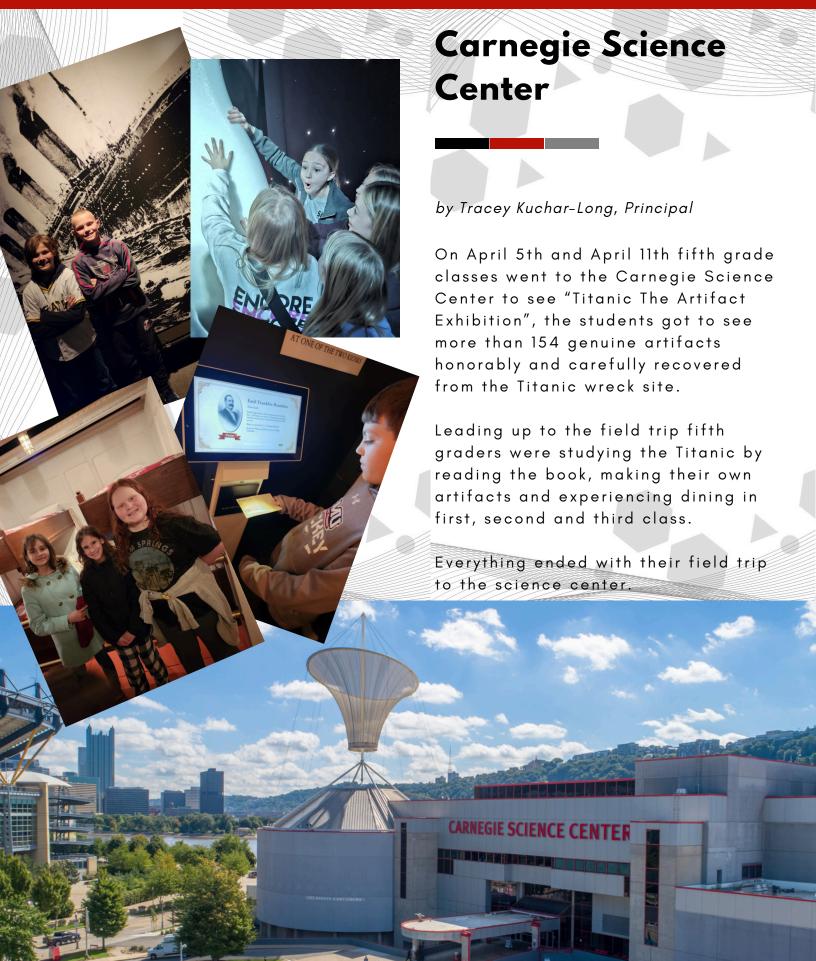
Congratulations to all students, way to go!















## Puppy Pound and Sarris Candy

by Tracey Kuchar-Long, Principal

The PTA had Puppy Pound from March 19th through the 22nd and sold Sarris Candy. These items will both be used to support field trips.





by Tracey Kuchar-Long, Principal

March 3-8 was Youth Art Week, students wore a different color for each day and on March 7th, Night of the Arts, students in grades K-5 displayed their artwork and fourth grade students put on a recorder concert.









**MONDAY** 

Youth Art Week
WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 



**FRIDAY** 





### **Mad Science**

by Tracey Kuchar-Long Principal

Fifth grade students had a Mad Science, STEM Workshop on April 2nd.

Students broke up into two groups, the first group topic was Movie Effects, This gave students a chance to sit in the director's chair and discover why Science is the real story on the big screen. Students discovered the Science behind the effects from their favorite movies and investigated 3-D technology. Motion pictures come alive with a spinning praxinoscope.

The second group topic was Detective Science, this gave the students a chance to use Science to crack a case! The crime happened just before the Bustertown bake off. Mr. Baker's big, fat, chewy chocolate chip cookie is sabotaged and his recipe is stolen. Analyzing all the evidence is what helps pinpoint the perpetrator.

The students had 25 minutes in each session and then they switched, giving every fifth grader a chance to experience both sessions.



## SPRING BAND CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

Attendance is required for ALL band members (except in an emergency)

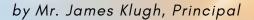
All students are to dress in their best

FREE ADMISSION
BUT DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED









Ava, Brandi, Evie, Lilli, and Payton submitted some unique Melting Pot projects in Mrs. Kaylor's geography class. From paintings to poems, to posters, to an actual pot, these students didn't disappoint with their creativity. Nice job!





## ELA TOP TEN

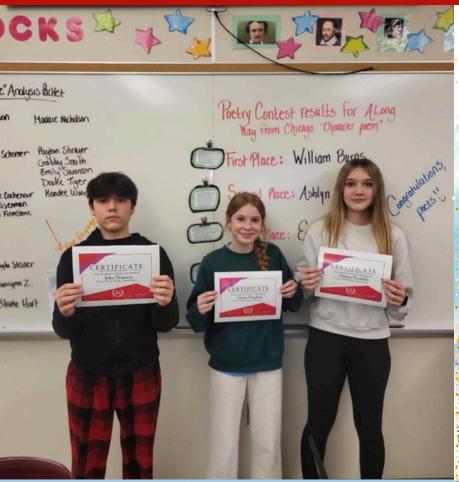


Mrs. Lewandowski's Top 10 celebrated their achievement with a pancake breakfast!











## Poetry Contest



by Mr. James Klugh, Principal

Congratulations for earning the top spots in the A Long Way from Chicago character poetry contest for Ms. Davis!









## Glowing ELA Class



by Mr. James Klugh, Principal

Mrs. Lewandowski's ELA class "glowed" and showed their knowledge of figurative language.









they went over budget, they had to go back to the tables and try again. Finally, they had to write a reflection about their experience. It was a great lesson for all! Thank you to the community members who spent the morning helping our students realize the importance of financial responsibility!

## Financial Reality Tour



by Mr. James Klugh, Principal

Seventh graders completed a
Financial Reality Tour! Based on a
profession they chose, they were given
a monthly net income to create a
budget. They had to visit various
tables such as housing,
transportation, food, entertainment,
etc. and decide how much they could
spend in that area each month to stay
within their means. Following that,
they calculated their expenses, and if





## The Pittsburgh Holocaust Center



by Mr. James Klugh, Principal

Thank you to Christina Sahovey from the Pittsburgh Holocaust Center for introducing our sixth grade middle school students to Lynne Ravas today. Her presentation was AMAZING, she not only shared with us the beautiful story of her family, but she also tied it into how one person can make such a huge difference in this world. Lynne, you are always welcome here at Southmoreland Middle School, we appreciate you sharing your story, it greatly impacted our students and staff.







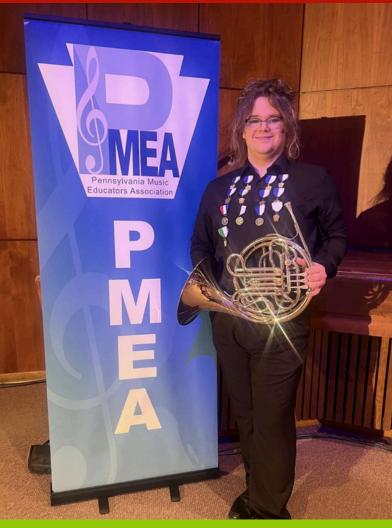
## Ninth Grade ELA



by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Ninth grade ELA partnered with the Scottdale Library to get library cards for all students to assist with their research papers! Thank you to Kristy Smith and the Scottdale Libary!





## PMEA District 1 Orchestra



by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to SHS senior Christopher Headley for his performance on French horn with the PMEA District 1 Orchestra! The concert was held at North Hills MS.





## VFW Voice of Democracy

by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Faith Garstecki for winning 2nd Place - VFW Voice of Democracy Essay.





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2024



## Southmoreland Wrestling

by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Thank you to our lone senior Kashton Bish for all his hard work, time, and dedication to our program!! You have been a great wrestler and ambassador for our team! Let's finish off your high school career with a great run during individuals!



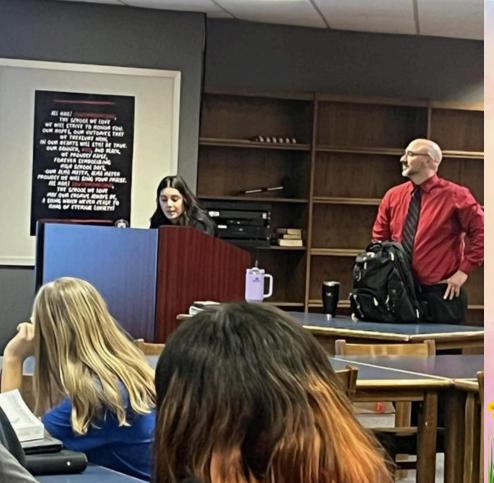


## CWCTC Aspiring Educators Program

by Charity Colebank
Assistant Principal

Mackenzie presented to students who are interested in attending CWCTC's Aspiring Educators program. Great Job









## Digital Imaging Class



by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Puskar's digital imaging class enjoyed a pleasant outdoor session while capturing images for their upcoming project. The students have been assigned the challenge of removing an object from the photographs they took.











by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Madison Brown for being awarded the QuestBridge
National Match Scholarship.
QuestBridge is a program that connects high achieving high school seniors with a full 4 year scholarship to 50 of the nations best colleges.
Madison was one of 2,242 students to be awarded the scholarship. There were over 20,800 applicants. She will be attending Denison University.
Congratulations Madison!









## The following is a listing of important dates/activities for the remainder of the school year:

October 13-Jostens Cap/Gown Info & Senior Picture-During Scottie Block

December 7- Holiday Choral Program-7pm HS uditorium

March 14-17- SHS Musical-Mamma Mia

April 11-Pops Concert-7pm-HS Auditorium

April 24-NHS Induction, 6:30pm-HS Auditorium

April 26-Spring HS Instrumental Concert-7pm-HS Auditorium

May 2 - SHS Spring Chorus Concert -7 pm - HS Auditorium

May 11 - Grand March -3 pm - HS Auditorium- Prom -- Edgewood Swissville Country Club

May 13-CWCTC Senior Recognition Ceremony-Time TBA (2 evening Sessions)

May 17 Senior Grades Due

May 22 Senior Chromebook Collection-Location TBA

May 23 Senior Locker Cleanout and Senior Picnic 10:30am-SHS Stadium

May 24 Class Day-8am-HS Auditorium

May 28- Graduation Rehearsal-8:00am-SHS Auditorium

May 29 Scholar's Banquet-6:30pm- HS Cafeteria

June 7 - Graduation Ceremony - 7pm - SHS Auditorium

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to others



## **Bump It Up**



by Charity Colebank, Assistant Principal

Bump It Up, our annual Make A Wish event, just raised \$1,225.00 toward granting a wish for a child in our area with over 150 students participating and helping!



We can't help everyone...

But everyone can help

someone

- Dr. Loretta Scott





#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

Please Check The CSIU Parent Portal to keep current on your child's grades and attendance.

- Varsity Baseball is coming off back to back section wins and have been extremely competitive!
- Varsity Track and Field is off to a strong start and has turned in some impressive times!
- Megan Mehall broke Hannah Porter's school record in the 400 meter dash with an outstanding time of 1:00.6!
- Middle School Sports have been working hard and are itching to compete! The weather has played havoc on their schedules!

## **Spring Sports Highlights**

by Brian Pritts, Athletic Director

- Spring Sports are in full swing! The weather has not been very cooperative, but when our student-athletes have been able to compete, they have done quite well!
- Varsity Softball is 7-0 and is the Tribune Review's #1 Ranked Team in WPIAL Class 3A

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-BABE RUTH











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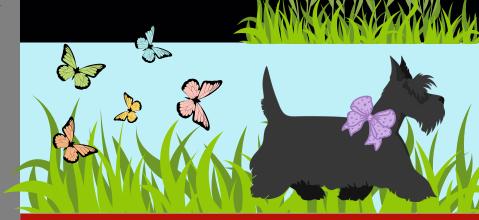
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