

# SSA **GREEN** GAZETTE

Spoede School Association's Weekly Flyer

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New *Green Gazette* Format!  
We hope you enjoy the new  
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## Calendar

### **May 4, Wednesday**

Last Restaurant Fundraiser of the year!  
California Pizza Kitchen, Creve Coeur,  
ALL DAY

### **May 21, Saturday**

Spoede School Picnic, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00  
p.m. (see article)

### **May 25, Wednesday**

Spoede Bonus Day! Last Day of School for  
Spoede students!

### **Ongoing: Fridays**

Spoede RockShop Open during lunch!



Please join us for the last restaurant fundraiser of the year at **California Pizza Kitchen** on **Wednesday, May 4**. Just present the flyer (flyers came home in Friday folders or click the link below) at the time of purchase and CPK will donate 20% to the SSA. The fundraiser runs **all day** so encourage your co-workers, friends and family to enjoy lunch or dinner out (or both)! As always, thank you for your support of the SSA so we can continue to support our Spoede kids' educational experience!

[Click here to print the flyer.](#)

## Plant Sale Volunteers

**THANK YOU!**

Co-Chairs: **Gianna Tripodi-Bhise & May Wu**

Special Volunteer: **Martina Stern** for her plant expertise!

Volunteers: **Krishna Patil, Shira Reis, Tara Berg,**

Volunteers: Krishna Patil, Shira Reis, Tara Berg,  
Laura Smock, Sarah Martin, Kim Bussard, Maria Ojascastro,  
Jessica Weathersby and Stacey Acree

The weather did not stop this sale from being a successful Plant Sale! All proceeds benefit our children, teachers and Outdoor Learning Center. Thanks again volunteers for helping out in less than desirable weather conditions!



Together SchoolKidz and Staples®  
are making back-to-school EASY!

SchoolKidz school supply kits may now be ordered for the 2010-2011 school year! Look for the flyer & order form in this week's Friday folders.

The deadline for orders is May 5. Please contact Kate Mitchell with any questions at [mitchellkate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchellkate@sbcglobal.net), or Pat Clifford at [patclif@aol.com](mailto:patclif@aol.com).

## CONGRATULATIONS, SSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011-2012

Co-Presidents: Stacey Acree & Melissa Pesce

Co-Vice-Presidents: Lisa Fister & Lolita Flinn

Recording Secretary: LaWanda Price

Corresponding Secretary: Susie Horowitz

Treasurer: Marjie Chuchola

Assistant Treasurer: Tenille Batsell

Parent District Council Representatives: Katie Otto & Ashley Schneider

Past Presidents: Jill Hunt & Susan Kempainen

Thank you for your commitment to Spode School!

## A great end of the year gift...the Turtle Tribute Fund

Looking for a way to celebrate, thank and acknowledge your child's teacher this school year? You may want to consider a contribution to the Turtle Tribute Fund.

The Turtle Tribute Fund offers a personal and thoughtful way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion or remember a teacher or a special person in your child's life. Donations are designated to the SSA Grant Fund and are tax deductible.

A cute acknowledgement card will be sent to your designee with the name of the person honored, the name of the donor, and any special message you'd like to include. The amount of the gift is not indicated and donations can remain anonymous. Recognition of your gift will be made in the SSA Gazette if desired.

Contribution envelopes are available in the office or you can download a form on the SSA website at [www.spoedeschoolassociation.com](http://www.spoedeschoolassociation.com). You can also purchase a 5 pack of Turtle Tribute Cards for a \$25 minimum donation. Thank you for supporting the Turtle Tribute Fund!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to purchase a pack of Turtle Tribute cards. Thanks,

Jennifer Deutsch [jendeutsch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jendeutsch@sbcglobal.net) 314-567-4467

## Looking for Committee Chairs 2011-2012

Spoede School volunteers provide a wonderful array of student activities, teacher support and fundraising efforts that improve our school community. The Spoede School Association coordinates these volunteer positions. Many of our Chairs are returning next year, but we're looking for people to Chair the following positions:

### **Corporate Rewards**

*(Box Tops, Campbell's Soup, E-Script)*

### **Family Fun Day**

*(October event)*

### **Fifth Grade Celebration**

*(May event)*

### **Hospitality**

*(Busy in August, October & March)*

### **Plant Sale**

*(May event)*

### **Room Parent Coordinator**

*(Busiest in August & September)*

### **Science Carnival**

*(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade only – April event)*

### **Spoede Marketplace**

*(May event)*

### **Wish Store**

### **Yearbook**

*(Busiest in February & March)*

[Click here to find a brief description of the committees.](#)

If interested, please email:

Stacey Acree: [smacree@gmail.com](mailto:smacree@gmail.com) Lisa Fister: [lisa.fister@att.net](mailto:lisa.fister@att.net)



**SAVE THE DATE:  
SPOEDE SPRING PICNIC**

## SPOEDE SPRING PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Spoede Spring Picnic scheduled for **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Spoede School.** This year's Picnic will be bigger and better than ever! We are planning to have a 3-story slide, a dual slide with an obstacle course, petting zoo, carnival games, a DJ, fresh-grilled food, ice cream truck, raffles, and so much more. This is a **fun** and **free** Spoede event that you and your family will not want to miss.

We are looking for student groups to plan and run booths for the picnic. We need classrooms, grade-levels, or after-school groups (like girl scouts, boy scouts, chess club, etc.) to create fun and exciting booths for everyone to enjoy. Some past ideas include face painting, tattoos, colored hair spray, ring toss, bean bag toss, and balloon darts. We have a small budget to rent some carnival games, and we will provide prizes for all booths at the Picnic. This is a fun opportunity for groups of students to organize and run activities for their peers. If you have a booth idea, please let us know.

We also need volunteers who are willing to help set-up, clean-up, and work during the Picnic. If you are willing to help make this year's Picnic a huge success, please contact one of this year's co-chairs: Melissa Pesce ([thepescs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepescs@sbcglobal.net)) or Jennifer McMahon ([jennifer.mcmahon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.mcmahon@sbcglobal.net)). Hope to see you there!!!

## Calling all students, parents and families!!!

We have some teachers & staff members retiring this year, and would like YOUR help wishing them a happy retirement!

The following Spoede staff members are retiring at the end of this year:

Janet Winkeler  
Jan Picco  
Carol Perrin  
Linda Champ  
Kathy Anderson

**Students:** Please create something special for one of our retirees. It can be a poem, letter, story, drawing, painting, song, thank you note, photo or anything else you can think of! We'd like to include these items in a scrapbook for these special people to wish them well and remind them how much they mean to us. *Please submit these entries to the Spoede Office.*

**Parents:** If you have the talent of scrapbooking (or are at least willing to give it a try!), we could use your help in organizing & creating the scrapbooks for these important people! Please contact Mary Decker ([mdecker@ladue.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdecker@ladue.k12.mo.us)).

Also, if you have any **photos** of your child with any of these lovely ladies, *please send them to the Spoede Office or electronically to Tracy Ward* ([tward@ladue.k12.mo.us](mailto:tward@ladue.k12.mo.us)).

### **Two Ladue School Employees' Homes Damaged by Tornadoes**

The homes of Rick Dent, custodian at the Administrative Center and Middle School, and Laura Scoville, Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School, suffered significant tornado damage Friday evening. Thankfully, neither family suffered any injuries and both have received the immediate help they need. However, assuming expenses are likely to add up for both of them, employees of the Ladue School district are collecting monetary contributions to be split between these two employees. Any parents or students wishing to add to contribute are welcome to do so. Simply mail or bring your contribution (make checks payable to Ladue School District) to (your school's office secretary.)

### **Drug Take Back Program**

The Olivette Police Department and Preferred Family Healthcare have collaborated to sponsor a Drug Take Back event on April 30, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Olivette Municipal Building at 9473 Olive Road in Olivette. One in five teens has used prescription drugs to get high, with the household medicine cabinet being the most popular source for these drugs. Turn in your unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. There are no questions or requests for identification.

## **Special Price on Josh Groban Tickets for Spoede Families**

I wanted to thank you for your support of the Blues this season and let you know that Josh Groban will be performing at the Scottrade Center on Friday, May 27th. As a special thank you for yours and Spoede Elementary's support of the Blues. I am happy to offer you, the students, teachers, parents and supporters of Spoede Elementary School tickets for just \$25 per seat. To receive this special offer people would need to contact me directly at 314-613-1885 to order their tickets.

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Saturday May 7th: Book Signing Event at  
Ladue High School  
*Ladue Found: Celebrating 100 Years of the  
City's Rural-to-Regal Past*  
[Click here for the flyer!](#)



**Hey, Spoeede Ladies! Are you ready  
to “Get Your Pink On”?**  
[Click here for details](#)

Dear Grandparents:

After talking to several organizations in St. Louis devoted to autism, we found there are no grandparent support groups in St. Louis. We are a new group of grandparents who have formed a support group to help our grandchildren, their siblings, and our own children so we can learn how to deal with now and the future. Our meetings will vary - having educational speakers and having talk sessions among ourselves. This is not a fundraising group, but we will provide assistance to fundraising groups if help is needed. Our meetings are open and free of charge to any grandparent interested in becoming involved. Our next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Missouri Baptist Hospital, MAIN Hospital Building, 3015 N. Ballas Road, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. We will meet in Auditorium #2. Ask at the Main Desk for directions to Auditorium #2.

Our speaker will be JoAnn Browy Denaro, a specialist who will help educate us on how to help maintain government benefit eligibility for our grandchildren's financial future. JoAnn will also speak on how you can help ensure that your grandchildren's lifetime needs are met with appropriate insurance and financial products. She has experience in working with families who have disabled dependents and can help provide information on some of your most pressing questions about your dependent's financial security needs.

Please join us to help create a more fulfilling life for our beloved grandchildren! Thank you.

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