

SSA **GREEN** GAZETTE

Spoede School Association's Weekly Flyer

August 21, 2009 - August 28, 2009

WELCOME BACK!!!

The Spoede School Association (SSA) is open to all parents and teachers at Spoede School. We welcome your input and involvement. In your "back-to-school" packets, you should have received the SSA volunteer opportunities packet. We hope that you will consider serving as a volunteer for one or more committees. If you have any questions about the SSA, please contact any of the board members (listed on pg.4 of this Gazette.)

Our first SSA meeting of the year will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the library. All are welcome.

Please plan to attend and support Spoede!

NEW AND IMPROVED SSA WEBSITE!!

Curious about upcoming events at Spoede? Want to check out photos of the "silly teacher stunts"? Need another copy of the mum sale order form? Wondering about volunteer opportunities at Spoede? Find the answers to these and many other questions on the updated SSA website! Our webmaster, Melissa Pesce, and many committee chairs have been hard at work to keep you updated about everything happening around Spoede. Check us out at www.spoeschoolassociation.com or go to the Spoede website, www.ladue.k12.mo.us/spoede, and click on "SSA."

Bonus Box Top Week at Schnucks!



Shop at Schnucks between 8/16/09 and 8/25/09 and:

- Get 50 bonus Box Tops when you buy any 10 participating Box Top products at Schnucks
- Get 20 bonus Box Tops when you buy any 5 participating Box Top products at Schnucks

Bonus Box Tops certificate will print on checkout coupon.

Last year Spoede School raised \$2,000 through Box Tops. We could easily DOUBLE this amount if you stock up on your Box Top products between August 16 and August 25 and receive your BONUS BOX TOP certificates.

Watch for new contests to start soon in every classroom.

Calendar

August 25, Tuesday

Open House Gr. K-2, Parents Only,
6:30-8:00 p.m.

August 26, Wednesday

SSA Buzz Book Form Deadline

August 27, Thursday

Summer Math Packets Due

August 28, Friday

Mum Sale Begins! Gift Wrap Sale Begins!
Spirit Competition—Friday Assembly, wear
Spoede spirit wear or green & white

September 1, Tuesday

Open House Gr. 3-5, Parents Only,
6:30-8:00 p.m.

September 7, Monday

Labor Day Holiday - No School

September 8, Tuesday

Picture Day, Spoede Gym
SSA Meeting, Library, 7:00 p.m.

September 9, Wednesday

Mum Orders Due

September 11, Friday

Early Release Day, 1:15 p.m.
Gift Wrap Orders Due

September 14-15, Monday/Tuesday

Mum Pick-Up

September 22, Tuesday

SSA Committee Chairs Meeting,
Library, 7:00 p.m.



SSA Gazette—Going **Green** on 8/28!

The SSA Gazette will be returning to its "green" format on August 28. The SSA Green Gazette will NOT be sent home in Friday folders. Instead, it will be emailed to all Spodee families in the SSA database; it can be accessed on the SSA website, www.spoedeschoolassociation.com; or you can request a hard copy in the office. If you do not receive this issue of the Gazette via email on 8/21, please submit your email address to SSABuzz@earthlink.net. Please help us help you stay informed!

BUZZ BOOK INFORMATION

Reminder: All Buzz Book information updates need to be submitted to Sharon Goldberg by **August 26**: SSABuzz@earthlink.net. The Buzz Book forms were included in the "back-to-school" packets and can be accessed on the SSA website, www.spoedeschoolassociation.com. Please submit this form **ONLY** if you are new to Spodee or you have information that has changed since 2008-2009.

SUMMER MATH PACKETS

If you have a returning Spodee student, please be sure to send in his/her completed summer math packet by Thursday, August 27! These students will receive an extra recess (with pop-sicles!), will be recognized at a Spodee assembly and will be honored on a special bulletin board display!



Turtle Tax Relief

As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, dues and other donations to the Spodee School Association may be eligible for a matching gift under your employer's matching gift program. Donations support many activities for our children, including classroom materials, special family events, and so much more.

Please check your employer's plan for eligibility requirements. Please direct matching gift questions to the SSA treasurers, Sarah Friesen (ssatreas@sbcglobal.net or 314-495-8390) or Maureen McGinnis (memcgb@gmail.com or 314-983-0583).

How do I get my SSA dues or other donation matched?

* Each company has its own guidelines for employees, spouses, retirees, and widows/widowers. Most corporate procedures are very simple:

1. Request a matching gift form from your company.
2. Complete and submit the form to the SSA along with your dues or other donation.
3. The SSA treasurers complete the "receiving organization" portion of the form and return it to the company.
4. The company issues a matching gift contribution to the SSA.

The impact of your SSA dues or other donation may be doubled or possibly tripled! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
The Spodee School Association

Fall Fundraiser

Get Ready to Jump into the Jungle and GO WILD!



The gift wrap sale is coming soon!

Get ready to earn great prizes and raise funds for Spodee!

Kick-off is Friday, August 28th!

**I scream; You scream;
We all scream for...
the Ice Cream Social!!**



Many thanks to the volunteers who made the Ice Cream Social a success: Amanda Lucier, Debra Baker, Shelly Morris, Lisa Ottolini, Janie Spirtas, Jodi Kaplan, Annette Cytron, Stephanie Burke, Natalie Chen, Michelle Hampton, Kari Vincent, Mitzi Pummer, Becci Goldman, Gary Davis, and chairs, **Debra Kienstra and Laura Helmer**. All the volunteers were really great!!!!



New Families Liaison

The New Families Liaison chairs, **Nnena Achilefu and Jada Mutic**, went "above and beyond" to welcome new families to Spoe! They created welcome bags, complete with a book of "Spoe Favorites," made many phone calls to new families, and organized a New Families Night to introduce parents to the school building and answer any questions they may have. They put in many hours and lots of hard work to welcome new families into our Spoe community. Thanks also to Connie Brawley, Tony Arnold, Kristen Wild, Jill Hunt, and Susan Kempainen for speaking at the New Families Night; and special thanks to Kristie Lehde for creating a wonderful video of Spoe students, teachers and faculty.



Mum Sale

Fall colors will be here soon! Look for Mum Sale order forms in next week's Friday folder or on the SSA website. All proceeds from the Mum Sale go to the Outdoor Learning Center which provides a unique and fun way for our Spoe kids to learn.

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If interested in becoming a Room Parent for your child's class, please sign up on the sheet posted outside his/her classroom as soon as possible. Lists will be pulled before Labor Day. Room Parenting is a fun and rewarding way to contribute your limited time. The SSA makes it very easy for Room Parents by planning and partially funding the class Halloween and Valentine's parties.

Please refer to the new SSA website for more details.

Contact Lisa Ashkar (Lisa@Ashkar.com email preferable or phone 994-7000) with any questions. Thank you!

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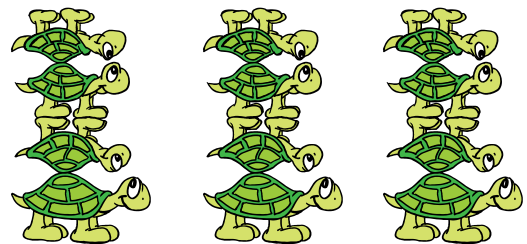
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SPOEDE SPIRIT DAY COMPETITIONS ARE BACK!

Remember how fun it was last year when students witnessed Mrs. Dageforde and Mrs. Storm getting wrapped in toilet paper, Mr. Heyman and Ms. Eilermann playing the Apple Twist game, Coach Williams and Mr. Boland racing to eat a cherry in plates of whipped cream, and all those other crazy teacher stunts??

Well, Spoede Spirit Day competitions are back! EVERY Friday will be deemed "Spoede Spirit Day," where students are encouraged to wear Spoede spirit wear or green & white. The Spirit Day competitions will take place at the Friday assemblies on the last Friday of each month, beginning on August 28. All classes with at least 50% of students wearing Spirit Day attire will be eligible to see their teacher get goofy in a silly contest. The winner of the contest will be honored with the coveted Spoede Spirit Stick, which she/he will keep until the next month's contest. Get ready to show your Spoede spirit!!



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