Family and Community Supports

Winter Clothing and Gear
We can support families in finding proper winter gear - coats, boots, hats, snow pants - for the coming cold and snow. Our partner, Neighborhood House, is currently collecting items and can take names of interested families. Contact Sa Eh, our Family Coach, to learn more and get added to the list. spaw@neighb.org or 651-789-2517

Find Partners at Conferences
Our Community Partners will be available during Conferences to chat about their programming and resources. Plan extra time during your Conference visit to engage with them and learn about what they offer.

Thanksgiving Meals
You can get a free, fully-cooked Thanksgiving meal consisting of a takeout container with one serving of turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, rolls with butter, and pumpkin pie. Families can order AS MANY individual meals as they want! Meals can be picked up on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, Nov 25 - at Saint Joseph’s Church (1138 Seminole Ave, West St. Paul, MN 55118). Contact our Family Coach, Sa Eh, to place an order and learn more. spaw@neighb.org or 651-789-2517

Discounted Car Repairs
The Lift Garage provided low-cost car repair, free pre-purchase car inspections, and honest advice that supports our community on the road to more secure lives. Services are available for participants that meet the 150% Federal Poverty Guideline. They charge only $15 per hour plus the cost of parts at no mark-up and serve all counties in Minnesota. Their goal is getting cars safe and back on the road. Visit their website at www.theliftgarage.org

Announcements and Updates
Conferences
We are excited to connect with adults during our Fall Conferences. They will be held over 3 days (Nov. 15th, 18th, 19th) and we have in-person and virtual options. Look for invites and notes to select the date/time that works best for you. Check in at the parent table in the library while you are here!
**Attendance Line:** 651-744-2168
You must call to report for EACH DAY your child is absent. To Learn more about SPPS Attendance Policy, visit: spps.org/attendance
When you call, provide: 1) Your Name, 2) Student’s Name, 3) Reason for Absence

**Bedtime Stories**
Come enjoy a Bedtime Story with the Virtual Support Center at SPMA. Join us on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at this link: [SPMA Bedtime Story](#)

**Digital Learning Day - November 2nd**
This is a quick reminder that on Election Day, November 2nd, all SPPS schools will have a digital learning day. Teachers will have work for students to complete and set times to meet with students during the day. Students will use their Schoology or SeeSaw accounts to access the material and meetings will be held on GoogleMeet.

**Scholastic Book Fair**
SPMA will be having a Book Fair during conferences. It will be open during the following times:
- Monday, Nov. 15 from 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday-Thursday from 7:30am-8:00 am
- Thursday from 3:00-7:00pm
- Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Thiets @ patricia.thiets@spps.org

**Science News**
Second Graders are planting tulip bulbs in science class. We have four fabulous Master Gardeners helping us. The tulips are part of the Journey North Tulip Test Gardens. We are learning about phenology, tulip life cycles and being citizen scientists. We will share again in the spring when the tulips have emerged and bloomed.

**Music News**
Music at SPMA is back in full swing. We have three music teachers at our school, each specializing in different areas. Here is what has been happening in each of our rooms:
- In Ms. Leek’s room (band/orchestra), the orchestra students are very busy learning posture on their instrument. They are also using their fingers to figure out how to play notes and learning how to hold the bow. Some of the fifth graders in orchestra are learning new songs and preparing to play for the Winter concert. The drummers have already passed their phase one of percussion and have moved to phase two. Phase one is body drumming, phase two is playing on the drum pads while reading notation. They are so excited about drumming this year because we now have a drum set!
- In Ms. Hoffman’s room (general music), students just finished a unit on Show Choir. Show choir is singing and dancing at the same time. Students learned about vocal technique as well as dance techniques. We are currently working on a keyboard unit.
which includes reading sheet music and then performing it on the keyboard. Also having nice, rounded fingers when playing.

- In Mr. Anderson's room (general music), students started the year learning, composing, and performing basic rhythms using the Kodaly rhythm language on drums and percussion instruments. Currently, students in 5th grade are learning basic guitar, 4th grade is working on an African rhythm called Djole, 3rd grade is using the C pentatonic scale and performing on xylophones, and Kinder-1st-2nd are having fun with playing with Tempo, which the how we change the speed of our music.

Our winter concert is right around the corner in December, and this year we will be experimenting with a "live stream" concert since we are unable to have multiple people in the school at this time. Look out for details in the future. So far, we all have been having a great time in music class!

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**Academic Corner**

**Forms and Important information**

**Literacy:** Please have your child read 20-30 minutes every night!

**Tech:** Student iPads should now be going back and forth between home and school every day. Please make sure that iPads are charged before they come to school each morning. If you need support with your iPads please contact Ms. Harrington (julie.harrington@spps.org or 612-202-8763). Please leave a message and she will get back to you as quickly as possible.

**Testing:** Students in Kindergarten and second grade just completed the CogAT testing (for identification of students that qualify for Gifted and Talented).

**Positive Behavior Support (PBIS)**

A few photos from our theme days: Blellow Day, Unity Day, and Music Day
At SPMA, we ensure that parents are notified via family newsletter and that all school documents can be translated or interpreted upon request.

**Spanish**
Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita

**Hmong**
Tej ntaub ntawv tom tsev kawm ntawv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nrhiav neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb

**Somali**
Dhammaan dukumiintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado

**Karen**
“ขันนี้ข้าพเจ้าจะรู้สึกว่าเป็นเรื่องที่ดีที่สุดในชีวิตของข้าพเจ้า”

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Be grateful for small things, big things, and everything in between.
For most up to date information please visit: SPMA Calendar

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