



Mar. 10, 2023

Dear Spencerport Families,

In the '90s, there was a popular comedy show titled "Kids Say the Darndest Things" where children were asked to answer a question about life topics and usually, the child would respond in their own innocent, often comedic way. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to read at Bernabi in Ms. Bender and Ms. Chuttey's classrooms and I enjoyed that wonderful spontaneity that only our young students can provide.



While reading to Ms. Bender's kindergartners, I heard all sorts of family stories and once I put my glasses on to read, the kids could not hold back their thoughts and shared with me how their mothers and nanas also could not see a thing! I tried my best not to burst out laughing at all of the personal stories that were shared, but I promise, I'll only believe half of what I heard.

One thing I know for sure, if you ever need a pick me up, I encourage you to volunteer in our schools. I promise, you will not leave without a warm feeling in your heart and a host of funny stories to share.

Updates

2023-24 budget development

As we enter the month of March, we are approaching the half-way mark of our budget development process. Last month, I shared with you information on our Budget Focus Group (BFG) and results from our ThoughtExchange for the 2023-24 school budget. As we continue to create the budget, we want to make sure we are prioritizing what is important to our community and what will help us achieve our goals.



Last week, I had the chance to meet with students in grades 9-12 to understand what is important to them and truly appreciate their perspectives of our schools and district. Our stakeholders have asked us to prioritize smaller class sizes, improving safety and security measures as well as increasing mental health supports. We also need to focus on districtwide operational needs that require attention.

Please note that our budget presentations and budget information are posted to our website. Please check back often as we will continue to post information from our Budget Focus Group meetings. https://www.spencerportschools.org/district/2023-24_budget_section. If you would like to contact us with budget questions or feedback, please leave us a message at info@spencerportschools.org.

Mar. 24: Pre-K-12 half-day release

The next half day release is approaching quickly, so please remember that Friday, Mar. 24 will be a half-day for pre-k-12 students.

Bright Spots

Amazing ski club experience

The opportunity to pursue personal interests, focus on social-emotional health, and connect with peers is critical now more than ever. Last week, 150 students from our elementary, middle and high school ski clubs participated in a field trip to Bristol Mountain. We appreciated our students who had smiles from ear to ear, and the many positive emails from parents. Thank you to our ski club advisors for coordinating this trip!



A great week celebrating literacy

Our elementary schools celebrated Read Across America day, and even extended the festivities into all this week. Canal View engaged students to guess daily mystery readers, and Bernabi welcomed many guest readers, including civic leaders, local reporters, Rochester athletes, high school students, the Happy Pirate, SCSD retirees, staff members, and staff and student relatives. To kick things off, Bernabi welcomed local author, Nykki Matthews, who wrote the books My

The Oratorical Contest helps to build public speaking skills and confidence, with scholarships awarded to the final top presenters who attend a participating college. Katie did not advance in the finals, but received Rotary recognition honors and cash prize.

Pictured with Katie are club president Dave DeMers, district governor-elect Julie Carney and district governor Ralph Brandt.



Upcoming events

Reminder: Cosgrove's Seussical the Musical is in one week!

Tickets for Seussical the Musical are still on sale at www.showtix4u.com. Keyword search is "Cosgrove" and each ticket is \$12. Performances will be Friday, Mar. 17, and Saturday, Mar. 18. We hope you will be able to join us at one of these performances.



Mar. 12: Daylight Savings Time begins

DST begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, when we spring forward. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

- Mar. 10: SHS/MS progress reports
- Mar. 10: All County Jazz festival
- Mar. 14: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 17: Term 2 report cards in IC

- Mar. 21: Districtwide Combined Band concert, 7 p.m.

I also want to mention that the annual **St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Rochester takes place tomorrow, and our Spencerport Drumline will be performing**. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. on the corner of East Ave and Alexander Street and ends at Plymouth Ave. It's a wonderful event to cheer on our talented students.



Finally, we recognized International Women's Day on Mar. 8, when we honored the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. I would like to extend my gratitude to the women who have inspired me and to the women in Spencerport who make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District