



Sycamore Creek Elementary School

The Croc Chronicle

February-March 2016

President's Message

Submitted by: Amanda Meehan, PTA President

Happy New Year Crocodiles!

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the SCES community, we had a great end to 2015. Thank you to the generous families who donated items during our Croc Cheer Program. Led by our SCES Counselors Emily Rinkoski and Bryan Zelski, we were able to bring holiday gifts and smiles to children and families in need. A special thanks also goes out to our Community Outreach Chair, Sherry Oliver, for organizing the 5th Annual Community Cookie Drive! The cookies received greatly exceeded expectations and because of this Sherry was also able to deliver cookies to fire stations in low income areas that do not usually get treats from the community. All deliveries were successful and everyone was extremely grateful, especially the fire stations downtown. Thanks to all who donated! I also want to thank our hospitality chair Melissa Buxen-gard and all of our hospitality committee members for organizing a festive holiday luncheon for our teachers in December. The event was fantastic and the teachers had a great time!

Since we wrapped up our Croc Mile/Boosterthon donations in

December, we wanted to give a final thanks to our many pledges from families, friends, co-workers and neighbors. SCES raised over \$36,000!!! Way to go Crocodiles!

If you are feeling the winter blues, we have many upcoming SCES activities to keep you busy. Our annual Feelin' Groovy Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon. The book fair is located in our Media Center and is open from February 9th - February 17th. Committee chairs Jennifer Ostling and Angie Schulz have organized this wonderful event for our students so be on the lookout for times the book fair is open and when your child's class is signed up to visit. Don't forget about the Annual Cooking Up Science Expo on Saturday, February 13th, where you can support the hard work of all of our students and future scientists. A huge thank you to Sycamore Creek's very own Stephanie Wright for organizing this exciting science-filled day! Besides all the fun science activities going on February 13th, we're lucky enough that our book fair will also be open during the event for everyone to come and stop by. We are also planning a Backyard Burger/Goodberry's restaurant night in February.

Dates and times will be coming soon! Last, don't forget our Chili Cook Off on February 26th. If you think your chili recipe is up for the competition, we would love to have your participation for our teachers to select the best SCES chili recipe of 2016!

Looking towards spring, our Annual Spring Carnival is on May 14! Liz Lemons is graciously chairing this committee again for the third year. We're planning some fun things for this special day, but we are in need of more parent volunteers to make the carnival a huge success. If you would like to volunteer or help with the committee, please be sure to contact Liz at lizlemons@live.com and get on her team. We are also planning our 3rd annual SCES Golf Tournament on May 21st. Sign up forms will be coming home soon.

Finally, if you can believe it, we are already looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year. We need volunteers to serve as PTA Board Members or Committee Chairs. Sarah Phillips is chairing the Nominating Committee; please contact her at toddandsarah@msn.com if you are interested in joining this hard-working team. I'm per-

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sonally grateful to work with dedicated parents who advocate on behalf of our children and teachers. A special thanks goes to Sarah for chairing our nominating committee this year. She is such a strong supporter of our school and over the years has gone above and beyond to help make our PTA a success. I appreciate her leading one last committee before she leaves us for middle school. Thanks Sarah!

Stay Warm!

Sincerely,

Amanda





SCES Staff Birthdays



Feb. 12-Maurine Goodwin

Feb. 12-Tiffany Jarvis

Feb. 16-Kelly Butler

Feb. 16-Paula Gross

Feb. 16- Colleen Morin

Feb. 16-Lindsay Raymer

Feb. 16-Michelle Waters

Feb. 18-Kim Siciliano

Feb. 19-Jessica Dierk

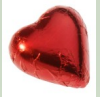
Feb. 19-Taylor Butker

Feb. 20-Joseph Liberti

Feb. 22-Karen Hall

Feb. 23-Linda Heidgerd

Feb. 23-Sarah Rickman



March 13-Holly Mabe

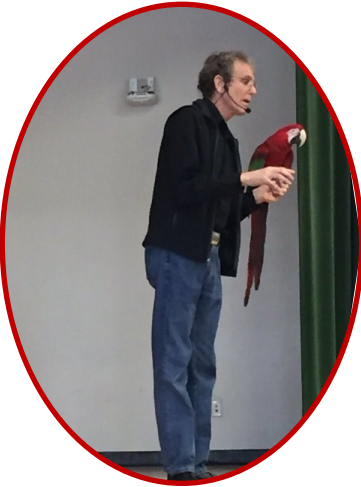
March 13-Maura Wiggs

March 14-Andrea Mehlenbacher

March 15-Cassandra Arce

March 17-Jennifer Olsen

March 31-Ashley Stewart



Birdman Dave

One of the ways the PTA supports Sycamore is through cultural arts program like Birdman Dave. He captivated the students with the help of his Macaw Belle. He engaged both children and adults with activities showcasing her intelligence, the power of her beak with a nut demonstration, and her intelligence with a variety of puzzle challenges. Many students said their favorite part was when Belle flew over the audience and showed her grace and power.

Kids can find more information at www.birdmandave.com



Join the PTA Board

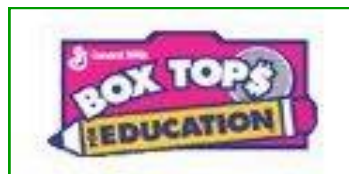
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Box Tops for Education:

Be sure to include your teacher's name on the baggie or envelope so your class will get credit!!!

**December's Box Top Winner
is Ms. Dragonette's class**

**200 BOX TOPS
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Yearbook News

Are you planning to attend your student's class activities, field trips, family fun nights or even the Crocodile Mile? Don't forget your camera—Close ups and group photos are welcome!

Contact your student's Room Parent to find out how to submit your photos to the classroom Shutterfly account. This will be the only way to submit your photos for the yearbook.



2016 SCES Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Submitted by Melissa Buxengard, VP Hospitality

Calling all aspiring chefs! It's that time again...to win a prize and bragging rights to being the best Chili maker at Sycamore Creek.

Sign up your amazing chili by going to this link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4AF2AAA8-2016

The Chili Cook-Off is on Friday, February 26th.

Good Luck!!



Spring Carnival

MAY 14

Volunteers needed to continue to make this another successful SCES event.

Please contact Liz Lemons to volunteer (lizlemons@live.com)

SCES Spring Carnival Silent Auction

The SCES Spring Carnival is coming up soon! A huge part of the carnival is our silent auction. If you own a business or are an independent consultant, please contact me if you would like to donate to our silent auction. It is great exposure for your business, as well as a fundraiser for our school.

To make a donation or if you would like to volunteer to be on the silent auction committee, please contact Liz Lemons at lizlemons@live.com Thanks for supporting our school!

Dates to Remember

February

9-17 Scholastic Book Fair
 11 Family Night @ Book Fair
 12 Early Release, 70's Day
 13 Science Expo
 25 Student Led Conferences (Tr 3)

April

1 Super Crocs Day (Tr 1&3)
 2 Snow Make Up Day (Tr 1,2,3)
 6 Spring & Class Pictures (Tr 1&2)
 22 Super Crocs Day (Tr 24)

March

4 Early Release, Book Character Day
 15 Student Led Conferences (Tr 4)
 16 Spring & Class Pictures (Tr 3&4)
 17 Student Led Conferences (Tr 3)
 18 Early Release, Time Travel Day
 22 Student Led Conferences (Tr 2)
 25 Holiday



2014-15 SCES PTA Board Members

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3rd Annual Sycamore Creek PTA Golf Outing Fundraiser!

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2016

TIME: Registration and lunch at Noon. Shotgun start at 1:00pm.

PLACE: Falls Village Golf Club www.fallsvillagegolf.com

ENTRY: \$75 per player (includes: golf, cart, range balls, lunch, drink tickets, door prizes and donation to PTA)
 \$55 for SCES Staff!

FORMAT: 4-person Scramble.

Prizes for top placing teams, putting, long drive, and closest to pin contests.

Sponsorships are available and any donations (monetary or gift) are welcome!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. **CROC LEVEL** = \$350 (includes hole signage and 4 player fees)
- 2. **Hole Sponsor** = \$100
- 3. **Par 3 Contest Sponsor** = \$125

To participate, contact: Jason Hunter 248-933-9600
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NC State Fair

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