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Our Crocs Rock!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE'VE HAD A GREAT START TO THE NEW YEAR AND HAVE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT! WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC SPRING AND HAVE A BUNCH OF FUN THINGS IN THE WORKS.

~Amanda Meehan, PTA President

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Before the snow came in January, SCES kicked off Kindergarten Registration on January 5th. The PTA assisted school staff in welcoming our new kindergartners and parents and helped make sure all necessary paperwork was in order. Thanks to our PTA Board members who helped out on this important day for our new 2017/18 kindergartners.

MATH IN THE STAIRWELLS

Check out our new math decals on the stairs. The PTA worked with the school to get these in place in early January. Stop by and take a look the next time you're on campus. They look great and our students and teachers have appreciated the new decor.

SATURDAY SCHOOL MUFFINS/DONUTS AND COFFEE FOR TEACHERS

Since we missed several days of school in January because of the ice, the PTA provided muffins, donuts and coffee to our teachers on our Saturday make up days.

Thanks to our VP of Hospitality, Melissa Buxengard for organizing this event and to all parents who brought in items and volunteered time on Saturday morning to help pass out goodies to our wonderful teachers. We have one more make up day to go on April 1st for Tracks 1, 2 and 3.

SCHOOL SPONSORS PLAQUE

The PTA started a school sponsorship program this year. We would like to thank Ostling Laser Craft, Campbell Orthodontics and Farm Bureau Insurance for contributing to our school. Check out the new sponsorship plaque proudly displayed in the school's front hallway.

HURRICANE'S HOCKEY

It's not too late to purchase discounted Caroline Hurricane's tickets and give back to our school. Go to: hurricanes.com/sycamorecreek
Promo Code: Crocs

BOOK FAIR

Our school book fair was held from February 7th-15th. This year, SCES hosted a Scholastic Signature book fair, offering more titles and series selections

to our students. Thank you to all the volunteers and families that attended the Happy Camper Book Fair!

FAMILY NIGHT AT BACKYARD BURGER AND GOODBERRY'S

Last year, we held our first Backyard Burger and Goodberry's Family night and it was a huge success! This year, the event will be held on February 24th! Come have dinner and dessert with your Sycamore friends and Backyard Burger and Goodberry's will donate a percentage of their profits that night to the PTA.

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Our committee chairs are already busy planning for our spring events.

Mark your calendars for:
March 24th - Turf Change Drive
April 22nd - SCES Annual Golf Tournament
April 28th - Family Movie Night
May 20th - Spring Carnival



JOIN THE PTA

It's that time of year again! Your Sycamore Creek PTA is looking for amazing, enthusiastic and committed parents to join the PTA Board of Directors. There are several positions available this year.



I have been a board member for 4 years in 2 different positions. These past 4 years have been a wonderful experience. Not only am I an advocate for my own children, but for every child at Sycamore Creek. I have had the opportunity to work closely with outstanding teachers and staff as well as many of our Crocodile Families. It has been great to be able to bring exciting events and changes to our school. Please consider a position with a team of amazing individuals, you will not regret it!

If you have questions, want to get more information on a position or if you know someone that you would like to nominate, please contact: Jennifer Ostling at jostling@nc.rr.com

SPRING CARNIVAL IS ALMOST HERE



Saturday, May 20th, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Spring is around the corner and our PTA is already busy planning our Ninth Annual Sycamore Creek Spring Carnival. Look forward to Food Trucks, the Dunk Tank, Silent Auction, Class Raffle Baskets, many giant Inflatables, Vendor Fair, Carnival Games, appearances by Kyle, and so much more! It is a great community event--kids and parents alike love the Carnival.

As you can imagine, to make this event a success it takes a lot of volunteers to assist not only on the day of the carnival but also with the planning. We are seeking volunteers to help us assist our carnival co-chairs with:

- Raffle baskets
- Teacher silent auction
- Outreach/Advertising

If any of these activities sound like something that interests you, please contact: Amanda Meehan at scsptapresident1@gmail.com

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKS

Track 1/3: February 20-24th

Track 2/4: March 13-17th

More info soon from: Leeanne Burda at leeanne.burda@yahoo.com



SCES TURF CHANGE DRIVE

Friday, March 24th

Our 2nd annual "Turf Change Drive" is set for Friday, March 24, 2017. This is a great way to raise funds for installing EasyTurf on the back field. The goal of this fundraising effort is to make our field safer and more usable throughout the year. Our goal: \$110,000~ we can do it! So far we have raised a little over \$55,000.

Please check your couch cushions, clean out the seats in your car, dig into that piggy bank and clean out your purse and wallets! Put all the change in a sandwich bag and have your child drop it in one of the buckets that PTA members will be holding during morning carpool drop off, walk-in and bus drop. If you are not there in the morning we will also be in the carpool line in the afternoon with a bucket to catch your change! Can't be part of the change drive?

Donate to the Turf Fun: scespta.com/Article/View/Turf-Fund

RESTAURANT NIGHT: BURGERS & ICE CREAM

Friday, February 24th, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Come on out and have dinner with family and friends! Backyard Burgers and GoodBerry's are hosting Restaurant Night to benefit Sycamore Creek. Backyard will donate 15% of sales and Goodberrv's will donate 30% of sales. See you there!



YEARBOOK DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

We need your photos uploaded to your Shutterfly Classroom account ASAP. Close-ups and Group photos are welcome! Make sure to include Croc Mile, student's class activities, field trips, family fun nights, etc.

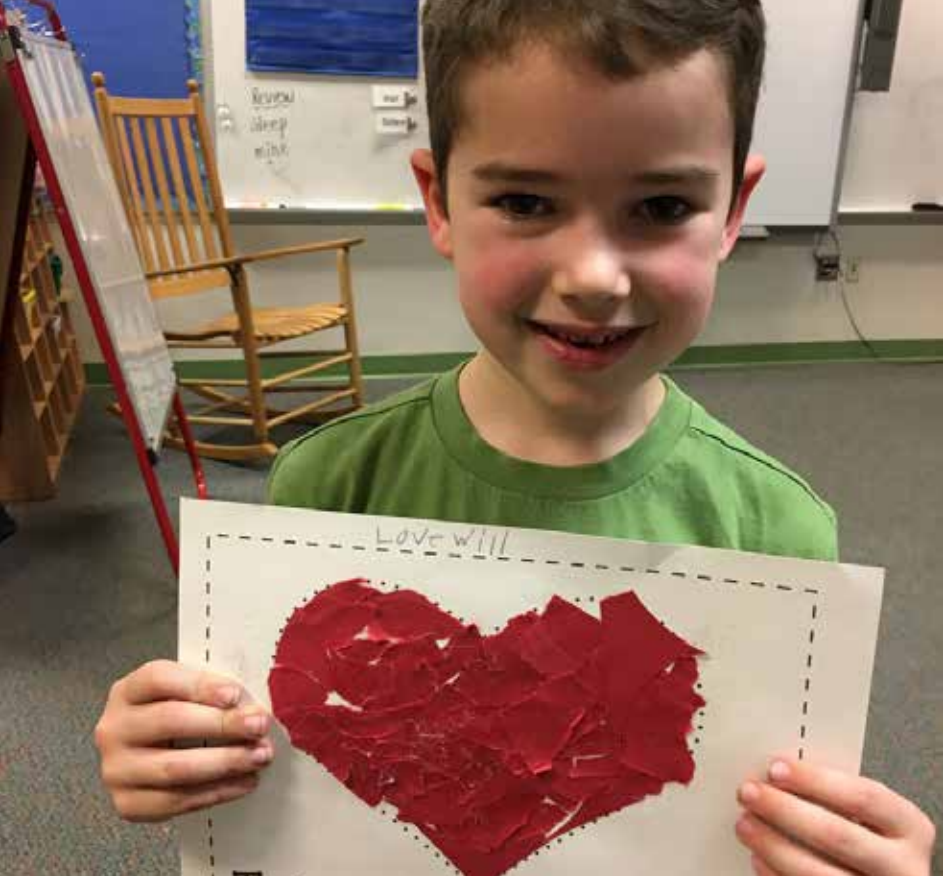
Yearbook photos are collected through your class Shutterfly account. Don't see your account? Please ask your Room Parent. *Room Parents - Please set up your Shutterfly Classroom site ASAP. Instructions are located on the PTA Website <http://scespta.com/Home>. Go to PTA (look for Kyle the Croc) and click on Room Parent.

Any questions, please contact your Yearbook Committee at scesyyearbook16@gmail.com

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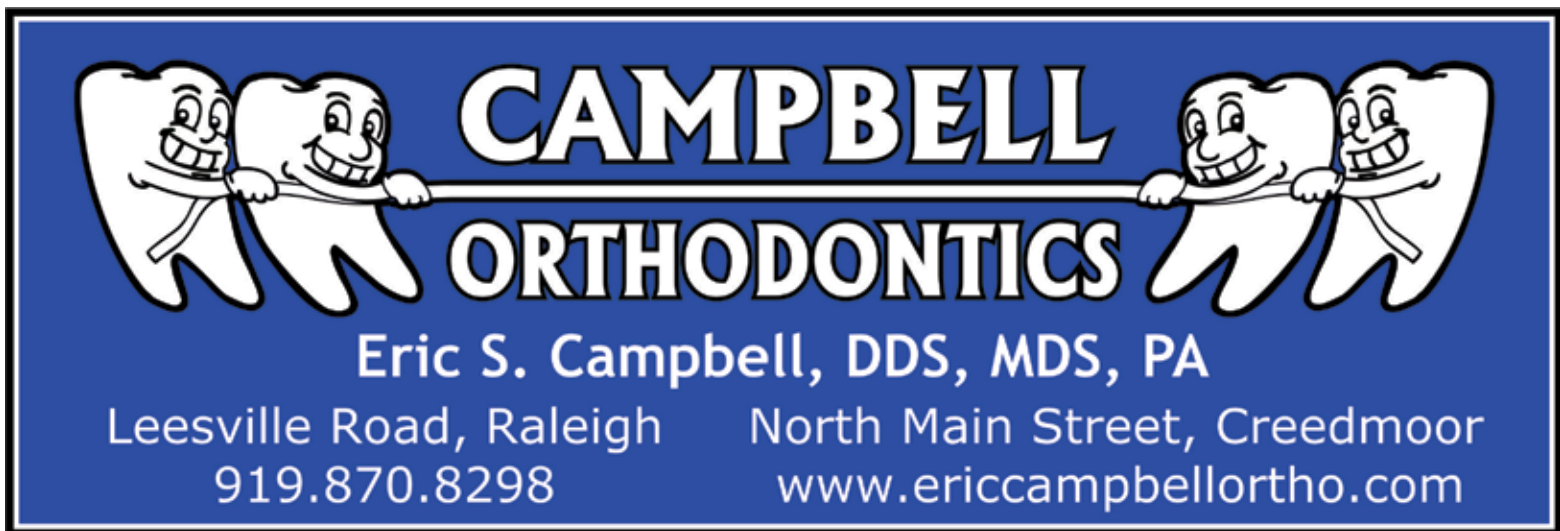


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