



News from The Valley



February 1, 2012

Calendar Notes

- Feb 2 Script Orders Due
- Feb 16 Field Trip to the musical, *Wicked*
6th Grade Only
- Feb 20 **No School**
Teacher Workday
- Feb 22 Canterbury United Methodist Church Middle School
- March 19—23
Spring Break

Broadway Bound

Well sort of! Our very creative 6th grade writing class entered a contest to win tickets to attend a performance of the award winning musical, *Wicked*. Under the direction of Ms. Gray, the students created an illustrated alphabet book with 26 reasons why they thought their class should win the tickets. And they did! The performance is scheduled for Thursday, February 16th. Congratulations and enjoy the show.

Make A Difference

Join Canterbury United Methodist Church for their Stop Hunger Now event. On Feb. 15th and 16th (especially this date), volunteers are needed to assemble 500,000 meals to be delivered to the children of Haiti. The event is from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. If you want to help, please contact Ellen Thomas at 871-4695 or visit www.canterburyumc.org to sign up.

Alerts Are On The Way

SVS has enlisted the services of School Messenger to alert you of school closings, delayed openings and even that your child is absent from school. Please be aware that the Caller ID on your phone will display Spring Valley's telephone number.

In the Classroom . . .

Mr. C's Scientists... Our 5th Grade Science students visited with a McWane Science Center staff member to discuss SVS's plans for our entry in the Celebrate Science Exhibit Design Challenge competition. Spring Valley School won first place last year and we are going for back-to-back companionships. Here's a hint of what this year's entry may feature — everyone will be talking about it! The students in the Physical Science class are mastering their knowledge of acids, bases and the pH scale through lab experiments and online Jeopardy. The Earth Science class is learning about the complexity of food chains and webs by playing "Food Chain Checkers." Each player in this board game represents a link in the ocean food chain.

Mr. C's Artists... Our 5th Grade Art students are making pots which each student will fire in a sawdust kiln. The Graphic Arts students are designing pages for our yearbook—specifically pages featuring each homeroom and events that the students have participated in.

Mrs. Dykes' 6th Grade United States History Class and 11th Grade American History Class... Each class has begun their study of World War II which includes research, posters, simulations and movies.

Mrs. Cowden's D-Core... These students have started reading the novel, *The Sign Of The Beaver*.

Lower School Students... Our lower school students visited Canterbury United Methodist Church to assist with assembling meals for their Brown Bag Project. The 20 members of our lower school completed 96 bags of food. Great job!

Don't Forget... Please clip and save your box tops. Spring Valley collects and submits the box tops twice a year. Our next deadline is Feb. 17th. This is a great way to help fundraise for the school. You can drop your box tops off in the Cheerio box located in the lunch room.



Inside's Today's Folder

Tuition Invoices



No, it is not Spider Man. It is SVS's own Mr. C. Mr. C climbed the pole to mark measurements on the pole for the Physical Science Class' Mentose experiment.