

# Spartan Speaks

Sun Valley Elementary Monthly Newsletter

October 2011



## SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Sun Valley Elementary**  
*A place where the sun always  
shines!*

### Doughnuts for Dad

During the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Sun Valley Elementary faculty and staff hosted its annual "Doughnuts for Dads" PTO sponsored event. This event was truly a success as fathers turned out in record numbers to share a moment with their children. It was truly delightful to walk down the doughnut scented corridors and see the students and dads enjoying powdered, cake, chocolate, glazed and jelly-filled sweets. Umm...just bringing that into my remembrance might require a visit to Krispy Kreme or Dunkin' Doughnuts on my way home!



## SUN VALLEY FAMILIES

My, how time quickly passes. I find it difficult to believe that we have been in school for over a month. The students have successfully acclimated to school and classroom procedures and the teachers are focused on maintaining instructional rigor and relevance. As September departs from us and October ushers in, we will continuously maintain high expectations for our students' academic, emotional and social progress. To further instill these expectations, we must continue our discussions and collaborations to move our students to the next level. Should you have any questions regarding how you can better support your child's needs or the school's efforts, please contact your child's teacher or administration. We need and desire your assistance as we equip our children with the skills they will need to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Curriculum Night for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup>: SVES Night at McDonalds from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Tarradiddle Players present Cinderella for K-2 & EC Classes  
Curriculum Night for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Workday; No school for students
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Fall Pictures for SVES students  
Reports Cards go home
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Awards Day Celebration for students  
K-2 (12:30 -1:15) and 3-5 (1:30 – 2:15)
- 17<sup>th</sup>: PTO Board Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair Parent Preview Night
- 20<sup>th</sup>–: Book Fair begins Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and ends Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
- 21<sup>ST</sup>: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS - Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup>: SVES Book Fair begins
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Storybook Character Dress Up Day
- 28<sup>th</sup>: SVES Ghost Walk – Scott Clark Toyota



## SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION and CLIMBING

Sun Valley Elementary has received the designation of School of Distinction. As a school of Distinction, 80-89 percent of our students' scores are at or above achievement Level III and Sun Valley Elementary makes or exceeds its expected growth goal. Although this designation is noteworthy, we the faculty and staff of Sun Valley Elementary are aiming for the School of Excellence title. With this designation, at least 90 percent of the students' scores are at or above achievement Level III and the school makes or exceeds its expected growth goal. This accomplishment will not happen by mere wishing, but through concerted effort of all stakeholders. We need you to help support us as we reach for this goal. Please contact your child's teacher for strategies you may use at home with your children. Maybe you would like to volunteer at the school to help students. There are multiple ways you can help our school, just give us a call and we will put you to work!



## STORYBOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY!

The faculty and staff of Sun Valley Elementary have designated October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as Storybook Character Dress Up Day. Please start asking your child to think about the book character that has given him/her the greatest reading pleasure and send him/her dressed in a custom befitting a character.

Mrs. Cynthia Orr, Preschool teacher, will organize this school-wide event and get the students excited through announcements and morning broadcast.

### A Note from the School Nurse - Ms. Brooks

Please help your child to remember the importance of:

1. Receiving the proper amount of sleep every night- at least 8 hours.
2. Eating a balanced breakfast every morning.

## SVES Curriculum Nights

Sun Valley Elementary faculty and staff have established curriculum night for each grade level. Each event will promptly begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

September 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade & EC

October 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

October 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

We look forward to seeing you on your child's designated night.

## We Love Our Sun Valley Elementary PTO Board!

We welcome our new 2011-2012 PTO Board members. It is because of their continued support that our school does well.

**Kathy Sharman**

**Maria Severance**

**Lisa Bratton**

**Michele Delarber**

**Ellie Sparks**

**Tami Gullickson**

**Stephanie Goodson**

**Kristen Cuccia**

**Trish Palmer**

**Mary Stewart Room**

**Tiffany Crump**

**President**

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**School Store**

**Hospitality**

**Family Fun Nights**

**Free Money**

**Parent Coord.**

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