



SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS

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Summer Reading Club

Sixteen 5th grade students spent the month of June reading *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins as part of the 5th Grade Summer Reading Club. While reading, students were able to blog about the book on a discussion wiki. "You cannot put this book down, one night we didn't even eat dinner," commented Emmy Scott and Katrina Byrne, two students involved in the book club. After completing the book the students, along with three teachers and Mr. Vyderany, met for a book discussion. "It was inspiring to hear the students talk about the book and see the excitement they had with this common literacy experience," expressed Mrs. Dzirbowicz.

The students gave this science fiction novel two thumbs up. Katniss Everdeen is a sixteen-year-old girl who decides to take her sister's place in the annual Hunger Games. Although it could lead to death, she promises her sister that she will win. Along the way, Katniss is conflicted with choices of life against love. Will she survive? Read the book to find out. Middle school students will be influenced by the bulletin board advertisement put together by the students. Thank you Sparta PTC for donating the money for the books and making this event possible.

Biology Students Improving Our Environment

The biology students at Sparta High School have had many opportunities to learn and improve the environment in their own communities through a grant from Groundswell. The 10th grade students worked to upgrade the recycling program at the high school and were able to supply new recycling bins for paper and plastic bottles for each student learning center and in the cafeteria for 2011-12. The bins not only look great but were effective from the first day. The students have also worked with Sparta Rotary to clean up the areas around Nash Creek and have purchased more trash bins to be placed in Balyeat Field to keep trash out of the water. The cross country course had a "make over" as one group of students worked to clean up the course behind Tesa Tape. This project would not have progressed without the help of Tesa Tape and A1 Landscape - Thank you for your continued support. Those running on the course will see a significant change in this area. Their work will continue in 2011-12 to develop a plan to keep the creek and course clean along with preventing erosion. Lastly, the advanced biology students studied the water quality of Nash Creek at three different locations along the creek. They presented their findings to the members of the Sparta Rotary.

Three groups of students also presented their projects at Celebration Cinema in May 2011 to other area schools involved in this grant and the committee for Groundswell. Karin Bitely, Brooklynn Hommerson, and Gary Brown; from the advanced biology class; presented on the water quality of Nash Creek. Jacky Saldana and Meagan Douglass presented on the new recycling program and Kelsey Adkins and Casey Wright shared the progress of the project behind Tesa Tape involving the cross country course and Nash Creek. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding work and presentations. Also, congratulations to all the students that made these projects happen in 2010-11; you have made an impact on your school, community, and environment. All the projects will be continued in 2011-12 so look for more impact on the environment from the students at Sparta High School.

See www.groundswellmi.org to learn more about this stewardship program with our Great Lakes.

WELCOME BACK

By Kent Swinson, Superintendent

On behalf of the Sparta Area Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back new and returning students for the 2011-12 school year. Classes begin for all students on Tuesday, September 6th following the Labor Day weekend. Each new school year holds the promise of exciting educational opportunities and positive experiences for all. Our continued hope is to work in partnership with parents and students in making this the best school year for every individual student.

Public education is going through an era of change throughout the nation. Many factors such as the economy, advances in technology, state/federal requirements curriculum transformation, and the needs of individual students all have a direct impact on what takes place in our classrooms. Sparta has a history of successfully planning to meet the many challenges, while maintaining the focus on teaching and learning. Our success is based on the values of the district and the cooperative efforts by all education stakeholders.

A prime example of the nature of cooperation in Sparta is the agreements reached with staff this summer. Their willingness to consider options other districts would not, allowed us to recall all teachers placed on layoff last spring. There are very few districts in Michigan that can make that claim. Needless to say, maintaining an outstanding staff promotes student achievement which is essential in meeting the mission of the district.

We wish each Sparta student the best of luck as they begin the new school year. Please take advantage of the many opportunities our district offers. Often times it comes down to one simple word, attitude. I once heard this description; "Attitude is the mind's paintbrush, it can color any situation."

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Sparta Community Education
Fall Class Schedules will be distributed
in the Northwest Advance.
Look for yours soon!

Call the Sparta Community Education Office at 887-7321 for more information.

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Sparta Area Schools 2011-12 Calendar

First Day of School..... September 6 T
 Teacher Work Day (No School).....September 26 M
 Homecoming October 14 F
 Thanksgiving Recess (No School) November 23-25 W-F
 Last day of School for Students December 16 F
 Christmas Vacation (No School) December 19-30
 New Year's Holiday.....January 2 M
 School Resumes.....January 3 T
 Teacher Work Day - End of First Semester (No School).....January 27 F
 Teacher Work Day (No School).....March 29 Th
 No School March 30 F
 Spring Break (No School).....April 2-6 M-F
 School Resumes..... April 9 M
 Teacher Work Day (No School)..... May 18 F
 Memorial Day (No School) May 28 M
 Englishville Graduation May 30 W
 High School Graduation May 31 Th
 Last Day of School..... June 7 Th

The above calendar shall be limited by and subject to the provisions of state law governing the make-up of days missed due to emergency closing. Days not required by law for make-up shall not be added to the calendar year. School days which must be made up for State Aid purposes will be scheduled at the end of the school year. Further, any change in State law which negates the make-up of days missed due to emergency closing shall be in immediate effect in regard to the calendar, and days missed shall not be subject to make up.

Administrative Office August Office Hours

The administrative office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. August 1 through August 19.

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! Sparta students will start school on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. A special "Back to School Handbook" can be found with details about registration times and tentative school hours for each school.

Please do not contact the schools for information on your child's classroom assignment. Check the individual building information on specific posting dates. Over the summer many families move into the Sparta School District. Due to late registrations, class lists cannot be completed until this time.

Food Service Prices



RIDGEVIEW AND APPLEVIEW ELEMENTARY,
 grades K-5: \$1.85/lunch, \$1.25/breakfast

MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLISHVILLE, grades 6-12:
 \$1.90 - \$2.45/lunch, \$1.30/breakfast

SEE PAGES 9-10 FOR REDUCED PRICE OR FREE MEALS PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION.

Bell Ringer Due Dates

The *Bell Ringer* communicates with the residents of the school district five times per year. If you wish to have an article or "Community Corner" notice considered for publication, please email it to amie.bitely@staff.spartaschools.org. Please use only MS Word or Corel WordPerfect for your format.

The *Bell Ringer* is distributed in the first issue of the *Advance Newspaper* in November, January, March, June and August. If you are not receiving the *Bell Ringer*, please contact the Advance at (1-800-439-0960). Issues of the *Bell Ringer* are also available for download at www.spartaschools.org.

Deadlines to submit information:

November 1, 2011 issue.....due October 5
 January 3, 2012 issue.....due December 7
 March 6, 2012 issue.....due February 1
 June 5, 2012 issue.....due May 2
 August 7, 2012 issue.....due June 27

SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS

OUR PURPOSE is to teach children the skills and attitudes needed to be productive members of society in order to improve the quality of life for all.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at the Board of Education offices, 465 S. Union St., Sparta, MI 49345. Meetings are open to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m.

The *Bell Ringer* is published by the Sparta Board of Education. Please call 887-8253 with inquiries.

The Sparta Area Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in its programs and activities. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Sparta Area School District has appointed Mr. Joe Droski as Coordinator of Title IX, Mr. Mark Kasmer as Coordinator of Title II, VI, and the Age Discrimination Act and Mrs. Susan Gates as the Coordinator of Section 504.

IMPORTANT 2011-12 Bus Route Information



School bus routes are being prepared for the 2011-2012 school year. This school year, Sparta Area Schools will be operating a double tier bus system as opposed to the single tier which we have used the past few years. What this means is that the first tier will pick up all Sparta Middle School, Sparta High School, Englishville, and Trinity Lutheran students. After dropping these students at school, those same buses will go back out and pick up all K-5 students and bring them to school for a later start time. The same will be true for take-home routes as well.

In addition, Sparta Area Schools has contracted with Michigan Educational Transportation Services (METS) and Cedar Springs Public Schools to provide transportation services. Most all of the former Sparta school bus drivers will be returning to the Sparta district this fall as METS employees. It may also be possible that your student(s) will be picked up on a Cedar Springs school bus as opposed to a Sparta bus. Please be assured that your children are being bussed directly to Sparta schools if this occurs. The sharing of buses is part of a northern Kent County collaboration of non-instructional support services.

Some changing of bus routes and relocating of bus stops can be expected once the school year begins. State laws regulate the placement of all bus stops. The school district will provide a legal bus stop for all students being offered transportation service. It may be necessary that your child will have to walk to their assigned bus stop as door to door service for all students is not possible. The State Department of Education permits students using bus service provided by a school district a walking distance of up to 1 ½ miles to a bus stop. Parents are responsible for the safety and security of their children at the bus stop and on their way to and from the bus stop. Bus service will begin on Tuesday

September 6, 2011 for all Sparta Area Schools students.

All students will be allowed to have only one pick-up and one drop off location. The pick-up location may differ from the drop-off location however both locations must be consistent every day. The only exception to this policy will be for court-ordered, joint custody cases. Documentation will be required in order for this exception to occur. Any day care issues, or unusual circumstances which require your child not to have a consistent bus stop, will require transportation be provided by the parent. Students will not be allowed to ride multiple busses.

Each family in the District will receive specific bus information for their student(s) via an individual postcard which will be mailed to each family's home the week of August 22nd.

Should you have any transportation system questions, please feel free to contact the Transportation Office at (616) 887-0136.

We look forward to a safe year.



Please watch for bus information to come in the mail the week of August 22nd.

Sparta High School Class of 2011 "Bash" Thank-You

The recent graduates of Sparta High School are now busy with summer work and fall college plans, but they have fond memories of a fun filled all-night post graduation party (aka "Bash"). This action packed evening began with dinner at the Kent ISD Conference Center, followed by many activities at the Wolverine World Wide YMCA- including a special performance by a hypnotist. This evening was made possible by the efforts of many. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who assisted with fundraising, planning, decorating and chaperoning Bash.

Special thanks to the following organizations/businesses who generously donated to Bash 2011: Ann Marie's Family Haircare, American Legion (Lekstrum-Burnett), Angela's Italian Restaurant, Bayes Water Treatment, Beuschel Funeral Home, Beuschel Sales, Inc., Bradford Dairy Farms, Choice One Bank, Coca-Cola, Family Fare (Sparta), Great American Publishing, Inc., Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home, Kent City Ford, Lance Brand Snacks, Macatawa Bank-Rockford, Momber's Home Town Pharmacy, Old Orchard Brands, Ottawa Kent Insurance Agency, Rogue River Community Credit Union, Signs & Wonders, Slimmin' For Women, Sparta Animal Clinic, Sparta Chevrolet, Sparta DDA, Sparta Optometry, and Sparta Rotary Club.



Joy Edwards and Susan VanSlooten retired from Ridgeview Elementary in 2010. They worked part-time at Ridgeview during the 2010-2011 school year. We thank them for their years of service to Sparta Area School children as they now begin the next chapter of their lives. *Best wishes to you both!*



Back-to-School Kickoff

Games – Prizes – Food – Music
An evening of FREE entertainment!
Free gift for all students 12th grade & younger!

Enter to win a "Cadillac" backpack filled with back-to-school supplies and an **Ipod!**

Tuesday, August 30

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Sparta United Methodist Church
parking lots @ 54 East Division, Sparta

Immunization/Vision/Legal Requirements

Immunization requirements for all children entering the Michigan Schools/ Sparta School District for the first time are very rigid. All new students (including kindergarten) need five doses of DPT, four doses of polio, and two doses of MMR, with the last dose given after the age of four, along with three doses of Hep B. **Also, required as of January 1, 2002 new enrollees must have the chicken pox vaccine.** For high school students, if it has been more than ten years since the last DPT shot, a booster will be required. **Additionally, incoming kindergarten students must have a vision exam on file.**

Students will not be allowed to attend school without formal documentation of their vision and immunization records.

Sparta respects the rights of all parents/guardians. Court orders restricting visitation to schools, student pick up, and/or restraining orders must have a stamped/signed court order on file upon enrollment or at the time the order takes effect.

WELFARE OF A CHILD BILL

Public Act 519 became effective April 1, 2009. This law deals with leaving children unattended in a vehicle for a period of time that poses an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to the child. The Act is basically in response to a number of incidents where children have been left for long periods of time and have died as a result of heat stroke or were injured in other ways. We wanted to make parents aware of this law since there is a potential of complaints being made to law enforcement when children are left unattended in school parking lots.



SPARTA ATHLETICS

Fall Sports begin in August

HS Football & Sideline Cheer.....Monday, August 8, 2011
 All other HS SportsWednesday, August 10, 2011
 Volleyball, Cross Country for Girl and Boys, Boys Soccer and Boys Tennis
 MS FootballThursday, August 22, 2011
 All MS SportsTuesday, September 6, 2011
 Volleyball, Cross Country and Sideline Cheer

Middle School and High School Athletes and Parents

PHYSICALS: The first and most important item is that any potential athlete needs a yearly physical examination. The physical for any school year must be done on or after April 15. Without a physical exam on file, the student may not even try out for a team.

ACTIVITY FEES: Again this year, there will be an **activity fee** charged to participate in athletics. The **fee is set at \$75.00 and is a once a school year fee.** There is a \$200.00 maximum per family. Students may participate in any athletic activity throughout the year once that fee is paid. In sports where cuts are made, the fee will not be collected until after the cuts. You may pay this activity fee in the Athletic office beginning August 11th or on line by accessing the Sparta Area Schools web site; www.spartaschools.org then click on the payschools link and you will be walked through the process.

GRADES/ELIGIBILITY: Students will also be required to be in good standing with their grades. Students will have their grades checked on a weekly basis and if deficient in more than one class for two weeks will be ineligible for the following week. At the High School level students must have passed 3 out of 4 blocks with a 70% or higher and have a 2.00 GPA.

SPORTS PASSES: Along with the opportunity to purchase your student/athletes activity fee on line you may also order/purchase **athletic passes for the 10-11 home sports season** on payschools. Once again access the schools web site; www.spartaschools.org and simply click on that link and it will walk you through the process. **Please note: you may order/purchase on line, but will have to stop by the Athletic Office to pick your passes up; we cannot mail.** The OK Blue Conference will be charging **\$5.00 admission** for all contests beginning this fall. Our home sports passes have not changed in price; those prices are:

Adult:	\$75.00 all year	\$35.00 one season
Student:	\$50.00 all year	\$25.00 one season
Family:	\$150.00 all year	\$80.00 one season

New Sports offered for 2011-12

Hockey and Gymnastics will be offered to our High School students this school year. These sports will be co-op sports which mean we will join with another school to enable our students to compete in these MHSAA sports! All costs associated with these sports will be the responsibility of the students who participate in them. There will be costs above and beyond the activity fee that we charge. Student who participate will earn Sparta athletic awards for these sports.

Sparta and Comstock Park students will compete in hockey with Northview as the host school. Gymnastics will compete with Rockford as the host school.

Any questions, contact the Athletic office at 887-2098.

The Sparta Sports Boosters meets the third Monday of each month. This group has raised funds to help offset cuts and a higher activity fee. All parents are asked to be an active member of this group. (If you have students in sports, you are already a member!)



WHITE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

WECC Open House

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

3 year-olds 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. • 4 year-olds 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Program Hours

3 year-olds 8:45 - 11:15 a.m. T-Th

4 year-olds AM, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. M-Th • PM, 12:30-3:30 p.m. M-Th

Childcare 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Preschool & Childcare Opportunities at Sparta

Programs are licensed by the State of Michigan and staffed by certified child-care providers. If you are interested in any of the programs, call to register as soon as possible, 887-7321.

White Early Childhood Center Tuition Preschool



Sparta Area Schools has a three and four-year-old tuition preschool at White Early Childhood Center. The fee is \$12.00 per session which meets for 2.5 hours per day, three days a week for three-year-olds, (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings), and four days a week for four-year-olds either Monday through Thursday mornings.

Eligibility:

- Child must be at least three years old but not yet five years old by December 1, 2011.
- Child must be three years old by December 1, 2011 to attend the three-year-old class.
- Child must be four years old by December 1, 2011 to attend the four-year-old class.
- Child must be toilet trained.
- District residents will receive first priority.
- Parents must provide transportation.
- Proof of immunization and a birth certificate must be presented before school starts.
- No child may enter the program unless all necessary documents are completed.

A \$30 deposit is due at enrollment. Classes are filled on a first-come/first-served basis according to the enrollment date in the community education office.

FREE PRESCHOOL - Early 4's Readiness Program

Children eligible for the program must be four (4) years old by December 1, 2011 and meet two of the 25 eligibility factors set forth from the State. These factors include low birth weight, restricted income, siblings with academic struggles, parents who were not high school graduates, and others.

If you feel you might qualify, or a family you know may qualify, please call Sparta Ridgeview Elementary, 887-8218, for an application or for more information.

White Early Childhood Center Child Care with Preschool

For children ages 2 years/6months through 4 year olds

This program is offered from 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. throughout the year, Monday through Friday, except for major holidays. The program will remain open on snow days. Children must be toilet trained. Breakfast and nutritious snacks will be provided. Children must bring a sack lunch.

This program is housed at White Early Childhood Center. The fee is \$130 per week (\$26.00 per day). A \$30 non-refundable fee is due at enrollment.

Before & After School Young 5's/Kindergarten Care

For Sparta Area Schools' Kindergarteners

This program is offered from 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. during the school year. Students may attend before and/or after school, and the half day when they are not in kindergarten. This program will be open daily, including no school days and snow days, but not major holidays.

The fee is \$105.00 per week (\$21.00 per day). Breakfast and nutritious snacks will be provided. Children must bring a sack lunch. This program is housed at Appleview Elementary. Children will be shuttled to and from Ridgeview Elementary for Kindergarten. This program begins Tuesday, September 6, 2011. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is due at time of enrollment.

Before & After School Care "The Open Door" for Children in Grades K-5

This program operates from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Appleview Upper Elementary. The fee per session is \$5.00 for mornings and \$9.50 for the afternoons. Transportation is provided for students attending Ridgeview. A \$30 non-refundable fee is due at enrollment. Care is also available on no school days and snow days if needed at WECC Daycare costs per day.

Questions for any of the programs listed above, call Sparta Community Education, 887-7321.



SPARTA RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Information for Specialized Programming at Ridgeview

- **ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education:**
This program serves special needs students ages 3-5, identified through an evaluation process. Students may receive speech and language services and occupational and physical therapy. Students attend half days, 2 to 5 days per week. This program follows the school year calendar. Call 887-7359 for more information.
- **ECSE – Home and Community Program:**
This program serves special education students ages 2-3, identified through an evaluation process. Students typically receive one home visit/therapy and one playgroup a week. Call 887-7359 for more information.

ECSE Open House at Ridgeview

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Program Hours

AM Class Monday - Friday ~ 8:20 - 11:35 a.m.
PM Class Monday - Friday ~ 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Parents/guardians/students please plan on attending the Open House. This evening presentation is set up for students to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. You will receive curriculum information as well as a school year information packet with emergency cards and school forms.

Great Start Readiness Preschool

Open House at Ridgeview

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

AM Classes 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
PM Classes 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

First Day of School Thursday, September 15, 2011

Program Hours

AM Class Monday - Friday ~ 8:20 - 11:35 a.m.
PM Class Monday - Friday ~ 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

PTC News

General meetings are held 6:15-7:15p.m. in the High School Media Center on the following Mondays: September 12, October 10, November 7, January 9, February 13, March 12, April 16, May 14.

Email ptc@spartaschools.org with questions or to become part of the PTC.

Tentative School Hours

There will be a REGULAR SCHEDULE - Tuesday through Friday - during the FIRST WEEK of school.

Kindergarten AM 8:20 - 11:35 a.m.
& Young 5's PM 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

All Day Alternate Day Kindergarten

Mon/Wed/alt Fridays..... 8:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch..... 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

T-1, First & Second Grade 8:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Kdg. & 1st Grade..... 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Lunch 2nd Grade, MiCI..... 12:10 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Office Hours..... 8:10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Student Drop-off Times..... 8:10 a.m. (12:15 p.m. kindergarten)

End of Day Pick-up Time (10 minute time-frame)

1st & 2nd Grade..... 3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Kindergarten..... AM, 11:25 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
PM, 3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Parents must sign all children out on the yellow clipboard outside of classroom door when picking them up and ARRIVE PRIOR TO BUS LOADING.)

After school daycare is available, call 887-7321 for information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fairs

Mon. & Tues., Nov. 21-22 & Thurs. Mar 22 & Mon., Mar. 26, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Young 5's, Kindergarten,
First Grade & Second Grade students

Meet the Teacher Night

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Parents/guardians/students please plan on attending "Meet the Teacher" night. This Open House evening is set up for students to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. You will receive curriculum information as well as a school year information packet with necessary school forms.

New Student Registration & Summer Hours

Registration: New families to the Sparta Area School district may register their ECSE, kindergarten, first and second grade children at Ridgeview Elementary beginning, Monday, August 1st. **August Office Hours:** 8:00-12:00 am and 1:00-4:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Please call the office at 887-8218 and ask for Lisa if you need more information or have questions. The school office is closed on Fridays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Class Lists Final Young 5's, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade class lists will be POSTED at the school on Friday, August 26, 2011. LETTERS OF TENTATIVE KINDERGARTEN CLASS ASSIGNMENTS AND INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST, (if you completed enrollment with four required documents).

Enrollment Requirements

Must Have For All New Students: A copy of your child's official county birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, and vision screening document must be on file at your child's school of attendance.

Students must have these records on file by Friday, August 26, 2011 to have a classroom/teacher assignment and begin school on September 6, 2011.

RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2011-2012 School Year

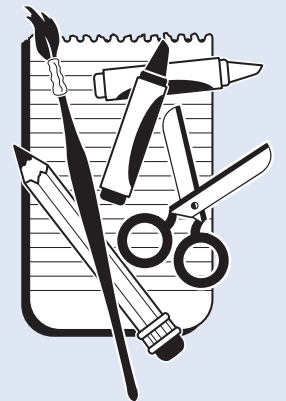
Please DO NOT label with students name, items will be used as classroom supplies.

Young 5's/Kindergarten

- 6 Elmer's Washable Glue Sticks large size only (.77 oz.)
(The small glue sticks dry out quickly and break off easily)
- Crayola Crayons 8 pack – (not larger/smaller amounts)
- Ziplock Bags – quart & gallon size
- 8 pack Markers
- 1 package computer paper
- Girls - 1 box Kleenex & 1 package Clorox disinfectant wipes
- Boys - 1 roll paper towel & 1 package napkins
- Dry Erase Markers (optional)

First Grade & T-1

- 3 Boxes Crayola Crayons 24 pack - (not larger/smaller amounts)
- Pencil cap erasers
- 1 Pair Fiskar's scissors – 5" pointed tip
- Washable markers, classic colors, wide tip (8 pack)
- 3 – Plain, (no pictures) plastic pocket folders
- 6 Elmer large size glue sticks .77 oz.
- 1 Box Ziploc bags (variety of sizes)
- 1 Box Expo dry erase markers
- 1 Clorox wipes
- *Optional items:
Tissues
Hand sanitizers
Paper plates
Band-aids
AA Batteries



Second Grade

- 1 Box of # 2 HB Dixon Ticonderoga soft lead pencils
- 4 Elmer large size glue sticks .77 oz.
- 1 Box Crayola Crayons 24 pack – (not larger/smaller amounts)
- 2 different colored Highlighters
- 1 Box Colored Pencils 12 pack
- 1 Scissors 5" pointed tip
- 1 package Clorox disinfectant wipes (not all purpose like this year)
- 1 Box tissues
- Boys - 1 bottle hand sanitizer 8 oz.
- Girls - paper towel



SPARTA APPLEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Open House and Meet the Teacher Night

Where: Appleview Elementary

When: Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Time: 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Parents and students are asked to attend this event to gain important school and classroom information while having the opportunity to meet the teacher, classmates and tour our building. Please plan to join us anytime between 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. to meet your teacher and pick up important paperwork. We look forward to seeing you and your child at this special Back to School Open House.

Class Lists

Class lists will be POSTED on the entry way doors of the school on Friday, August 26, 2011.

School Hours & Conference Times

Office Hours during school	8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Drop Off Time	Begins at 8:25 a.m. (please no earlier)
Daily Schedule	8:40 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thurs., Nov. 17 & Mon., Nov. 21, 2011 Thurs., Feb 23 & Mon., Feb. 27, 2012

APPLEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2011-2012 School Year

Third Grade

- 6 Elmer's washable glue sticks (.21 oz)
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24 pack)
- 1 pair scissors, 5" pointed tip
- 24 wooden pencils (#2 Ticonderoga)
- 2 highlighters - different colors
- 1 box colored pencils (12 pack)
- 24 pencil cap erasers
- 1 pencil case (3-hole, 10"x6") No pencil boxes, zipped only
- 2 Spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (1 subject size)
- 4 folders, 2 pocket (1 each of blue, red, green, & yellow)
- 2 box facial tissues
- 2 canisters of wipes

Fourth Grade

- 1 Elmer's washable glue stick (.77 oz)
- 24 wooden pencils (#2 Ticonderoga)
- 2 highlighters ~ color is not important
- 1 box colored pencils (24 pack)
- 12 pencil cap erasers
- 4 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (70 sheets - blue, red, green & yellow)
- 4 folders, 2 pocket blue, red, green & yellow
- 2 folders, 2 pocket (plastic)
- 1 felt-tip marker, non permanent (black)
- 1 pad of stick-on notes (100 sheet) size and color isn't important
- 1 pencil & crayon sharpener (double barrel)
- 1 composition notebook
- Kleenex

Fifth Grade

- 12 pencil cap erasers
- 12 wooden pencils (#2 Ticonderoga)
- 1 pair scissors, 5" pointed tip
- 2 folders, 2 pocket/prong (1 each of blue, red, green and yellow)
- 2 spiral notebooks, wide ruled (70 sheets, non-perforated)
- 1 box colored pencils (12 pack)
- 2 highlighters any color
- 2 dry erase markers any color
- 1 box washable markers, classic colors, wide tip (8 pack)
- 1 box facial tissues
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 canister of antibacterial wipes
- 1 1" to 1-1/2 " binder (3 ring w/pockets)



SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Open House

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011

4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please take time to come to the middle school for your child's orientation or open house time.

Class Lists

Students will find their Advisory teacher's name and room number posted on the school doors by Friday, August 26. Schedules will not be mailed home. Students will receive their schedules on the first day of school in their Advisory classes. Teachers will take time to explain them at that time.

School Hours & Important Dates

Office Hours during school.....	7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Drop Off Time	Begins at 7:15 a.m.
Daily Schedule	7:25 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Picture Day	September 14, 2011

Sixth Grade Coffee Sale in September!



Buy good coffee, support a local business and help the sixth grade class go the camp. The sixth grade class is selling coffee by the pound to earn money for Sixth Grade Camp. We are offering Herman's Boy Coffee. The sale starts September 16th.

Meet in the Middle Meetings

Join us the 4th Monday of every month, starting Monday, September 26th
6:15 p.m. at the Administration Building.



Girls' Youth Basketball Camp Sets Record

More than 80 second through sixth grade girls attended the summer Youth Basketball Camp, surpassing all previous camps.

The girls learned dribbling, shooting, defense, passing and game basics during the four-day camp held in mid June. High school players helped each day teaching the basics and helping the girls learn to love the game of basketball. The highlight of each day is Dribble War - where players try to knock the ball away from the other participants while dribbling.

"We try to teach the basics, while having lots of fun," said Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach Matt McCallum. "Our program takes a lot of pride in the fact that the older players take an interest in the youth program and mentor the younger girls. It shows teamwork, unselfishness and giving back - three things we strive to teach these young ladies."

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2011-2012 School Year

Sixth Grade

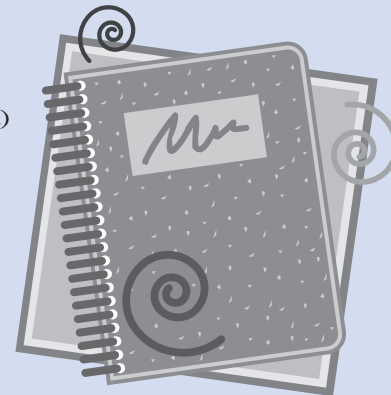
- 4 spiral notebooks (70 sheet)
- 1 set 3-ring dividers, 5-tab, colored
- 2 binders, 3-ring, 1.5"
- 12 wooden pencils (#2)
- 1 box colored pencils (12 pack)
- 12 pencil cap erasers
- 2 folders, 2-pocket (1 each of blue & red)
- 1 book cover - jumbo stretchable

Seventh Grade

- 4 binders, 3-ring, 1.5"
- 4 sets, 3-ring dividers, 8-tab, colored
- 12 #2 wooden pencils

Eighth Grade

- 12 wooden pencils (#2)
- 5 spiral notebooks (70 sheet)
- 1 ruler, 12", inch & cm
- 2 binders, 3-ring, 1"
- 1 set 3-ring dividers, 5-tab, colored
- 1 box colored pencils (12 pack)
- 1 box markers, narrow tip, classic colors (8 pack)
- 5 folders, 2-pocket/prong (assorted colors)
- 2 red ink pens
- 2 washable glue sticks
- 12 pencil cap erasers
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pack 1/4" graph paper



Sparta Middle School Honor Roll 2010-11 Third Trimester

6th Grade

Kathryn I. Anderson
Hayden Barr
Taylor M. Barr
Edward J. Battle
Grace B. Bender
Justin S. Bradford
Kirk S. Brown
Grace E. Buchanan
Bailey N. Burden
Mariah P. Burnham
Mitchell R. Byrne
Yazan A. Chabti
Monica Chavez
Wayne Chen
Andrew C. David
Bryce A. Davis
Sky E. Davis
Bridgette M. Devine
Lydia M. Dupont
Kamryn A. Eluskie
Brendon S. Engle
Holly M. Fahling
Carter Ferguson
Teegan R. Galdeen
Noah M. Graham
Emma E. Gray
Nicole E. Gray
Hannelore M. Green
Nicholas O. Hanson
Cody M. Havens
Molly Hill
Clarissa Hubert
Vanessa Hubert
Sarah Hudson
Caitlyn Hume
Amanda Hurst
Victoria Hyde
Dylan Jackson
Jenna Johnson
Jeremy Johnson
Quinn Johnson
Mya Kaliniak
Braden Kilpatrick

Claudia R. Knepper
Alexandria Kober
Carol Kovalenko
Riley Kutzli
Brittany N. LaVoie
Olivia Lawrence
Jesus Martinez
Joanna Martinez-Velazquez
Lysle E. Mattson
Matthew Mauer
Gabielle McColgan
Katelyn McCormick
Jacob Molhoek
Branson Moore
Kayleigh Moultrie
Chloe O. Noffke
Marissa Noorman
Victor Odren
Ryan Oldenburg
Emily Padilla
Madison M. Palethorpe
Kyle Pinckney
Jessica Poirier
Kyle Poling
Samantha Priest
Sarah Reiter
Nathan Robbins
Mark Ruark
Nathaniel Rummier
McKenna A. Schafer
Brayden Scheiwe
Madison S. Schwab
Decklyn Scott
Steven Sevarns
Brandon L. Shaw
Alec Sheneman
Abigail R. Slaktowski
Trenton E. Smith
Trisha Snyder
Caleb H. Soules
Amber Staniulis
Stephanie K. Swathwood
Maeve Tarala
Tamarra Thomas

Colton G. VanderLeest
Andrew VanderWall
Brienna Wagner
Christopher Westers
Benjamin Willcox
Julia R. Willer
Ryan Wooten
Allyson Wright
Natalie Wright
Tara L. Wudkewych
Olivia M. Zimmerman

7th Grade

Carley J. Andrews
Bailey M. Armock
Derek S. Austin
Jesse Berdan
Skylar Berenbrock
Amber Boyce
Troy L. Braspeninx
Jacob C. Brown
Jason C. Caniff
Amber L. Chapman
Erik Christafferson
Nokomis Clarey-Schultz
Australyah Coleman
Madeline C. Cook
Madison M. Cooper
Caitlin E. Cowdrey
Jared R. Coye
Nicholas D. Creveling
Aleisha R. Dickman
Michael Garza
Alexis W. Gerard
Jared M. Gunhus
Jacob A. Gurd
Alexis L. Hall
Kendra Hawley
Alexis G. Heimbaugh
Alexis R. Herrmann
Mollie E. Hill
Sydney Holland
Quinten Holman
Parker Hubert

Carley Hume
Alexis E. Jendrasiak
Olivia Kane
Devon Kleinheksel
Victoria Kovalenko
Hollis E. Krum
Kassidi Krzykwa
Emma Lemke
Nichole Longcore
Andrew MacLeod
Dakota Marble
Alexandria Marsman
Marie Martinek
Alexandra McKinley
Meghan McMurphy
Samuel Medley
Lizzy Miedzielec
Whitney Miller
Jorge A. Molina
Sarah V. Monterusso
Madison Myers
Kennedy Noel
Mackenzie Olmstead
Alexander Parris
Quinn Patrick
Jenyfer R. Pegg
Victor Perez
Makayla Popma
Noe Puga
Sydney R. Randle
Joel Rees
Jacob Richmond
Katelyn Richmond
Kelly Ring
Ryan Rittersdorf
Morgan Rowley
Josie Rozeveld
Renn Schipper
Ellie Shangle
Jason M. Shanks
Vanessa R. Simons
Jared D. Smith
Hannah M. Spedosky
Kailey R. Spetoskey

Tawnie A. Swanberg
Tiffany Tasma
Angela R. Taylor
Tori M. Telfor
Emily Tilli
Jonathan Tuinstra
Alanna R. Turnquist
Shelby Upton
Taylor VanOeffelen
Angela Verdugo
Brianna M. Wahlfield
Anna Wheeler
Randy Wilcox
Whitney Wildman
Zachary J. Wiseman
Erin L. Wooten
Brandon Young

8th Grade

Brooke Adams
Skylar Anderson
Rachel L. Brott
Abigail Brown
Arthur Brown
Justin Brown
Francesca Buchanan
Emily Byers
Joshua Carlisle
Noelia Chavez
Deanna V. Clum
Wyatt Cornett
James R. Dufort
Brianna M. George
Breanna S. Gray
Katherine M. Hamel
Danielle G. Hamell
Dakota Hommerson
Jessica Hoover
Alyssa M. Hulst
Erica Humphreys
MacKenzie Kerkstra
Cole Klein
Tori J. Klenk
Raymond Koren

Brianna J. Lewis
Abby Maki
Emily Maltman
Shelbie Marble
Abbie E. Marlette
Kyle May
Mary McHugh
Christopher Miller
Amber C. Mitchell
Amy Momber
Rebecca Michelle Nalley
Jessica Noorman
Cole Orlikowski
Nicholas Parris
Megan Postal
Colin Quackenbush
Anneliese Rademacher
Tucker Rader
Shanna Rasch
Jarilyn Regecki
Sarah Richmond
Bailey Rinal
Nathan Ring
Ashley Roberts
Matthew J. Roberts
Karlee Robinson
Bradley Ronning
Samantha Saenz
Kolton M. Shaw
Carter V. Shupe
Jeana Sixbury
Adam M. Sousa
Alyssa M. Stearns
Cody Stebbins
Andrea Taylor
Chloe Teliczan
Brittney TerBeek
Meagan VanMalsen
Brooklyn Ward
Hannah Wheeler
Danielle J. Wilde
Samantha Willetts



SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

HS Summer Office Hours

August 1 - September 1 Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch - noon to 1:00 p.m.)

Marilynn Bitely will be available in the main office.
Karen Bosscher will be available for guidance.

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.spartaschools.org, click on your school, then "calendar" to see the district wide calendar.

High School Hours

Students may enter the building at 7:15 a.m.

School hours are 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Important HS Dates

- August 23 Pictures, schedules & registration:
9:00-11:00 a.m. - 12th grade
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - 11th & 12th grade
5:00-7:00 p.m. - 10th, 11th, 12th grade
- August 26 First Football Game vs. Fremont
- August 30 Freshman Orientation - students & parents
7:00 p.m. (more info to be mailed)
- August 30 Open House - 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- September 5 Labor Day, No School
- September 6 First Day of School
- September 22 Academic Awards Assembly - 10:30 a.m.
- September 23 Parent Coffee, Principal's office - 7:45 a.m.
- October 14 Homecoming vs. Comstock Park
- October 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- May 22 Senior Awards - 7:00 p.m.
- May 31 Graduation at SHS - 7:30 p.m.

SEA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER for 2011

The Sparta Education Association Scholarship is a gift of \$1,000 from all of the professional staff members of Sparta Area Schools. Sparta's professional staff has collected this money to support a college bound student who plans to pursue a career in education. The 2011 winner of the Sparta Education Association Scholarship is Kayla Towers.

Kayla has been chosen as the winner because of her academic success and her commitment to helping children. She exhibits the qualities that our association wants to reward. Kayla has a strong work ethic, high standards, morality, selflessness, friendliness and wonderful personality which have placed her as an example for our entire student body.

The Sparta Education Association congratulates Kayla Towers!

High School Supply List

2011-2012 School Year

- Flash drive (2 GB or larger)
- 4, 3-ring binders (1 1/2" or 2")
- 4 packs of 5-8 tab dividers
- 2 packs of college-ruled notebook paper (*per semester*)
- 4 spiral notebooks (*per semester*)
- Pencil pouch
- Pack of #2 pencils
- Pack of black or blue pens
- Pack of highlighters
- Colored pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- Dictionary and Thesaurus
- Graphing calculator (T1-83 or T1-84)
- Sparta High School Academic Daily Planner
(*provided the first week of school*)

Schedules and Registration

All students must come to registration on August 23 to get their student picture identification taken. Student identification cards will be use for classroom text books, library books, and lunch account information. Returning students please bring your 2010-11 ID card with you to registration; you will use this until the new ones come in. Registration and pictures begin at the following times:

SENIORS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Parking permits for the 2011-12 school year will also be available for purchase on a first come, first serve basis.

Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen Orientation for all students in the "Class of 2015" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. Freshmen Orientation is an opportunity for students and parents to become acquainted with the programs and activities at Sparta High School. Students will receive their schedules, have their pictures taken and walk through their daily schedule. More information will be mailed.

Parents of freshmen students are invited to a parent orientation on the evening of Tuesday, August 30, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Class of 2012

Congratulations on your arrival to your senior year of high school! The yearbook staff set aside several pages specifically designed for seniors and we will need your help to complete these pages. Please contact Kim VanDusen at kimberly.vandusen@staff.spartaschools.org with any questions you might have.

Your senior photo is due by Wednesday, November 23. This should be a 2" x 3" shoulders-up shot. You can submit a printed copy or a digital image can be emailed to kim.vandusen@staff.spartaschools.org. **We will NOT be able to accept late pictures this year.** Baby photos must also be submitted by Wednesday, November 23.

AND, as always, be sure to order your yearbook early. Prices begin at \$50 until October 23. Be sure to check out jostensyearbooks.com to order your 2012 yearbook.

***The yearbook staff reserves the right to refuse inappropriate images that violate the student handbook.*

Guidelines for Senior Pictures Because contemporary clothing styles and poses change so quickly, Jostens recommends a traditional senior photo pose for placement in the yearbook. General guidelines for a traditional senior photo include: vertical format; indoor lighting with minimal background; head and shoulder position; no name or date printed on the photo. Most of the local photography studios facilitate this type of pose. Please have the photography studio send a copy directly to the high school upon request. Senior photos should be submitted to Mrs. Van Dusen.

Senior Bash News

Planning for the senior class of 2012 all-night after graduation party (BASH) has begun! We are looking for parents to help with fundraising, planning, promotion, communication and as chaperones. We need YOUR HELP now to help make this a fun, safe event for our graduates. Please call Cherie Vet @ 616-292-0339, Celia Thome @ 616- 887-9257 or Jan Shanahan @ 616-606-2434 to learn how you can help.

SPARTAN FOOTBALL VIP PARKING

The Sparta Class of 2012 BASH committee will again offer VIP PARKING for all home football games at JUST \$5 per vehicle. This lot is located close to the game—on the NW end of Spartan Field—immediately north of the press box. First come, first served for this preferred parking!

SKYBOX SUITE OPPORTUNITY

Spartan football has never looked better than from the SKYBOX SUITE! The skybox (located up in the south end of the press box) features comfortable seating for 4-5 persons and the best view in the stadium. Available for all home games, one may bid on the Skybox by calling Cherie Vet @ 292-0339. Bids begin at \$100. The winning bid will receive: free game admission, VIP parking, refreshments, recognition during the game and the best seats in the stadium! The Skybox Suite is sponsored by the senior class BASH committee. Don't miss this fun opportunity call and place your bid now!

5th Quarters

5th Quarters are intended to provide a safe and fun environment for high school students to socialize after certain home football games. During 5th Quarters, Sparta High School is open from 9:15 pm-11:00 pm. Students are able to choose from the following activities: open gym, open weight room, gaming systems, cards, board games, access to technology and movies. Transportation from the football field to the high school is available. Parents please pick your students up promptly at 11:00 pm. 5th Quarter dates for the fall of 2011 include September 9 & 16 and October 7.

Parents interested in volunteering, please call the high school at 887-8213, ext. 5.

FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Sparta Area Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$1.95 – 2.05 and breakfast for \$1.30 – 1.35. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced price lunches for \$0.40 and breakfasts for \$0.30. If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitution prescribed by a licensed physician at no extra charge. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department at your school. For further information, please call, **Tim Kleaveland 475 W. Spartan Dr., Sparta, MI 49345 616-887-1744.**

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free and reduced price school meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Tim Kleaveland 475 W. Spartan Dr., Sparta, MI 49345 616-887-1744.**
2. **WHO CAN RECEIVE FREE MEALS?** Children in households getting Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
3. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Marialyce Zeerip at 616.887.7070 homeless liaison or migrant coordinator to see if your child(ren) qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow any instructions if provided. Call the school at 616.887.1744 if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC). CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. An application must be filled out by WIC households.

9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE VERIFIED?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of any information provided on the application.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Mark Kasmer, Assistant Superintendent, 465 S. Union, Sparta MI 49345. Phone 616.887.8253.
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of the expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?** Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through MICHild and Healthy Kids Program. To apply online, go to www.michigan.gov/michild or call 1-888-988-6300 for help or to request a paper application.
17. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
18. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for Food Assistance Program (FAP) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-481-4989.

If you have other questions or need help, call **616-887-1744.**

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: **616-887-1744.**

Sincerely,

Tim Kleaveland, Food Service Director

Application instructions on next page



Sparta Area Schools Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

Part 1 - If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, check the appropriate category and verify with the district/school Homeless Liaison or Migrant coordinator at 616.887.8213
 Homeless Migrant Runaway List the Child's Name, Grade, and Building in Part 3.

Part 2 - If any member of your household received Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program(FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits.
 Name: _____ Case Number: _____ Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers
 If a case number is provided only students need to be listed in Part 3.

Part 3 - Household Names - List below <i>all</i> people living in your household, students and non-students, foster children, related or unrelated. For example, grandparents, other relatives, and/or friends, including yourself and children who live with you, <i>must</i> be listed.				Part 4 - Total Household Gross Incomes - Include the amount of money and circle how often it is received. If the person does not receive any income "\$0" must be circled in the column Circle if NO income. If you listed a FAP/FIP/FDPIR number in Part 2, skip to Part 5.									
Names	Circle Yes if Foster Child	Grade (if applicable)	Building Name (if applicable)	Circle if NO Income	Earnings from Work (before any deductions and taxes)		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		All Other Income		
					weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	
Example: <i>Jane Doe</i>	Yes			\$0	\$600	monthly			\$250	monthly			
1	Yes			\$0									
2	Yes			\$0									
3	Yes			\$0									
4	Yes			\$0									
5	Yes			\$0									
6	Yes			\$0									
7	Yes			\$0									
8	Yes			\$0									

Part 5 - Signature and Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number (Adult household member MUST sign and date.)
 If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four (4) digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a social security number box". See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the sponsor will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that sponsor officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Sign Here: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Address	City	Zip Code	County
Home/Cell Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	By providing your email address you may be notified via email of your eligibility for free and reduced price school meals.

form continued on next page

FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Application Instructions

Your children may qualify for free and reduced price school meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$840	\$775	\$388
2	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$1,134	\$1,047	\$524
3	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$1,429	\$1,319	\$660
4	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$1,723	\$1,591	\$796
5	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$2,018	\$1,863	\$932
6	\$55,482	\$4,624	\$2,312	\$2,134	\$1,067
7	\$62,549	\$5,213	\$2,607	\$2,406	\$1,203
8	\$69,616	\$5,802	\$2,901	\$2,678	\$1,339
*Each additional household member add:	\$7,067	\$589	\$295	\$272	\$136

IF YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD GETS FAP, FIP, OR FDPIR, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1: Skip this part.
- Part 2: List the name and case number for any household member (including adults) receiving FAP, FIP, or FDPIR.
- Part 3: List child(ren)'s name, grade, and building.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question.

If you are applying for a homeless, migrant, or runaway child, check the appropriate category and contact your Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator. Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ONLY FOSTER CHILD(REN), FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1: Skip this part.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: List the foster child(ren)'s name, circle Yes for foster child, and list grade and building.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question.



FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: (Includes households with WIC, homeless, migrant, runaway, and households with both foster and non-foster children.)

- Part 1: Complete if applicable.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Follow these instructions to report ALL household members:
 - Column 1 - Names: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Be sure to include all children. Attach another sheet of paper, if needed.
 - Column 2 - Circle Yes if Foster Child: Circle Yes if applicable.
 - Column 3 - Grade: Fill in the grade for each child attending school.
 - Column 4 - Building Name: Fill in the building name for each child attending school.
- Part 4: GROSS INCOME: Use this section to report all income in your household from the previous month: Next to each person's first and last name, list each type of income received last month. Next to the amount, circle how often the person got it (weekly, every 2 weeks, twice a month, or monthly).
 - All persons must claim some income, or indicate that they receive no income. If a person, including any child listed in part 3, does not have any income, then \$0 must be circled in the column labeled "Circle if NO Income."
 - Earnings from Work: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. Net income should ONLY be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
 - Welfare, Child Support, and Alimony: List the amount each person received last month.
 - Pensions, Retirement, and Social Security: List the amount each person received last month.
 - All Other Income: All Other Income includes Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, personal income from foster children, and any other income.
- Part 5: An adult household member must sign and date the form, list the last four (4) digits of their Social Security Number, or check the box "I do not have a Social Security Number."
- Part 6: Answer this question.

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Part 6 - Child's Racial/Ethnic Identity (optional)	
Check One or More Racial Identities: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Check One Ethnic Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Hispanic or Latino

Privacy Act Information: Social Security Number
The Richard B. Russell School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four (4) digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, list a FAP or FIP case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child, or indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.
In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

VERIFICATION - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Date Selected for Verification: _____		Date Follow-up/Second Notice: _____		Date of Adverse Notice Sent: _____	
Confirming Officials Signature: _____		Follow-up Official's Signature: _____		_____	
Response Due from Household: _____		Verification Official's Signature: _____		_____	
FAP/FIP/FDPIR/Foster Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Not confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed:	Income \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annual	Verification Result <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Paid <input type="checkbox"/> No Change	Reason for Eligibility Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Household Size <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to Cooperate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12		
Household Size: _____ Total Gross Income: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annual	Reason for Denial: <input type="checkbox"/> Income Too High <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Free <input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Free - Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)	
Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Date Dropped/Withdrawn: _____		

LEGAL NOTICES

ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION PER BOARD POLICY #2700

The Sparta Area Schools' district and building Annual Report for the 2010-11 school year will be available on the district website (www.spartaschools.org) by September 1, 2011. Copies of the report will also be available in the district Board offices at 465 S. Union St.

2260A - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR TITLE VI, IX, AND SECTION 504

SECTION I

If any person believes that the Sparta Area Schools or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, and (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, s/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator: Mr. Mark Kasmer, Assistant Superintendent, 465 S. Union St., Sparta, Michigan 49345.

SECTION II

The person who believes s/he has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complaint. S/he may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

- Step 1* - A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The Coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.
- Step 2* - If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, s/he may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.
- Step 3* - If the complainant remains unsatisfied, s/he may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within forty (40) days of receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting.
- Step 4* - If at this point the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

The local Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure.

A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice is based, may be found in the Civil Rights Coordinator's office.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION - Student Survey Participation per Board Policy #2416

No student shall be required - as part of the school program or the District's curriculum, without prior written consent of his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. political affiliations or beliefs of the student's or his/her parents
2. mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family
3. sexual behavior or attitudes
4. illegal, anti-social or self-incriminating behavior
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close, family relationships
6. legally recognized relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers
7. religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the students or his/her parents
8. income

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before it is administered by the school to the student.

Sparta Area Schools Procedure for Identifying, Assessing, and Referring LEP Students

Identification of Students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

1. All families of new students to the district will be given the Home Language Survey. The Home Language Survey is written in both English and Spanish, since these are the two dominant languages spoken in our area. In the event the district encounters a family which is unable to verbally communicate in English or Spanish, the district will assess assistance from other school districts in the Kent County Intermediate School District.
2. Based on the level of English proficiency determined, the ESL staff will determine the appropriate placement and instructional service to be provided to the student.

Referral of LEP Students

1. The ESL staff will meet with the building counselor assigned to the student and/or the building administration to determine the appropriate class schedule and services to be provided to the student.
2. Students who are monolingual or are determined to be two years or more below grade level will be provided service by the district's Bilingual program.

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be direct to: Nancy Smith, ESL Coordinator, Sparta Area Schools, 1655-12 Mile Road, Sparta, MI 49345, 616-887-2085.

DUAL ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

Sparta Area Schools must notify parents and students in grades 8-12 regarding provisions of Public Act 160—Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act, which is more commonly known as Dual Enrollment. We consider this newsletter as our means to meet this obligation.

Public Act 160 requires school districts to use state school aid funds to pay college tuition and fees for high school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to attend a Michigan public or private degree-granting post secondary institution, under certain conditions:

Requirements/conditions for Dual Enrollment:

1. Students are in grades 11 or 12.
 2. Students meet the qualifying score(s) in one of the following assessments: MME, ACT, ACT PLAN, or College Board PSAT.
Note: Students are eligible to take courses such as computer science, foreign language, political science, or psychology as long as they have 'taken' all the sections of the MME, ACT, ACT PLAN or PSAT. State endorsement is not required in any specific area for this participation.
 3. Students must be enrolled in both the post-secondary institution and the school district during the regular academic year.
 4. The district must not offer the college courses.
Note: an exception may occur if the local board of education determines a scheduling conflict exists which is beyond the student's control.
 5. The courses cannot be a hobby, craft, or a recreation course, or in the subject areas of Physical Education, Theology, Divinity, or Religious education.
- Please contact the high school counselors for further information and details regarding Dual Enrollment.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

A parent or guardian shall be permitted to inspect all instructional materials used by the District in the instructional program. Instructional materials shall include teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary materials.

Any questions or inquiries regarding the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), should be directed to: Kent Swinson, Superintendent, Sparta Area Schools, 465 S. Union St., Sparta MI 49345

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Dear Students and Parents in Sparta School District:

From time to time the district may be requested to make available certain information known as "directory information". The Board of Education designates student "directory information" as a student's name, address, telephone number, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight, if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received, or any other information which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

This notice is consistent with Board Policy #8330 Operations.

Parents and adult students may refuse to allow the district to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification of the district within twenty (20) school days after receipt of this notice.

Mr. Kent Swinson, Superintendent, Sparta Area Schools, 465 S. Union St., Sparta MI 49345

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Sparta Area Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in its programs and activities. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Sparta Area School District has appointed Mr. Joe Droski as Coordinator of Title IX, Mr. Mark Kasmer as Coordinator of Title II, VI, and the Age Discrimination Act and Mrs. Susan Gates as the Coordinator of Section 504.

Inquiries concerning the application of, or grievances for, any of these regulations should be address to: Mr. Mark Kasmer, Assistant Superintendent, 465 S. Union St., Sparta MI 49345 (616) 887-8253

Any person who feels that the rights of an individual have been violated in relationship to the provision of equal opportunity in any education programs and activities, or in employment, may contact Mr. Kasmer.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

In compliance with public act 399 of 1976, the Michigan safe Drinking Water Act, R 325.10416, Sparta Area Schools has completed a source water assessment for White Early Childhood Center and Englishville High School. Water samples were collected and tested for: coliform bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, metals, volatile organic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, lead and copper. The water collected at both sites met Michigan's drinking water standards. A copy of the summary of water sampling data for both buildings is available, free of charge, upon request from: Operations Supervisor, Sparta Area Schools, 429 S. Union St., Sparta, MI 49345

You may also contact the Operations Supervisor by calling 616-887-0136 during normal business hours.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all of our buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the District will be taking regarding asbestos containing material found in our buildings.

Even though the High School, Ridgeview, Administration and Transportation buildings do not contain asbestos materials, in compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERTA) of 1990, we have an Asbestos Management Plan on file at the transportation office at 429 S. Union St., Sparta.

The Management Plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours.

Our goal is to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this problem reflects that concern. Please let us know if we can answer and questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE - ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Sparta Area School District hereby provides notice to parents, guardians and the general public of the 2002 Asbestos Management Plan for the district.

In accordance with EPA 40 CFR Part 763 - Asbestos containing materials in buildings, please note:

Inspections, periodic re-inspections and surveillance, and related activities are ongoing within school district buildings according to EPA 40 CFR Part 763, Parts 1, 2, 3, and OSHA 29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926.

Building management plans are available for review in the Operations Supervisor's Office. Questions may be directed to Tony Smolinski, 887-7507 ext. 206

PESTICIDE ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS OF SPARTA AREA SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a part of the Sparta Area School District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to a school, day-care, or grounds. Advanced notice will be given by posting at the entrance to the school, day care, or grounds. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. Parents requesting prior notification must complete a notification form yearly. The information below can be filled in and submitted to:

Director of Operations, Sparta Area Schools, 429 S. Union St., Sparta, Michigan 49345

You may also contact the Transportation Office at 616-887-0136 if you have any further questions regarding this letter.

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PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Please Check Any One:

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

I wish to be notified prior to scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.

I wish to be contacted by phone, e-mail or written information to my child (circle one)

E-mail address: _____

Signature _____ Date _____



ENGLISHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Englishville Welcomes Marialyce Zeerip

During the 2010-11 school year Matt Spencer held the role of principal at Sparta High School and Englishville High School. Matt will remain at Sparta High School for the 2011-12 school year no longer splitting time at Englishville. With this change we welcome Marialyce Zeerip as the principal at Englishville. Marialyce Zeerip, who is currently our Director of Title Grants & Auxiliary Services, will continue in that role but also take on the principalship at Englishville. She brings with her years of experience within the Sparta School District. Marialyce is excited to begin this new journey and work with the staff and students of Englishville.

Open House

Wednesday, September 13, 2011
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Englishville School Hours

Students may enter the building at 7:20 a.m.
School hours are 7:35 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Englishville Is Now Accepting Applications

Englishville is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year. As Sparta's alternative high school, Englishville provides a personalized setting for teens who prefer a smaller, more individualized learning environment. Both Sparta High School and Englishville High School provide students with a quality academic experience. Yet the schools are purposely quite different from each other.

Englishville is small. It offers an alternative approach, one which is structured but personal in nature. For many students, this more personalized approach is a big help when it comes to achieving success in school. Englishville is a "full service" high school. Transportation, school lunch, personal and academic counseling, and school nurse services are all available at Englishville. Placement at the Kent Career/Technical Center can also be arranged for qualified students. Englishville is a small high school which is designed for students who desire a more personalized approach to schooling. It is not right for everyone, but it may be right for you or your teen.

The school year begins Tuesday, September 6th. If you would like more information or wish to apply for enrollment at Englishville, please call Marialyce Zeerip at 887-7316.

Englishville Summer Office Hours

August 15 - 17 Mon. - Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Starting August 22 Mon. - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Restoring Native Wildflowers and Grasses

Ms. Wyman's high school special education class and Mrs. Blackall's third grade classes took steps to eradicate phragmites, an aggressive dominant invasive species, from the high school. They hand cut the seed heads and put them in bags. Next fall, the DNR will provide herbicide for the remaining plants. Plans are being made to restore native wildflowers and grasses on the school grounds, but the phragmites could take over when the ground has been disturbed. (A neighbor unknowingly brought some to the area from a friend's garden and it spread by seed and rhizomes.) Teams of students supported each other as they seriously stopped an environmental problem. Next spring the classes will plant two fields of wildflowers, and observe friendships and flowers blossom at the same time!

Sharing Information with other Programs

Your child may qualify for other programs, based on the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.

- NO!** I DO NOT want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with any of these programs. If you checked no, stop here. You do not have to complete or send in this form. Your information will not be shared.
- YES!** I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application with **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE.**
- YES!** I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with _____
(Name of program specific to your school)
- YES!** I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with _____
(Name of program specific to your school)

If you check "Yes" to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call 887-1744.

Return this form to: Tim Kleaveland, Food Service Director, 475 W. Spartan Drive, Sparta, MI 49345

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Coming in August from the Sparta Education Foundation



The Sparta Education Foundation will be selling a 2011-2012 school and community calendar to help raise funds for the "extras for education". The full color calendar showcases student artwork and classroom pictures, plus important school and community dates. The calendars will be offered for \$10.00 each. Sales will start in August at the community farm market, school open houses and school buildings.

You won't want to miss out!