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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MS. ANGELLE

Felicia M. Angelle, Principal

I cannot believe that spring break will be here in no time at all. The school years always seem to pass by so quickly. This is always such a busy time of year, especially when there are “snow days”. The teachers are working hard to ensure that our 3rd- 5th grade students are ready for the new Georgia Milestone tests that will begin the Wednesday after spring break. I have observed the teachers doing some unique and creative things to provide students with extra practice and remediation to ensure their success and confidence when they take the Milestones. Hopefully, many of you were able to attend the informative parent workshop held on February 23rd on how to help your child to be prepared for the Georgia Milestone written portion of the test, taught by our parent and Partner in Education, Jennifer Hoyer (Owner, Academic Solutions). In addition, our teachers work extremely hard to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners to prepare them for the next grade. The days of a “cookie cutter” approach to learning are gone! I have confidence that our students will perform well on the new state tests and show their critical thinking skills when answering the extended responses on the writing portions of the tests.

This is also the time of the year that we begin to consider student placement for next school year. Let me take this time to review our school's procedures for assigning students to classes. The faculty and administration take the placement process seriously. To the best of our ability, with what we understand about each child, we will plan classes that are heterogeneous, a mix and balance of boys, girls, abilities, and styles. Also parents' thoughts about their children's needs will be valued in considering class placement for next year.

Our procedures at Shallowford Falls is as follows:

1. Parents are welcome to put in writing, to the principal, their placement concerns before classes are formed for the next year. Written notes should be on specific concerns. Not every parent needs to write a letter. Letters will be accepted from April 13th – April 30th.
2. Parents may not request a specific teacher. A particular learning environment or specific characteristic will be considered.
3. A request for a child to be separated from another child for whatever reason may be put in writing. We make every effort to honor these requests; however, parents need to be aware that other considerations may prevent this.
4. All requests will be carefully considered, but there will be no individual responses.
5. Class lists for the 2015-2016 school year will be posted outside the front doors at 3:00p.m. on July 29th. Meet and Greet will be held on July 30th and the class lists will be posted.

We appreciate your efforts to continue to make school a priority with your children.

OUR FOXES ARE WRITE ON TRACK!

Toni Samuolu, Kindergarten Teacher

To celebrate great writing, we held our annual Shallowford Falls writing fair in February and chose the following winners. ***Indicates grade-level winner. We are proud of our Fox writers!

Kindergarten

Bannister:
Sydney Davies
Keller: Kori Samuolu
Lawton: Lilly Mills
Samuolu:
Nancy Callan ***
Sharpe:
Makai Boothman

First Grade

Davies: Samantha Karel
Kaplowitz: Pepper Peace
Marco:
Ava Grace Langub
McConnell:
Sophie Ramos
Provost:
Deniz Ayden ***

Second Grade

Allen: Cammie Baker
Bixby:
Dylan Tolchinsky ***
Boguess:
Mary Beth Childs and
Piper Bowling
Hollinger: Elaine Do
Smith: Abby Carr

Third Grade

Adams: Elina Natu
Fields:
Samantha Gully
Huie:
Isabella Nambiar
Kelley: Maeve Astorga
Koening:
Victoria Domato ***

Fourth Grade

Dickerson: Angie Zhu
DeVigne:
Navia Robinson
Drew: Laura Kang ***
Guay: Sadie Suresh
Puckett:
Matthew Worley

Fifth Grade

Alfonso: Sara Rose
Schmiedeknecht
Benton:
Cameron Madsen
Mello:
Mick Marcuzzi ***
Muller: Kerris Foley
Svagdis: Boozer Downs

FROM THE PEN OF THE PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Kimberly Lassiter and Katye Whalen, PTA Co-presidents



The PTA would like to say, first and foremost, thank you for an amazing year! While this is officially a “Spring” letter, we have to mention the Fall event that allowed us to have such an amazing year. The Fox Trot Fun Run back in October was our most successful fundraiser ever, and we could not have done it without the

support of all of our families, teachers and staff. Thank you to Kelley Dodd and Nina Corya for all their help and hard work, as well as the numerous volunteers that made the Fun Run such a hit! This “success” provides us with even more capacity to support our teachers, our administration, and of course, our children! As many of you know, the PTA was able to purchase a new iPad for each classroom in the school, as well as give back to the teachers to allow them to purchase much-needed supplies and learning materials for their classrooms. Additionally, we were able to support Shallowford Falls’ STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) initiative with STEM training for every teacher and units for their classrooms. Because this is a top priority of Ms. Angelle and Ms. Goodman, PTA has made it one of our top priorities as well!

Thank you for attending our Sock Hop on January 9th - it’s always exciting for the kids to be inside the school but not in session, and for all of our parents and families to join in on the fun! Thank you to Melissa Steiner for planning this great Sock Hop! We spent the week of February 9th thanking our teachers and staff for making Shallowford Falls such an incredible school during Teacher Appreciation Week. Our PTA supported the first Mix It Up day on Friday the 13th, where students were encouraged to sit with someone they don’t know well during lunch. This is a nationwide initiative focused on teaching kindness, support and empathy in our children. We also had a great Exceptional Children’s Week in February, which was topped off with a visit from some special guests representing Canine Companions for Independence in grades K-2 and Parker Grelecki and his parents for grades 3-5. Thank you to our guests, and especially our Committee Chair, Sara Graves, for orchestrating!

Coming Soon: Spring Book Fair and Arts Enrichment Day! The Spring Book Fair will be kicking off on Friday March 27th and running through Thursday April 2nd, so please come by the Media Center and check it out! We are also very excited about our very first Arts Enrichment Day on Friday April 3rd. Artists from all mediums will be coming to our school to share their passion and experience in the art world! A big thank you to Lisa Podolski for planning this inaugural day!

Our nominating committee is currently hard at work finalizing the slate of candidates for the 2015/16 PTA Board, but in the meanwhile, we would like to thank the following members who served on our Board for the 2014/15 school year: Kimberly Lassiter, Katye Whalen, Kelly Marcuzzi, Julie Lahti, Kelley Dodd, Megan Gregory, Therese Wicht, Jennifer Lubs, and Kevin Springer. We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to all of our parent volunteers and the time and effort you put into our school. It takes everyone - our students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff, to make Shallowford Falls the amazing school that it is. We hope that everyone has a safe, HEALTHY, and happy rest of the school year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

Bridget Karins, Counselor

This is the time of year 5th grade students and parents start thinking about all the big changes next year will bring. Our feeder middle schools work closely with us to provide activities to help our students make that transition successfully.

- **Parent Meetings:** Both Simpson and Hightower have held Parent Meetings in the last month to provide an overview of the middle school experience. Notices for both meetings were in the Quick as a Fox and the 5th grade teacher’s blogs.
- **Middle School Counselor Visits:** Both Simpson and Hightower 6th grade counselors visit Shallowford Falls and meet with their prospective students. They give a presentation and students have the opportunity to ask questions and hear about a typical day in middle school. These visits this year will take place from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on May 7th.
- **Middle School Field Trips:** Students travel to either Simpson or Hightower for a visit. They participate in an orientation, a tour of the building and usually get to hear the band, orchestra and chorus perform. Students really enjoy getting to see their future school during a normal school day. Our Simpson trip will take place in the morning on May 4th. The Hightower trip will take place in the morning on May 12th.
- **Summer Camps:** Future Hightower and Simpson students are typically invited to sign up for a one day “camp” conducted by the middle schools. These events are designed to give students a more extensive introduction to their new middle school. We don’t have details yet for how to sign up and what’s included in the camp, but you can check your middle school website for more information as it becomes available later this spring.

In our counselor lessons in May, we will be practicing how to open a combination lock. One of the best ways to help ease the new school jitters is to send your child with the confidence that they can open their locker. You might even want to provide opportunities over the summer for them to practice by purchasing a lock at any discount or hardware store.

Finally, keep in mind that students are expected to complete a summer reading assignment once they begin middle school. We don’t have any details yet, but as soon as it becomes available, we will share that information with you. The best way to keep up with that information is to visit your child’s middle school website.

NOMINATING NEWS

Kelly Marcuzzi, Committee Member

Believe it or not, both the PTA and Foundation are already thinking ahead to the next school year! We would like to thank the following members of the nominating committee who are working diligently to slate both of our Executive Boards: Mrs. Angelle, Mrs. Goodman, Sara Graves, Jennifer Lubs, Kelly Marcuzzi, Megan Murray, Lora Ramos and Kelly Wardrop. Thank you!

In order to be compliant with our PTA bylaws, we must nominate and elect a 2015/2016 PTA Executive Board before the end of April 2015. The nominating committee would like to submit the following slate of officers to be voted upon at our April 2nd, 2015 PTA meeting:

Co-President: Erica Folkens

Co-President: Therese Wicht

VP of Ways and Means: Lindsay Harris

VP of Programs and Events: Megan Gregory

VP of Membership: Kevin Springer

VP of Communications: Julie Lahti

Treasurer: Amy Grice

Secretary: Megan Murray

The nominating committee will continue to work to fill our 2015/2016 Foundation Executive Board. The available positions are as follows:

- VP Events (board position): Need someone organized and detail/task oriented to be in charge of the Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction event, our major fundraiser, and Meet & Greet at the beginning of the year. This is mainly a project manager type position.
- VP Fundraising (board position): Need a high-level thinker, strategic planner, relationship-focused, with people skills, good communications skills
- Secretary

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, or would be interested in filling one of the Foundation Board positions, please email Kelly Marcuzzi at klmarcuzzi@gmail.com.

We are also in search of people who have interest in serving as a Committee Chair for either, or both, of our great organizations. What makes our school GREAT, are the WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! Volunteering for the PTA and Foundation can be incredibly rewarding, not only do you have the opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people, but you really to take ownership in your child's education process. You have a chance to make a direct impact in so many things in the classroom, the school, and the community. Volunteering also allows you to get to know the administration. It is a wonderful use of your time!

Foundation News

Mirna Lee and Meredith Warlick, Co-presidents

The Foundation Board would like to thank all the families and staff for your support this school year. We have been able to accomplish so much with your help.

We funded the STEM Lab and Technology Lab and are so grateful for our wonderful teachers Mrs. Mills and Ms. Wilson!

We are proud to sponsor our Science Olympiad Team who just won 3rd place in the largest regional competition in the state! Congratulations to all the students and thank you to all the coaches and parents! We are looking forward to the state competition on May 16th.

We collaborated with PTA to provide various STEM materials and training for all our teachers as well as attain a goal of having more iPads in each classroom. The Foundation just purchased a set of 20 iPads to be given to the teachers soon. We started a school year with most classrooms having zero iPads and will end the year with all classrooms having one to three!

Our 2nd Annual STEM Night is coming up on April 23rd, so look for more information on this fun family event soon. We hope to see you there!

We also provided IXL to all our students and teacher grants for classroom needs, purchased Lego WeDos and Bee Bots, sponsored Science Fair and Math Olympiad, and much more!

All added up, we are looking to spend \$80,000 by end of this school year – all invested in our children's education and our school, with your support! Thank you for donating through family investment and participating in our Super Raffle and Silent Auction fundraisers. Thank you for enrolling your children for FAST classes and coming to our events. We couldn't have done any of this without you! With your continued support, we are looking forward to keep bringing these and additional programs to our students. Thank you!



Media Center Connection

Janice Kelley, Media Specialist

Despite the snow days, we have been busy learning in the media center. We have researched the phases of the moon, planets, Martin Luther King, Jackie Robinson, Teddy, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and our ancestors. The children have enjoyed using the iPads, reading Dr. Seuss books and learning how to post book reviews on Destiny. We are looking forward to our fifth grade immigration reenactment and having visiting authors at our Performing Arts Day.

The Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon, Volunteer Luncheon and two rising Kindergarten events have been hosted in the media center. Next up, is our fabulous Under the Sea Book Fair at the end of March. This spring we will be offering parents the opportunity to come to visit the book fair at the

same time your child does. This will be a time for you to look over the selection of books and make some of your choices at that time. We will also have our Taco Tuesday Evening Event, which will be a fun family time for everyone. There will be two food trucks (a taco truck and a mac & cheese truck) so you can eat dinner as well as shop the book fair. Look for information about the book fair coming home soon.

As always, we want to thank our dozens of media center volunteers who make it possible for us to have time for instructing your children. The volunteers shelve books, help decorate and run our book fair. We could never have the media program we have without your help. Thank you to our wonderful Shallowford Falls family for your support!

Honoring Our Heroes

Amy Grice, Committee Chair

Honoring Our Heroes is a student writing program designed for students to write about their real-life heroes and role models. The person our Shallowford Foxes wrote about displayed one or more of the following characteristics: generosity, trust, persistence, dedication, leadership, creativity, caring, bravery, imagination, service, gentleness, courage, or compassion.

As a PTA we want you to redefine media-hyped and cartoon heroes such as professional athletes, movie stars, and rock musicians and instead recognize someone who has made a more personal impact on a student's life such as a family member, doctor, public safety officer, soldier, or teacher.

We were very lucky to have several entries and were able to send 6 of our winners to Cobb County to compete for State finalists spots.

County Finalists (1st Place):

Kindergarten - Kori Samuelu
 1st Grade - Gabriel Podolski
 2nd Grade - Rahul Kudva
 3rd Grade - Kelly Wu
 4th Grade - Matthew Worly
 5th Grade - Kemper Hodges

School Winners (2nd Place):

1st Grade – Aadarsh Srinivasan
 2nd Grade – Marshall Grice
 4th Grade – Angie Zhu & Alex Hocutt
 5th Grade – Ellen Kim

Congratulations to our winners and we look forward to more entries next year.

FROM THE CLINIC

Pam Heath, RN, School Nurse

Believe it or not, spring is right around the corner. With the arrival of spring in Atlanta comes pollen and allergies. Please make sure if your child has seasonal allergies their medication has not expired. If your child is prescribed allergy medicine, make sure you have a refill or two. It is always a good idea to start medication a few weeks before the pollen comes. This will ensure a steady level of medication in the blood stream to help fend off allergic reactions. Also this is a good time to make sure your Epi-pens have not expired. I will be going through your child's Epi-pens at school to check for expiration dates.

There seems to be some stomach bugs going around. If your child vomits at home he/she may not return to school for 24 hours as stated in the Cobb County Manual. If your child is sent home with vomiting or diarrhea, he/she may not return for 24 hours. This goes for a fever as well.

Please remember that the single most important way to prevent the spread of germs is good hand washing techniques. Make sure your children wash their hands before they eat and when they come in from playing outside.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Janice Kelley, Media Specialist

Our Lolligram sale was a surprise this year. After making only \$300 last year, we did not stock up for this sale, thinking it would be the same thing. We even lowered the price to make sure we wouldn't get stuck with a lot of leftovers. We were shocked when we sold out of our supply the first day. We were even more shocked when we got 200 more from Kincaid and sold out of those in 10 minutes. We apologize for the mix-up and for any students who were disappointed that we ran out. We'll try to plan better next year.



We will have one more fundraiser before the end of school. Remember that all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society for use here in Cobb County. If you know someone who has cancer, please consider making a contribution to this very worthwhile charity.

WE'RE ALL ABOUT THE BOOKS

Janice Kelley, Media Specialist

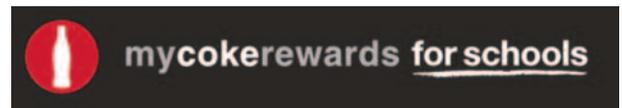
Our Shallowford Falls Reading Bowl had a very successful competition season this winter. After practicing weekly since August, reading 16 award-winning books, writing countless questions to use to drill, our team was ready to compete at the County Reading Bowl on January 18th. We placed second and moved on to the next round in Carrollton at the University of West Georgia. At that competition we tied for second and had to have a tiebreaker, which we unfortunately lost to a strong Marietta City School. Our season ended there, but NOT our enthusiasm for reading. Our outstanding readers on our team were:

Hunter Bradley
Oscar Ding
Shweta Krishnan
Lauren Lassiter
Mick Marcuzzi

Madison Nathan
Beau Richards
Maddie Roy
Avanti Satoskar
Gavin Smail



Don't forget to bring in...



EASY MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

By Kristin Kletzel, Committee Chair

Are you looking for an easy way to help Shallowford Falls earn money? Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and Coke Rewards are the answer. They are all ways you can help our school with little effort.

Box Tops for Education (BTFE) provides direct funds biannually to help the school with whatever it needs. Since starting participation, Shallowford Falls has earned over \$19,000 through the program. To help, simply find the Box Top on one of hundreds of products, clip and send into school. There is a collection box in the front of the school by the office. Each Box Top is worth ten cents to the school. You can also go on line to www.boxtops4education.com and enter to win sweepstakes to earn Shallowford Falls extra Box Tops.

Labels for Education is another way to help the school acquire things they need, but works a little differently. Rather than receiving a check, Shallowford Falls accumulates point with which they can purchase items from a catalog provided by Labels for Education. The catalog has items ranging from sports and athletic equipment to arts and academic supplies. There are over 2,500 products that participate in the Labels for Education program. To help, simply collect the UPC from beverage/sauce caps from participating products and send to school. They can be placed in the same container as the Box Tops for Education located near the office.

Rather than points, Coca-Cola now directly donates money to schools for their reward programs. All Coca-Cola products have a code that can be redeemed for cash for Shallowford Falls. Simply create an account at www.mycokerewards.com, enter the codes from the Coca-Cola products and choose to donate to Shallowford Falls. You can also drop off tops in the container outside the office.

Thank you for all you do to help provide for the students at Shallowford Falls.

LEGISLATIVE U • P • D • A • T • E

CONTACT LEGISLATORS TODAY ABOUT SB 152 - CREATING BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Source: PAGE report

Cobb County School Board Meeting Dates:

Wednesday March 11, 2015 8:30 AM

Thursday March 26, 2015 7:00 PM

Wednesday April 15, 2015 8:30 AM

Thursday April 30, 2015 7:00 PM

SB 152 creates a hybrid or blended retirement system, the "Georgia Teachers Pension and Savings Plan," set to begin January 1, 2017. The new plan affects anyone who first becomes eligible for Teacher Retirement System of Georgia (TRS) on or after January 1, 2017. The new plan will also cover anyone whose TRS status becomes inactive and then rejoins the plan after 2017.* Current TRS members may remain in their current TRS plan so long as they maintain active membership in TRS. Should they choose, current members have the option of enrolling in the new plan.

Overall, this bill represents a significant reduction in benefits for anyone participating in the new plan. A great deal of the language of the bill is unclear and many of the finer points of the plan are left unanswered. This is a fiscal bill that, if passed, will require actuarial study, and would only be able to be voted on in the second year of the biennium, next legislative session.

The bill divides the retirement plan into two distinct sections, a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan in the form of a 401(k). Membership in the defined benefit portion of the plan is mandatory while contributions to the 401(k) appear to be optional.

Under the defined benefit plan:

- Members will contribute between 5% and 6% of their salary to be determined by the TRS board of trustees.**
- Members will receive 1% of their highest average monthly salary, from a period of 24 consecutive months, multiplied by their years of service (this number is currently 2%, and represents a significant reduction from the current benefit).
- No salary increase of greater than 5% will be recognized in a 12 month period.
- Cost of living adjustments (COLAs) may be given by the TRS board but are not prefunded by the legislature.
- Accumulated sick leave, available for retirement credit under the current plan, may be unavailable under the new plan dependent upon subsequent legislation.
- A member may qualify for disability retirement after ten years of creditable service and certification by the TRS medical board.

- The bill only allows credit in TRS for TRS covered positions, service transferred from ERS, and certain specified military service. Currently, members are able to transfer service credit from several federal positions, some private schools, some out of state public schools, and some colleges and universities.

Under the defined contribution/401(k) plan:

- Members will automatically be enrolled at a 5% contribution rate but may adjust this amount.
- It appears that a member may adjust their contribution up to a limit set by federal law pertaining to 401(k) contributions or as low as zero though the language in the bill is unclear.
- It further appears, though is unclear from the language of the bill, that members will be unable to withdraw any money from the 401(k) while employed in a TRS covered position.
- Once a member contributes an amount equal to 1% of their total salary the employer will contribute an equal 1%.
- The employer will then match employee contributions at a rate of 50% up to a total of 2% of the employee salary.
- Member contributions to the 401(k) are fully vested and employer contributions become vested in the 401(k) at a rate of 20% per year with full vesting taking place at the end of 5 years.

In researching the bill we have contacted the executive director of TRS and will continue to reach out to legislators about the details of this bill. We will share details with members as they become available. If you have questions please contact PAGE and reach out to your local legislators from your personal e-mail address. See below for information on how to contact your legislators.

Be sure to use your personal e-mail address and phones to contact legislators.

Creator of Bill
Senator Hunter Hill
Hunter.Hill@senate.ga.gov

*This point needs clarification as it potentially conflicts with current law O.C.G.A. 47-3-60(e.1) which allows members whose accounts have gone inactive, but have not withdrawn their funds from TRS, to reactivate their accounts after rendering one year of membership service subsequent to the break in service.

**This contribution rate is not spelled out in the new law. O.C.G.A. 47-3-41 allows the TRS board of trustees to set the contribution rate at no less than 5% or more than 6% of members compensation.



Peter Pan

Brenda Opie, Co-director

Congratulations to the 42 members of the Opie Marco Productions club, a Foundation supported activity, for bringing Peter Pan to life on stage at Hightower Trail Middle School on Feb. 27, 28, and March 1. These students along with their coaches, Diane Marco, Brenda Opie, and Jennie Opie, started our journey to Never Land in September 2014. After almost six months of practice after school 2 to 3 times a week, our very talented and dedicated group of kids was absolutely phenomenal in their presentations. We did not succumb to the bad weather; instead, we worked even harder to wow our audiences every night and our Sunday matinee and WOW them we did. We were so proud when we heard all the enthusiastic clapping and cheering as we performed each show.

As coaches, we saw enormous growth in our students as they gained confidence on the stage with their acting, singing, and dancing. They also became top-notch problem solvers, as they had to make spur of the moment decisions regarding what was occurring on stage. They learned the importance of hard work by being prepared with all lines learned for each practice. One of the most inspirational parts of this journey was watching our kids working together as a team and supporting each other's efforts.

This amazing experience could not have happened without the help of our many coaches, parent and community helpers: Brenda Opie, Diane Marco, Jennie Opie, Lindsey Drew, Kim Puckett, Trish Douglas, Paul DeVigne, Janice Kelley, Patti Griffith, and V Tugel. Thanks to Trudi Bayless, Emily Bayless, and Peggy Hatcher for giving us the best in sound. A huge thank you to all of our Moms and Dads who volunteered for our various committees. We could not have done this without you! We believe these children and their families will always treasure this special journey we took together to Never Land.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Debi Goodman and Kimeron Puckett, Teachers

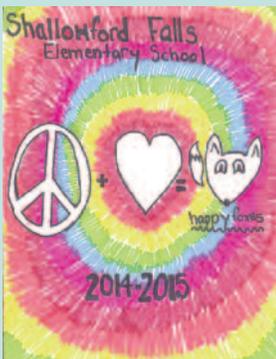
The Cobb County Regional Science Olympiad was held at Walton High School on Saturday, March 7th. This was the largest regional competition in the state with 33 teams. There are 18 events and we have 20 students on our team. We have 8 fifth grade students, 6 fourth grade students and 6 third grade students. This is our youngest team ever!

Our team scored in the top 10 in 13 out of the 18 events! This is quite an accomplishment with 33 teams represented—half the size of the state competition. After all the scores—we are 3rd in the Cobb County Regional Science Olympiad! We are on our way to the State Science Olympiad on May 16th at KSU!

Bridge Building	1st place	Beau Richards(5) Safa Siddiqui (5) Coaches – Mrs. Mills and Ms. Mello
Disease Detectives	2nd place	Malli Gutta (5) Elina Natu (3) Coach – (parent) Smita Muddana
Simple Machines	2nd place	Sam Tegethoff (4) Victoria Domato (3) Coach – Ms. Svagdis and Mrs. Muller
Rock Hounds	3rd place	Patrick Astorga (5) Tate Smith (5) Coach – (parent) Anneke Smith
Don't Bug Me	4th place	Emily Lee (4) Jyotsna Prabhu (4) Coaches – Mr. Puckett and Ms. Angelle
Leaf and Tree Finder	4th place	Safa Siddiqui (5) Evan Hart (4) Coach – (parent) Pradeep Gutta
Weather or Not	5th place	Joseph Sengpiel (5) Ben Lee (4) Coaches – Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Lawton, Ms. Allen and Ms. Boggess
Deep Blue Sea	7th place	Jay Natu (3) Alex Stephens (3) Coaches – Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Martin
Grasp a Graph	7th place	Emily Lee (4) Mircea Ghetu (3) Coaches – Mrs. Bixby and Mrs. McCord
Starry Night	7th place	Angie Zhu (4) Mircea Ghetu (3) Coach – Mrs. Taylor
Straw Tower	8th place	Timothy Rainey (5) Sam Tegethoff (4) Coach – Ms. Drew
Mystery Architecture	9th place	Timothy Rainey (5) Simer Sodhi (5) Coach – Mrs. Guay
Elements Compounds and Mixtures	9th place	Joseph Sengpiel (5) Angie Zhu (4) Coaches – Mrs. Alfonso and Mrs. Benton

Thank you to all our Science Olympiad kids – Patrick Astorga (5), Malli Gutta (5), Timothy Rainey (5), Beau Richards (5), Joseph Sengpiel (5), Safa Siddiqui (5), Tate Smith (5), Simer Sodhi (5), Evan Hart (4), Ben Lee (4), Emily Lee (4), Jyostna Prabhu (4), Sam Tegethoff (4), Angie Zhu (4), Kristen Dickerson (3), Victoria Domato (3), Mircea Ghetu (3), Elina Natu (3), Jay Natu (3), Alex Stephens (3)

Thank you to all of our parent coaches – Anneke Smith, Smita Muddana, Pradeep Gutta. Thank you to all of our Shallowford Falls staff coaches – Ms. Angelle, Ms. Marco, Mrs. Provost, Mrs. Guay, Ms. Drew, Mrs. Mills, Ms. Mello, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Kaplowitz, Mrs. Alfonso, Mrs. Benton, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Lawton, Ms. Allen, Ms. Boggess, Ms. McConnell, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Bixby, Mrs. McCord, Mr. Puckett, Ms. Svagdis, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Dickerson, Ms. Martin. Yes, 25 of our SF staff members volunteer their time to coach these 18 events! We could NOT do it without you – many, many thanks for giving your time and attention to our kids. Thanks to Ms. Angele and Mrs. Spiva for always being our cheerleaders and supporting us. Thanks to our Foundation for all of their financial support.



YEARBOOK

Julie Lahti and Melissa Steiner, Editors

We are planning a treasury of memories that captures this year's highlights. Reserve your copy now for \$30! Simply fill out the form found on our PTA website at <http://shallowfordfallspta.com/programs/yearbook/>, include your payment, and place it in the PTA box in the front office! If anyone has any classroom or school event photos (non-smart phone images) that they would like to share for the yearbook, please visit the following link and upload them to the corresponding folder: <http://lpx.me/CBVR-XXT3-4UTF/>. Congratulations to our Yearbook Cover Art Contest winner, Kerris Foley (5th Grade)! Kerris' artwork will be on the cover of our yearbook and she will receive a FREE yearbook! Thank you to all who participated in this year's Cover Contest. All the art submitted will be featured throughout the yearbook! We have some very talented artists!

Increase the Peace



Olivia Broyard, Jada Williams, Cooper Heintzelman, Kerris Foley



Aibhlinn Kessler, Libby Spohn, Sophie Ramos, Tamyia Robinson



Zach Bleshey, Quinn Peacock, Ryan Linkous, Spencer Klepal



Mary Grace Nasr, Levi Bercu, Bentley Swindle, Collin Brenner, Sydney Afshani



Jimmy Dodd



Drew Griffis, Matthew Lahti



Erin Rueckel, Griffin Kiser

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Jane Russell, Moderator

On December 12, 2014 Shallowford Falls hosted its annual Geography Bee. Our fifth grade teacher, Amanda Svagdis, hosted the event with the help of parent volunteers Myriam Quispie (Judge) and Jane Russell (Moderator). Students from both fourth and fifth grades had to complete a qualifying test to compete in the Bee, with the following 10 students making the cut: Emma Moose, Chandler McDade, Matthew Worly, Navia Robinson, Gavin Smail, Melia Hardy, Samantha Hoyer, Collin Brenner, Grant Thomas, Carter Spohn. Navia Robinson was our winner and Melia Hardy was first runner up.



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