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Springer Honors Trustees at Annual Dinner

Springer trustees and staff gathered to celebrate the year at the Annual Dinner on May 16. During the evening trustees and staff members were honored, and board officers and new trustees introduced. The evening began with remarks by Board President Matt Blickensderfer and Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher, who both reflected on accomplishments and highlights of the year, many of which are featured in this issue of News & Views.

Trustee Margie Tondow was honored for nine years of service, which is the maximum allowed by Springer's by-laws. In expressing his appreciation and thanks to her, Board President Matt Blickensderfer said "Margie is deeply committed to this organization, sharing her time, talents and resources." During her three terms, Margie chaired the Development Committee for three years, the Annual Fund Drive for two years, and *A Springer Celebration!* In addition to all her development work, Margie served on the Executive Committee for three years, and was instrumental in recruiting new board members. Of her board service, Margie said, "It was a great honor to be a Springer Trustee for nine years. The camaraderie of smart, decisive and caring fellow trustees and staff will be missed. Just being aware of special

children thriving in such an enriching environment is a great reward. Remembering the children's faces at graduation will long remain a highlight. I certainly gained more than I gave."

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SHELLY WEISBACHER, MARGIE TONDOW AND MATT BLICKENSDERFER

Two Retire from Springer Staff

Two members of the Springer community, Ginny Heitzman, Business Director and Kathy McMillin, Language Therapist, were honored on the occasion of their retirement at this year's Annual Dinner.

Ginny Heitzman, began her career at Springer in January 2009 and quickly discovered that being the Springer Business Director was about far more than finances and accounting. It

also included HR responsibilities, work with families regarding contracts and financial aid, facility projects, and more.

As Ginny learned each facet of her role, she brought her keen eye to improving current practices and ensuring strong relationships with all constituents with whom she interacted. She worked closely with the Board of Trustees, particularly the Resource Committee, served on Springer's Executive Team, and chaired the most recent ISACS self-study required for Springer's accreditation. When the Peterson Scholarship came on the scene, Ginny was quick to develop systems that made it as seamless as possible for families to participate.

"Ginny's thoughtful attention to detail has strengthened our processes and procedures. From the smallest of matters to the more complex, Ginny saw how things could be different and better, and then worked to make them so. Families and staff

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KATHY MCMILLIN

GINNY HEITZMAN



From Our Executive Director

This past May, I wrote a letter (which can be found below) informing trustees, faculty, staff, and current parents that I will retire June 30, 2018. While one might wonder why I gave this much notice, it is typical in private education to give a year's notice in order to be in synch with the hiring cycle for school leaders.

Following my announcement, the Board of Trustees hired Educator's Collaborative, a national search firm, to guide the search process. Randy Cooper, current trustee and past-president of the Board is chairing the Search Committee, which is comprised of recently appointed Board President Casey Boland and trustees Ryan Brown, Matt Gockerman, Anna Hogan and Ann Munson Steines. An Advisory Committee of faculty, staff and parents has also been formed.

As a first step in the process, Consultant Doug Cummings, from Educator's Collaborative, visited Springer toward the end of May to gain an understanding of the organization and learn from trustees, faculty, staff, and parents their perspectives on the desired background and qualities of the next Executive Director. First-round interviews will occur in late August, and it is hoped that the new Executive Director will be named this fall.

My commitment to Springer is as strong as ever, and during this my final year, I will do everything I can to ensure that Springer is well positioned for this leadership transition.

Dear Members of the Springer Community,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to retire at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Thirty years ago, almost to the day, I was offered the opportunity to join the Springer community as the Education Director, a role that at the time was a hybrid between Principal and Curricu-

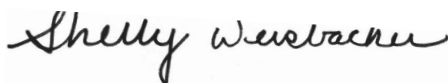
lum Director. For ten years, I focused on curriculum, technology, and staff professional development. Then in 1997, I was appointed Executive Director, a role I have held for the past 20 years.

It has been an honor to be a part of Springer – to work with dedicated trustees, faculty and staff who go above and beyond to meet the needs of the children, and families who are committed to partnering with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children. More than anything, it has been a joy to see children's lives transformed.

A favorite quote from the Poet Laureate Maya Angelou, one I have shared previously in letters and at commencement, speaks I believe to the heart of the Springer experience, *"To make a difference is not a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence of the tides. People choose to make a difference."*

For thirty years, it has been my privilege to be surrounded by people committed to making a difference for children who struggle, and children who despite their personal struggles choose to reach out to one another in support and friendship – to make a difference.

With gratitude,



Shelly Weisbacher

Springer Welcomes Three New Trustees

Three new Trustees with close personal ties to Springer have joined the Board of Trustees

Peter M. Frey is Office Services and Community Relations Manager for ProLink Staffing, a full-service staffing and recruiting firm with offices in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Arizona. Peter was a member of the Cincinnati Business Courier "40 Under 40" Class of 2016. He has served on the Board for Starfire, and currently serves as a trustee for Kenzie's Closet. Peter is a 1990 Springer alumnus and son of the late Barbara Cassidy Frey, who launched Springer's library in the 1980s.

Kate Nourse Walker is the founder of Hamilton Sierra, Inc., a human resources firm founded in 2007 and based in San Francisco, Calif. Kate is a veteran human resources executive with

over twenty years of experience in the industry, beginning her career in HR support for Allied Group Insurance. In 2000, Kate took an HR position with Hotwire, Inc., which merged with Expedia, Inc., placing Kate as manager for local and remote HR and recruitment operations for Expedia. Kate holds a BA in Political Science and International Relations from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her daughter Charlotte is currently a Lower School student at Springer.

Mike S. Wright is a real estate agent with Wright Property Advisors, a full-service real estate brokerage firm in Cincinnati. Mike played football for the New England Patriots for seven years, during which time the Patriots played in the Super Bowl twice. He played defense for the football team at the University of Cincinnati, where he

earned a BA in Criminal Justice and was named "Bearcat Newcomer of the Year" for defense in 2003. Mike is a 1996 Springer alumnus, and was the guest speaker for *A Springer Celebration!* 2015.

PETER M. FREY



KATE NOURSE WALKER



MIKE WRIGHT





PHIL JENSEN, NANCY NORRIS, DENISE DANIELSON, JULIE FLOWERDEW, SHARON SCHINASI, ANNE LEEMAN, CORRINNE THALER, JOANNE ROUSE-CLARK, AND SHELLY WEISBACHER

Staff Milestones Celebrated

Springer's May 16 Annual Dinner was an occasion to celebrate milestones for a number of staff members.

Art Teacher Corrinne Thaler celebrated an unprecedented 40 years with Springer, beginning as a classroom teacher in 1977 and then clinical evaluator of children seeking enrollment. Corrinne transitioned to the role of Admissions Director in the mid-80s. She has taught art, her true passion, for the last 22 years. "Corrinne is always seeking to expand the range of experiences for her students, and is a strong advocate for her program," said Shelly. "Every child feels like an artist at Springer!" In recognition of this milestone, Corrinne was fittingly presented with a hand-blown glass sculpture.

Also celebrating a milestone was Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher. In recognizing her 30 years, Board President Matt Blickensderfer said, "You are an expert in learning disabilities by training and experience – both professional and personal – and we have benefitted greatly from your expertise. You have had a clear vision for this organization and have worked tirelessly to implement it. You have been an exemplary leader, and will be

leaving Springer in a great place for your successor." Staff members celebrating 30 years are asked to select a gift to be given to the organization. As part of the current renovation, eight planters are being installed on the piazza and Shelly requested that flowers be purchased annually to enhance the permanent plantings, and that the children be given the opportunity to plant and maintain these planters.

Staff Milestones

Other staff members who are celebrating milestones this year include:

25 Years

Sharon Schinasi

20 Years

JoAnne Rouse-Clark

15 Years

Julie Flowerdew

Philip Jensen

Nancy Norris

5 Years

Denise Danielson

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During her remarks, Shelly Weisbacher especially expressed appreciation to outgoing Board President Matt Blickensderfer, who served in this role for three years. Under Matt's leadership, the board addressed Springer's facilities, committing to the major renovation project that is underway; reaffirmed the strategic direction of the center; and supported the steps necessary to obtain the Peterson Scholarship waiver from state assessments among other things. "Matt always kept his focus on what is best for the children and for the overall organization," stated Shelly, "and how each decision contributes to how we are expressing and living our mission and values." Matt will continue as a trustee for one more year, which will mark the conclusion of his third three-year term.

Reflecting on his presidency and board service, Matt stated, "Springer brings out the best in us. I realized from my first weeks on the board - even as someone with no prior affiliation with Springer - how impactful its work is for those it serves. My life has been much enriched by my association with this incredible community of committed educators, devoted families, and inspirational children. I thank my fellow board members for the opportunity to serve the Springer community."

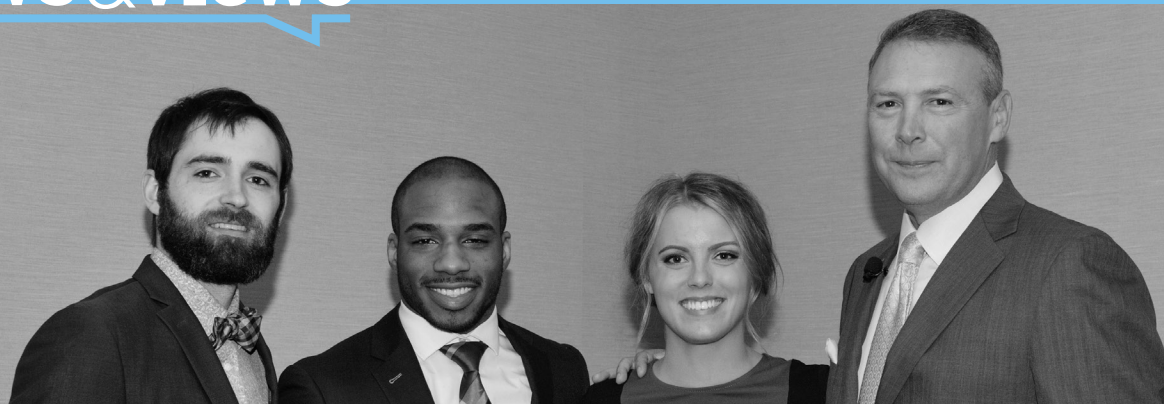
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alike benefitted in innumerable ways from Ginny's efforts." said Shelly Weisbacher.

Kathy McMillin joined Springer in 1998 and quickly became an integral member of the Language Department and of each team with whom she worked. Whether she was leading a whole group lesson or working with a few children, Kathy's optimism and warmth were readily apparent. She skillfully built her lessons so that children were challenged at just the right level and she was quick to highlight their successes.

During her tenure, Kathy served in varied leadership capacities including membership on the School Team, Team Leader for the Language Therapists, and Assistant Team Leader for the Intermediate Department. She also served on numerous school and curriculum committees.

Kathy never tired of being a learner herself, and generously shared her knowledge about language development with her colleagues. She mentored a number of language therapists and helped many new teachers implement the writing workshop model. "Whether at a team meeting or in a discussion about a child, everyone leans in to hear what Kathy has to say," said Shelly Weisbacher. "Her thoughtful, quiet leadership has left an indelible mark on all of us who were privileged to work alongside her."



CELEBRATION SPEAKERS DANIEL ALLEN, MARC BANKS AND KATY ZEMBRODT WITH EMCEE BRAD JOHANSEN

Celebration Nets \$142,500

With a 1920s theme, Springer's annual fundraising dinner featured three alumni speakers who are in their 20s. *A Springer Celebration! 2017: A Roaring Good Time* raised \$142,500 for financial aid and school and center programs. The art deco surroundings of The Renaissance Hotel provided a perfect setting for the event, and guests and volunteers got into the '20s spirit, wearing feather boas and headbands, suspenders and boater hats.

Local 12 WKRC TV's Brad Johansen served as emcee for the evening, which featured a duo singing hits from the '20s and a display of Springer alumni in their 20s. The Event Chair was Springer Trustee and alumni parent Matthew Gockerman. Springer parents Erin Carlton and Jenni Ward served as co-chairs for the auction. Alumni parents Ann Small-Wills and Trustee Gina Goings coordinated decorations, and Springer staff members Molly Shumate and Jill Wieging coordinated volunteers and registration, respectively.

The three speakers shared with guests their childhood experiences dealing with a learning disability, and how their education at Springer has helped them to find success in school and beyond. **Marc Banks '04** earned his BA degree in Public Relations from Northern Kentucky University in 2014, and moved to Washington, D.C., for an internship in the press office of New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Marc then joined the marketing and

communications team at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, where he is currently the Public Relations Specialist. He has also launched a public relations firm, Bankable PR Management & Services, in Washington.

Daniel Allen '03 joined Teach for America in Indianapolis, upon graduating from DePauw University in 2012. He earned his masters in teaching from Marian University and taught at both traditional and charter public schools. Most recently, Daniel is was special education specialist for Indianapolis Public Schools, and a member of IPS' Autism Evaluation Team. Daniel hopes to receive his second masters in applied behavior analysis in the spring of 2018. This fall, he will join Springer's staff as a member of the Peterson Scholarship Team.

Katy Zembrodt '05 attended Hanover College on an academic scholarship before transferring to Northern Kentucky University, where she ran track for two years. Katy joined the Army National Guard in 2016, and will graduate from NKU in the fall of 2017 with a degree in Exercise Science. During Army basic training and subsequent individual training, Katy received a number of awards leading to the honor of receiving the Challenge Coin from the Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard. She continues to train monthly with her unit in Louisville while she finishes college.

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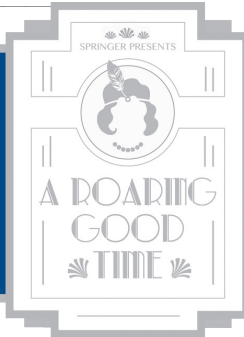
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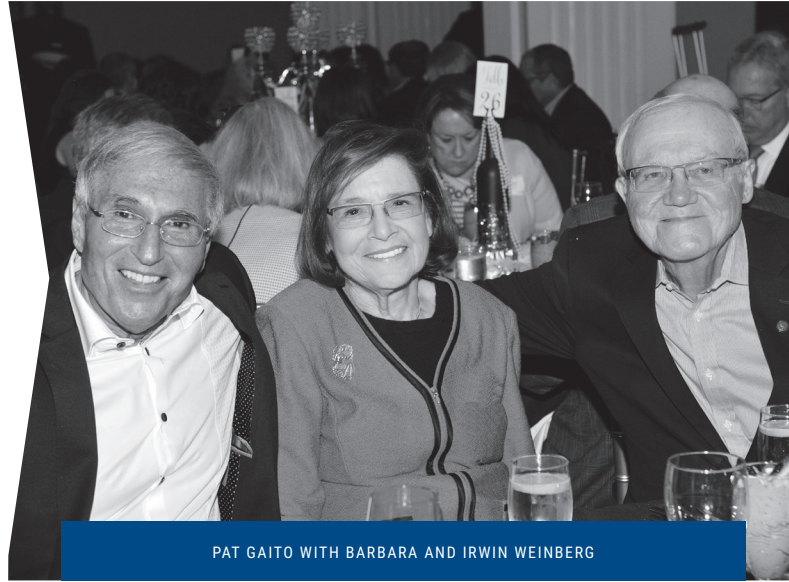
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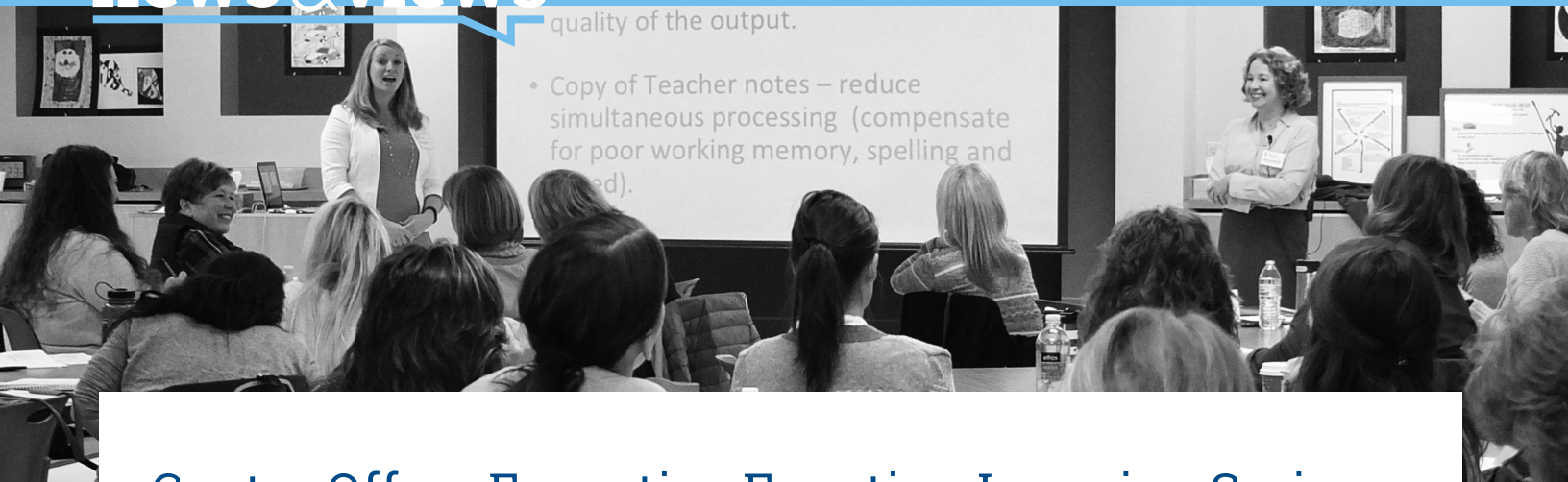
PAT GAITO WITH BARBARA AND IRWIN WEINBERG



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Center Offers Executive Function Learning Series

On June 5 and 6, education professionals from across the region attended an Executive Function professional development program at Springer School and Center. The series focused on a deep dive into the definition of Executive Function skills, how deficits in these skills relate to struggling learners, especially those with ADHD, and practical strategies to support struggling learners in the classroom. One participant noted that the program "gives great in-depth information. It puts the pieces together."

The first day of the program provided a special focus on the Executive Function (EF) skill of self-monitoring, which is a student's ability to monitor his or her own performance as it is happening. For example, a student with strong self-monitoring skills would be able to monitor his own reading comprehension and know that he needs to re-read a passage if he did not understand. Self-monitoring is also important to monitor learning behaviors, such as asking yourself, "Am I paying attention?"

while the teacher is delivering a lesson. Struggling learners often have less well-developed self-monitoring skills, in addition to other EF deficits.

Participants in the program had the opportunity to collaborate to describe one of their own struggling students, discuss appropriate strategies with the facilitators and other educators in the room, and create an action plan to take with them back to the classroom. One educator noted that the program offered "great examples of teaching strategies for EF deficits," and another participant added that the program "is definitely worth attending! There was a great balance of information, small group, peer sharing, self-reflection, and targeted planning."

Executive Function deficits impair many learners in the classroom, and Springer School and Center is proud to share our methods with other educators to improve the learning opportunities for students across the region.

Dr. Jerome Schultz Speaks on Stress in Students

Through a partnership with Cincinnati Children's, Springer brought author and clinical neuropsychologist Jerome Schultz, Ph.D. to Cincinnati to address parents and professionals on March 23 and 24.

In an evening program entitled "The Journey from Stress to Success for Students with LD/ADHD," Dr. Schultz shared with 252 parents an overview of the impact chronic stress can have on students, and how stress can impair learning. He offered many practical strategies that can interrupt the self-defeating cycle of stress.

During the following day, Dr. Schultz presented a professional development program for educators and clinicians entitled, "Stress: The Missing Piece of the LD/ADHD Puzzle." One hundred eighty professionals attended the workshop which reviewed the neurobiology of stress and offered tools and strategies designed to reduce stress in students and enhance learning.

"This was the best (Professional Development) program I have ever been to (and I've been to a lot!)," said one participant. Another added, "I am now better equipped to understand and work towards helping my students succeed, and to meet them where they are."

Dr. Schultz' visit was part of the Daniel & Susan Pfau Foundation Distinguished Speaker Series, and was underwritten by a grant from The Daniel & Susan Pfau Foundation.



DR. JEROME SCHULTZ ADDRESSING PARENTS



JACK KEATING WORKS ON CLASS PAINTING WITH JEANNINE DOSTAL // MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CREATE GROUP PAINTING

25th Residency Welcomes Jeannine Dostal

The March visit of artist and decorative painter Jeannine Dostal marked the 25th anniversary of the Maureen Wenker Artist in Residence program at Springer. Having struggled in school herself, Jeannine made an instant connection with Springer's students. Eighth-graders Hunter Jones and Mary Catherine Conaway felt a sense of freedom to create. "I didn't feel pressured by Jeannine," said Hunter, "but I pressured myself to do my best." Mary Catherine added, "This was a way to express my difference!"

After a 25-year career as a decorative painter, Jeannine now paints mostly on canvas, applying multiple layers of wet paint, embellishing with sequins, glitter and gold leaf, and sealing her work with a coating of resin. During her two-week residency, Jeannine brought her unique style, which she calls "The Art of Allowing," to each of Springer's art classes, and then spent a week working closely with a group of 22 Middle School students, each of whom created an individual canvas and participated in two collaborative paintings.

"Being Springer's Artist in Residence was truly an honor for me," said Jeannine, "especially it being the 25th year! I knew the experience would be a good one, but I had no idea the magnitude of emotions and attachment to the students I would experience, or that it would be so inspiring for me too. The Springer staff and kids have touched my heart, and I will never forget the memories we made together, as well as the magnificent "Art of Allowing" paintings!"

Jeannine was awarded Emerging New Female Artist of the Year and People's Choice Award in a 2014 national juried art show. Her art hangs in Cincinnati galleries such as Art Design Consultants and A.R.T. Gallery, as well as in ten patient rooms at Cincinnati Children's Liberty Campus. The Maureen Wenker Artist in Residence program was established in 1993 by Paul Wenker in honor of his late wife, a Springer supporter and volunteer, and mother of three Springer alumni.

ACTION Team Brings VISIONS to Springer

This June, Springer's ACTION Team (Advancing Community Through Inclusive Opportunities and iNformation) deepened the conversation around multiculturalism and inclusion by bringing a team from VISIONS, Inc., for a training session with 15 members of Springer's staff. Founded in 1984, VISIONS is a non-profit training and consulting organization that specializes in diversity and inclusion.

VISIONS facilitators Rick Pinderhughes, Psy.D., and Sarah Werkman, M.A., led the three-day workshop which examined subtle forms of oppression experienced across lines of race, gender, class and ability, among others.

"The discussion on modern racism and internalized oppression helped me to be aware of the unspoken dynamics that could exist between two people depending on their culture and history," said one participant in the program. "I think this will be extremely helpful in the organization, as it has already impacted my conversations and attitude since the training." Another participant added, "This was one of the most beneficial professional and/or personal development workshops I have ever attended."

ACTION Team Leader Kirstin Eismin said, "I am so proud to be part of an organization that is committed to doing this important work, and of the courage displayed by individual staff members who are challenging themselves and their beliefs in this way." Throughout the upcoming school year, the ACTION Team will bring learnings from this training to the entire Springer staff.



PARTICIPANTS SHARE EXPERIENCES IN SMALL GROUPS

Springer Remembers Friends and Supporters

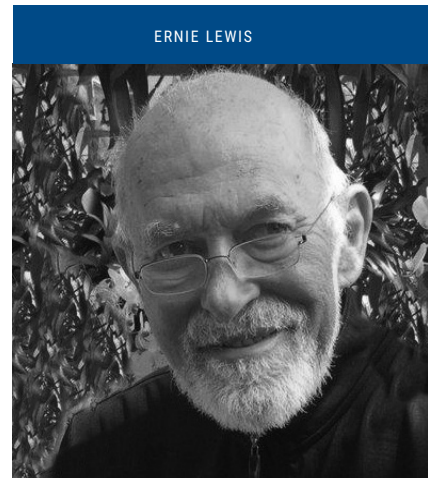
It is with deep sadness that Springer recognizes the loss this past spring of these friends and committed supporters. Each of these men played an important role in the life of our community, and they will be missed. Springer extends heartfelt sympathies to their family and friends.

Sanford "Sandy" Cooper, Jr.

An alumni parent, Sandy Cooper was a long-time benefactor of Springer. At the passing of his first wife, Marilyn Woods Cooper in 1996, he established a scholarship fund in her memory and continued to support this fund until his own passing this spring. His daughter Mimi Cooper Gerwin graduated from Springer in 1991, and some years later became active in Springer's efforts to engage alumni. She served from 2012 to 2013 on Springer's Board of Trustees before relocating with her family to Knoxville, Tenn.

Ernest "Ernie" Lewis III

Ernie Lewis, whose son Robert attended Springer in the early 70s, served on Springer's Board of Trustees for more than 20 years – retiring from the board once and then returning soon after. He was Board President from 1978 to 1980, and also served as Board Vice President, Chairman of Financial Aid, and Fund Drive Chairman. His area of greatest interest was fundraising and distribution of scholarship funds. Ernie was instrumental in Springer's move from the location on Summit Road in Roselawn to our current location on Madison Road. "Ernie will long be remembered as a major player in the development of the role of Springer School and Center in the community," said former Executive Director Norita Aplin.



Memorials and Tributes *(as of 6/30/17)*

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VINCE MICHELS



Vincent "Vince" Michels

Vince Michels was an ardent Springer supporter and alumni parent, whose son Francisco graduated from Springer in 2005. Vince served on Springer's Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2010. He was Treasurer of the Board from 2008 to 2010, and served on the Facilities and Resource Committees, chairing the Resource Committee for two years, and co-chairing Springer's annual fundraising event in 2005. Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher shared, "Vince cared deeply about Springer. As a trustee, he took very much to heart the responsibility of securing Springer's future." Vince's commitment to Springer extended well beyond the board room. Many facility projects benefited from his expertise, his hands-on approach and from the generosity of his family's construction company. Board

President Matt Blickensderfer remembered Vince, saying, "Vince was always willing to go above and beyond for Springer."

William "Bill" Thomas

Bill Thomas was an alumni parent, his son Mark having graduated from Springer in 1974. Bill served on the Board of Trustees and was instrumental in The Springer Educational Foundation, as Springer School and Center was then called, becoming a private school with a narrowed mission to serve the educational needs of children with learning disabilities.

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Class of 2017

Springer welcomed friends and family on the evening of May 31 to the Commencement Ceremony for the class of 2017. Thirty-eight students participated, many of them sharing their thoughts and feelings about their time at Springer with assembled faculty, staff and guests. Springer Board of Trustees President Matt Blickensderfer and Principal Eldrich Carr addressed guests, and Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher delivered parting words to the students, who will transition to a variety of schools in Cincinnati and beyond, entering grades four through nine in the fall.

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Bolan Scholarship Awarded to Ella Burbank

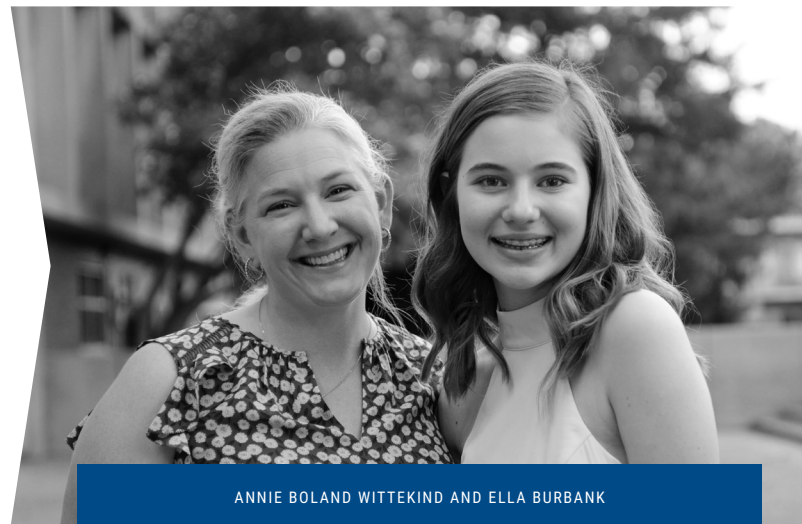
Seventh-grader Ella Burbank was awarded the 2017 Bolan Scholarship at Springer's May 31 Commencement Ceremony. The award was presented by Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher and Annie Bolan Wittekind, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bolan, whose memory is honored by the award. From Springer, Ella will be returning to her home state of California to attend middle school in Laguna Beach.

"Ella's keen ability to learn, use, and adapt strategies is a model for Springer's future students," said Principal Eldrich Carr. "This, paired with her ability to lead well, have compassion, and be fun-loving, made Ella a wonderful choice for this year's award."

The Bolan Scholarship recognizes a commencing student who demonstrates an understanding of his or her learning disability, applies the strategies learned at Springer, displays a positive attitude, demonstrates leadership and shows concern for others. The award was established in 1988 in memory of Mr. Peter Bolan, Sr., an alumni parent and great supporter of Springer.

For many years, his wife continued to support the fund, took a genuine interest in its recipient and often attended commence-

ment to present the award. As Mrs. Bolan passed away in 2010, the award is now presented in her memory as well as that of her beloved husband.



ANNIE BOLAN WITTEKIND AND ELLA BURBANK



CAMPBELL GLINSKI AND ANDRE SLABBER COMPETE AT CYO CHAMPIONSHIP // MCKENZIE JONES GIVES HER BEST EFFORT IN RELAY

Eagles Fly at CYO City Championship

The Springer Eagles track team culminated a successful season with great effort at the CYO City Championship meet on May 13 at Elder High School. Sixty-five athletes participated in the track season this year.

"A highlight of the season this year was the improvement made by all of our Eagles, from the first meet to the last meet of the year," said Coach Mark Phelps, "and the support and cheering I saw for teammates." Coach Phelps was joined by Coaches Liz Crellin, Cari Kelly and Jenni Wallen.

The Eagles participated in three meets this year - the SMAC East/West All-Star Invitational Meet, the Tuck Sullivan/Sacred Heart Invitational and the CYO City Championships.

Springer's athletes performed especially well at the City Championships, where the Middle School Boys team finished in the top 10 in the city. The Intermediate Girls team won the 400-meter relay, and the Intermediate Boys team finished second in their 400-meter relay. Intermediate runners Bryce Dillard finished second in his 400-meter heat, and Khaki Saba finished 6th in the city in the 400.

The Eagles also performed well in field events at the City Championship meet. Intermediate students Bella Battle, Annika Sandman, Hayleigh Stordeur and Khaki Saba set personal best jumps in the long jump, and Uman Castellanas-Flynn set his personal best in the shot put.



LUCY BROCK IN THE LONG JUMP EVENT

Parent Volunteers Lend Helping Hands

Springer staff, faculty and students appreciate the many helping hands offered by parent volunteers throughout the school year. Parents are on hand each week to help Order Out Day run smoothly, and they plan and execute the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Parent volunteers help at our annual fundraising event, A Springer Celebration! each spring, as well as various clubs, classroom parties and other events.

For each classroom, a Room Parent coordinates volunteers and facilitates communication with parents. A single point of communication and organization for Room Parents is the Parent Community Coordinator, a position filled this year by Carrie Breech. Carrie informed Room Parents of upcoming events, and helped prepare them with their communication to other parents, ensuring that communication was timely and clear.

Springer thanks Carrie, the Room Parents, and also Erin Carlton and Sandra Randall, who served as coordinators for Order Out Day, for all of their support of Springer and of our students this year.

Many Thanks to Room Parents for 2016-2017 !

Wendy Bonomo
Amy Dandridge
Niki DiNovo
Karen Dirst
Timothy Ford
Ayse Frey
Darci Gibson
Sarah Gilchrist

Ann Hubbard
Chau Huffman
Holly Kennedy
Kristin Palmer
April Payne
Donna Smyth
Kate Walker
Kellie Walsh

Alumni Connections

Joshua Bell '13 graduated from Wyoming High School, where he was a varsity football player and Honor Roll student. He traveled over spring break to Marseilles and Rome with a group of students studying Latin. Joshua will attend Wittenberg University in the fall. He plans to study to be a special education teacher.

Kathleen Finn '13 graduated from McNicholas High School where she has been on the honor roll each year. Kathleen was on the varsity tennis team for all four years, was selected in her senior year to be a Peer Mentor for incoming freshman, and for two years acted as an Ambassador for the school. In addition to horseback riding, Kathleen volunteers once a week at Cincinnati Children's in their Sports Rehab program. In the fall, Kathleen will be attending the University of Arizona and plans to be a kindergarten teacher.

Devon McClea '12 is a 2012 graduate of Loveland High School. Devon is a freshman at Wright State University, where he is studying Theatre Studies.

Tatiana Weedman '11 is a junior at Georgetown College in Kentucky, pursuing a Psychology degree with a minor in Art. She hopes to work in art therapy. Tatiana is an accomplished equestrian, and founder/owner of Romanova Photography, a business she began while in high school. She has won several photography awards and has had two photos accepted in a juried art show.

Mary Claire Fibbe '11 is a graduate of Clark Montessori High School, where she completed a senior project on overfishing. Mary Claire will attend college in the fall to study marine biology.

Elana Younger '10 completed her third year at the University of Cincinnati. She recently applied and has been accepted, a year early at age 19, to multiple dental schools, and has accepted admission to a Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) program at Nova Southeastern University. Despite her difficulty with reading, Elana scored in the 99th percentile on the entire national exam on the DAT (Dental Admission Test), and she scored in the 99.8th percentile on the Reading Comprehension Test, which involves reading of medical texts.

Jeff Clippinger '10 is a graduate of Purcell Marian High School. He is currently a junior at Xavier University, where he is studying journalism. This spring, Jeff traveled to Africa for a medical mission trip.

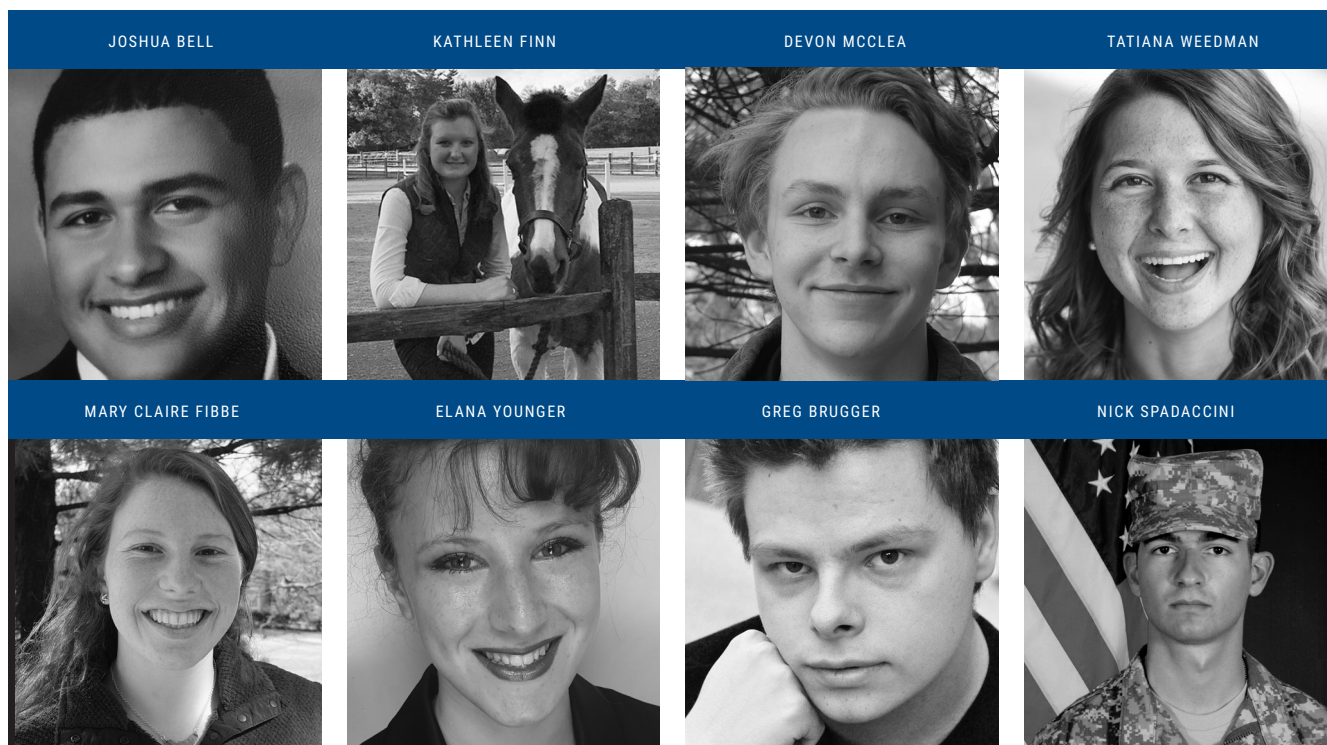
Gregory Brugger '10 graduated from Loveland High School in 2014, and is currently a senior at Mount St. Joseph University where he is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Leadership and Civic Engagement. When Greg is not studying, he spends his time working on his new passion, photography.

Ben Shurmer '09 is a 2015 graduate of

Moeller High School and a junior at the Miami University Farmer School of Business where he is majoring in Marketing. This summer, Ben has an Internship at Colliers International Commercial Real Estate in Cincinnati.

Nick Spadaccini '09 is a Specialist assigned to C Company 1-30th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Fort Stewart, Georgia. Nick recently participated in Operation Anaconda in Poland with 30,000 NATO troops. It was the first time US troops have trained on former USSR soil. Nick is finishing his 3 ½ year commitment to the Army in August, and has re-enlisted for another year of service.

Helen Macmann '09 is a recent graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where she studied Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). Helen is currently applying to graduate schools, where she will pursue a Master's degree in CSD, with the goal of working as a Speech and Language Pathologist, or possibly to pursue a Ph.D. in CSD or Audiology. In addition to her studies, Helen works at two part-time jobs and volunteers weekly at the UC Child Development Center.



Alumni Connections

Aaron Ernst '07 graduated from Dater High School in 2011, and earned an Associate's degree in Arts from Cincinnati State. He works full time at the office of a Cincinnati endocrinologist, and is working toward a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Technical Engineering at Miami University. Aaron's first child Lincoln was born last summer, and he and his fiancée are planning an October wedding.

Marika Huelskamp '06 graduated from Saint Ursula Academy High School and the University of Cincinnati. Currently, Marika is a Zumba Fitness instructor and dance coach, choreographer, and member of Cincinnati's first parading "krewe", The Red Hot Dancing Queens. She will begin her first full-time job as an instructional assistant at Springer in August.

Michael McGrody '05 earned a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems from the University of Cincinnati in 2014. He received job offers from several companies, and chose to work at IBM as a technical sales representative where he is working with and selling business-to-business software.

Ava Chaney '05 graduated from Clark Montessori High School in 2011 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2015 at Ohio University. She is currently a development intern for Planned Parenthood, and works at Kaze Restaurant in Over-the-Rhine. This fall, Ava will attend Cincinnati State to study Graphic Design.

Ty Youtsey '04 graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. In August of 2016, he received his Master of Accounting degree from the University of Denver, and is currently working for EKS&H Accounting firm in Denver, Colorado, and is pursuing his CPA.

Stephanie (Gruenemeier) Hutchinson '01 married Springer alumnus Ed Hutchinson, and the couple live on Cincinnati's east side with their newborn daughter Lillian.

Rosalyn Johnson '01 is a doctorate level practitioner and Licensed Mental Health Counselor, as well as a Clinical Supervisor and the Coordinator for Outpatient Services and Suicide Prevention at a large non-profit organization in Miami, Florida. Rosalyn oversees and provides total management of the clinical functions of the infant mental health, child/adolescent mental health and substance abuse programs, as well as the adult and geriatric mental health and substance abuse programs within the Outpatient Services department.

Rosalyn is also an Adjunct Professor of Counseling Psychology and a Qualified Supervisor with the Florida Department of Health, and the site supervisor for Clinical Mental Health Counseling Master's students at Florida International University.

Spencer Deutsch '00 attended Bowling Green State University, and has been a

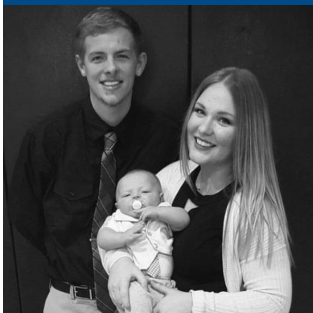
mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters. He currently lives downtown and is an Account Executive at SpringDot Printing. Spencer has been a Circle Host at the Concours d'Elegance for 12 years. He serves with the Camp Washington Business Association, and as a representative for the city to Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United.

Andrew Babey '99 graduated from the University of Dayton in 2012, with a degree in engineering. Before graduation, he had secured a job with Weatherford Gas and Oil Company, where he began as a field engineer. Andrew married in 2013 and lives in Texas, where he is completing a Master's degree in Global Energy from the University of Colorado. Andrew and his wife will soon transfer to Dubai for 1 - 2 years, where he will work in sales with clients in seven time zones.

Michael McKenna '98 is a 2006 graduate of the College of Mount St. Joseph, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications. Michael currently lives in Chicago with his wife of five years, and works at Majestic Glove as a salesman of safety supplies.

Kristy (Gruenemeier) Larson '94 recently relocated to Dayton from Germany, where her husband was stationed. She and her husband have one daughter, Olivia.

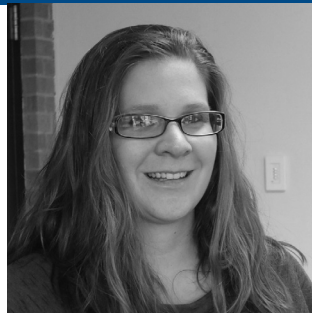
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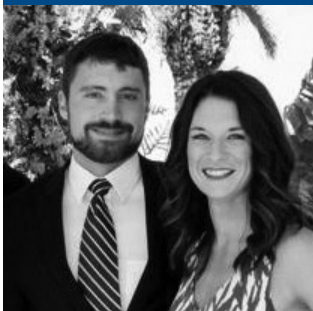
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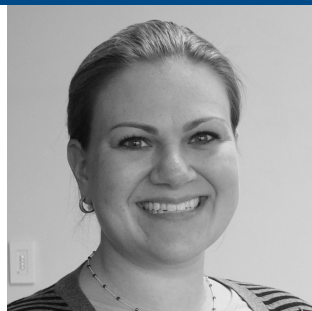
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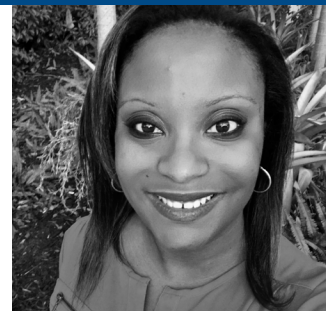
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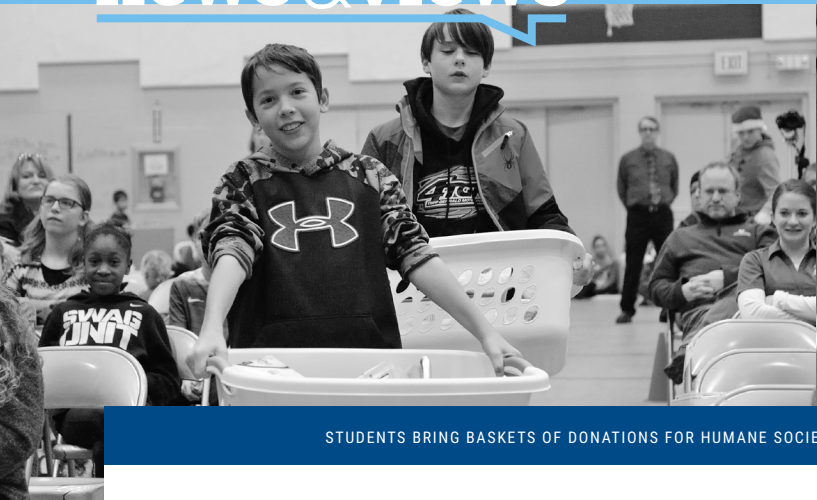


KRISTY LARSON



ROSALYN JOHNSON





STUDENTS BRING BASKETS OF DONATIONS FOR HUMANE SOCIETY // INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS ENJOY A SKATING SOCIAL

Student Council Completes an Active Year

Student Council was a visible presence at Springer this year. They began the year with an Eagle Pride All School Assembly with activities designed to welcome students back to school and build school community. Student Council planned and led Eagle Pride All School Assemblies for each trimester this year.

At an officer's retreat in September led by Camp Joy staff and Student Council Advisors, officers identified their roles on Student Council as helping others, putting their words into actions, getting to know each other and building a school community that is welcoming, helpful and kind. And they created a motto for Student Council for the year; "We are Springer Eagles and we're here to say, we are going to help you everyday. Hey!" They also prioritized goals for the year and developed an outline for meeting those goals.

Student Council planned and implemented two social this year. One for the Lower School was held in February at Castle Skateland in Loveland. All Intermediate students were invited and took buses after school to "the castle" for a fun filled evening roller skating, playing games and enjoying refreshments. Middle School officers were there to help younger students with skating and activities. In May, the Middle School Social took place at

Springer with a DJ on the piazza, and included a dance contest, a staff/student relay race in the gym and a variety of games on the piazza. Along with Student Council Advisors, a number of staff were on hand to join in the fun. Middle School students said this was the best social ever!

A tradition before the winter holidays, Student Council organized a school-wide contributory activity this year. Students, staff and families donated items to the Animal Friends Humane Society in Hamilton, including pet beds, toys and food, as well as cleaning supplies. The students gathered more than 20 boxes of donations.

For Earth Day in April, Student Council wanted to highlight ways to protect our resources. They planned a week-long lunch-time recycling program. Students collected recyclable items they had brought in their lunches, weighed them, and then logged all the students' efforts on a bulletin board in the cafeteria. Student Council wanted to show that each of our small contributions can make a big difference in preserving our resources.

Student Council finished the year with Officer Elections in late May identifying new student leaders for 2017-18.

Magnified Giving Encourages Philanthropy

Magnified Giving is a remarkable program that provides students with the opportunity to learn first-hand how to be generous and wise philanthropists. Each participating school is given

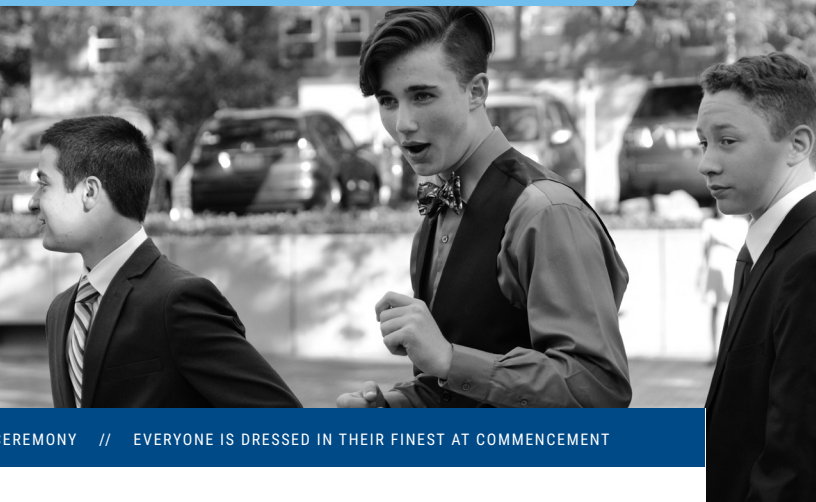
money to donate to one or more charities. It is up to the school to decide how to organize their individual Magnified Giving program. For three years, Springer has participated as one of just a few elementary schools among dozens of high schools.

This year a self-nominated core group of students (pictured to the left) worked with Executive Director Shelly Weisbacher to determine which agencies would receive awards from Springer. The students began the process by learning about philanthropy in general and the wide range of agencies that provide services in our area. Then, they narrowed the focus to agencies who focus on children and health, and ultimately selected three agencies to study more in-depth: A Kid Again, Fernside, and UpSpring.

The students' findings were presented to the full Student Council, who selected A Kid Again to be the recipient of the \$1,000 award. Springer also awarded \$500 each to Fernside and UpSpring.



TOP ROW: SHELLY WEISBACHER, SUMMER JONES, LAURA THOMPSON, BELLA BATTLE AND ELLA BURBANK. BOTTOM ROW: KAI BROCK, BRYCE DILLARD, BRITT LANGFORD AND BEN CNOTA



GIRLS RECEIVE CORSAGES AND BOYS BOUTONNIERES AT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY // EVERYONE IS DRESSED IN THEIR FINEST AT COMMENCEMENT

End of Year Brings Traditions

Each school year at Springer wraps up with activities that have become traditions, some of them being carried on for decades.

At the annual Commencement Ceremony, students gather one last time to reflect on their time at Springer, say goodbye to teachers and celebrate with friends and family.

The All School Outing is a day of swimming, tennis, soccer and a general good time! Students and staff all enjoy the day at the Cincinnati Sports Club.

Springer's Autograph Party is a chance to collect signatures from friends and teachers, and to celebrate the end of the school year. Student enjoy eating lunch outside as they sign books.



FRIENDS ENJOY THE POOL AT THE ALL SCHOOL OUTING



INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS TOSS THE FOOTBALL



PRIMARY FRIENDS EXCHANGE SIGNATURES AT THE AUTOGRAPH PARTY

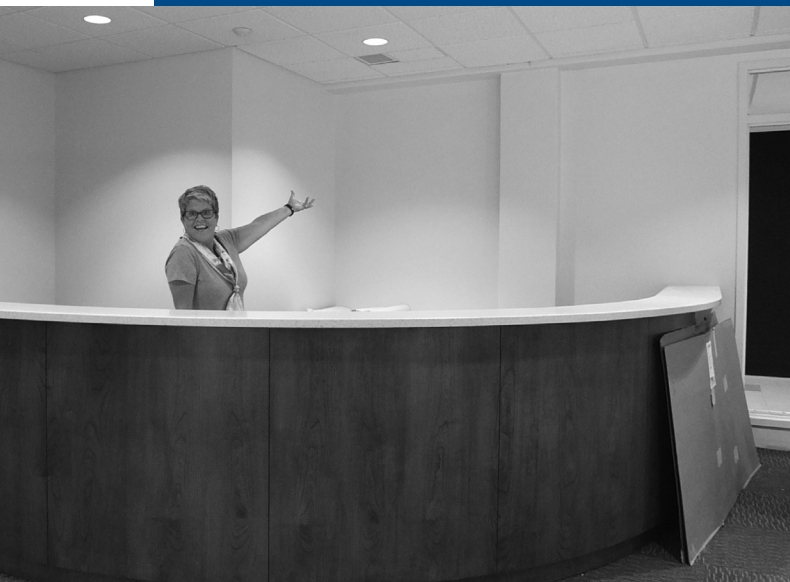


A FRIEND'S BACK MAKES A CONVENIENT WRITING SURFACE



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The Dust is Flying!

Construction on Springer's renovation project is well underway this summer, and the new library/media center and reception area are beginning to take shape.

Receptionist Molly Shumate is trying on her new space for size!

Interior work will be completed when students return on August 22, and we know students will be eager to check out all the new spaces we have created for them.