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Winegard's New Sand For Winegard's Playground

By: Kaityln Papke and Kathia Serrano

Who doesn't love to build sandcastles?! Or swing until you can touch the trees? During our recent Spring Break, they replaced the sand at Winegard's playgrounds. Can you imagine how many bags of sand it would take to fill our playground? We hope you enjoy Winegard's improved playground surface.



Important Dates

April 1	FSA Testing Begins for 3rd/4th/5th graders
April 3rd	Report Cards go home
April 22nd	Earth Day
May 10	Mother's Day
May 25th	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
June 3rd	Last Day of School!



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Tips to Save the Earth

Information collected by: Kathia Serrano



1. Slow the Flow

A faucet leaking just one drop per second wastes over 1,300 gallons per year! A leak from a hot water source wastes both water and fossil fuel, creating more greenhouse gasses. So, the next time you wash your hands make sure you turn that water off!

2. Think Green When You Clean

Cleaning products that contain chlorine or similar dangerous chemicals expose your family to toxins. Choose nontoxic, natural made cleaning products, which are proven effective but won't cause long term damage to the health of a family member.

3. Choose Both Sides

Every year, paper mills release over one trillion gallons of chlorine tainted water as part of the paper making process. Using the other side of the paper can cut that pollution almost in half!

4. Green Your Machine

Americans waste over 700 million gallons of gasoline each year just because tires aren't properly inflated. Millions more are wasted because vehicles aren't properly tuned up. Keep your car in good condition and you'll save money and the environment.

5. Walk, Hike, Ride a Bike

If people in the U.S.A. would occasionally ride a bike for a short errand instead of driving a car, over 70 million gallons of fuel could be saved each year! There is also the added benefit of enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, plus the exercise is good for you. Remember, short errands take a hike!

6. Plant A Tree Every Earth Day!

Over a 50-year lifetime, a tree generates \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, and recycles \$37,250 worth of soil erosion. It also provides shade that keeps homes and cities cooler!

My Road to Spelling Bee SUCCESS by: Haadia Baig

It took a long time for me to win the spelling bee in place. If you want to know how I won the spelling bee, then let me show you my enthusiasm. To begin with, I got my spelling list and started studying the list once I got it. After studying by myself, I practiced the words with my mom. Then it was the day of the class spelling bee. I was so confident because after practicing the words I knew I was going to win. The first person to spell a word was me and then on and on until the only two people were left and those people were me and Maria. The spelling bee was a tie until Maria dispelled the word "stalwart". I spelled "stalwart" correct and all I had to do was spell the word "mosquito correct which made me the champion. I was so happy that I won the class spelling bee. The next spelldown was the school spelling bee. I followed the same procedure that I used to win the class spelling bee and know I know that I am going to win the school spelling bee. The first person to spell a word was a person from 1st grade which I don't know. Then it went from one grade to another until me, my brother Haris, and a second grader named Giovanni. Giovanni became 3rd place because he misspelled the word "surrogate". Haris became 2nd place because he misspelled the word "visual". After that, I became 1st thanks to them. I was so happy! The judges, Ms. Carey and Ms. Gardner, gave us our trophies. I can't wait for the school spelling bee and even if I lose I will still be a spelling bee winner. This is my enthusiasm for the spelling bee and I hope you liked

WHICH FSA TEST ARE YOU READY FOR?

By: Damyana Dawood, Kathia Serrano, Kaitlyn Papke

FSA testing is coming up! We have surveyed 26 4th and 5th grade students on which FSA test they are ready for. According to this chart, 2 students are ready for the READING FSA, and 6 students are ready for the WRITING FSA. The majority of the students we have surveyed are ready for the MATH FSA. So, which FSA test are you ready for?!

FSA SUBJECT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
READING	2
WRITING	6
MATH	18



Two minutes with our "Teacher of the Year", Mrs. Wade-Pagan.

Q: Who has influenced you to become a teacher?

A: At an early age, I recognized the importance of my teachers. I was blessed to have teachers in elementary school that were awesome at making learning FUN! As a result, I announced to my parents at the age of 12, "I will become a teacher when I grow up!". Now I'm blessed to be living my dreams.

Q: How did you feel when you found out you were Teacher of the Year?

A: To begin with, I was unaware that I was nominated for such an honor. My initial response was one of "shock," and then "disbelief," followed by surprise. I felt so humbled that my peers would show their appreciation of me in this fashion. I will be forever thankful.

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