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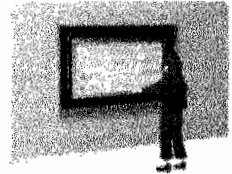
News from the Island Creek PTA

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## Island Creek Gets SMARTer, SMARTer, SMARTer, SMARTer and SMARTer

Island Creek principal, Dr. Susan Owner, broke the good news at the January 7 PTA meeting. Using a grant provided by the Island Creek PTA along with some discretionary program funds, Dr. Owner was able to order five new SMART Board interactive whiteboards for classroom use.



SMART Boards have gained popularity as an instructional tool in classrooms because they are easy to learn and fun to use by teachers and students. They combine the simplicity of a whiteboard with the power of a computer. As Dr. Owner said in announcing the purchase of the new boards, *"I see this technology motivating teachers, who in turn, motivate students as engaged learners."*

The new SMART Boards are being placed in the classrooms of five teachers who submitted written proposals requesting a board. They include Ann Adkins (Grade 5), Sherrie Asbie (Grade 3), Pamela Barton (Grade 4), Terri Connell (Grade 5) and Melissa Pikul (Kindergarten).

The wave of new SMART Boards frees up boards previously shared by several teachers, so now no more than two teachers at Island Creek will have to share a SMART Board.

The purchase of the five new SMART Boards is another example of the Island Creek PTA working with school administrators to help provide our teachers with the resources they need to improve the learning environment for all of our Island Creek students. As our schools continue to deal with austere budget realities, this collaborative spirit of cooperation will be a vital component in ensuring that our children continue to have access to the latest technological advances.

If you purchased wrapping paper or *Croc Gear* spirit wear, if you clipped Box Tops for Education, if you attended the Craft Fair, Hidden Treasurers sale, Family Harvest Festival or one of our restaurant nights, if you purchased a pizza box or ordered a Wednesday night pizza from Dominos, you have played a role in our success in providing the five new SMART Boards for our school. Your support for PTA fundraising activities helps provide the resources needed to make Island Creek a great place to teach and to learn.

## Feb. 20: B-I-N-G-O and Basket Bingo was its Name-O

Basket Bingo Night is coming back to Island Creek Elementary School. The Island Creek PTA is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its popular mid-winter Bingo Bash on Friday, February 20, at 6:00 PM. Longaberger Baskets chocked full of goodies will be the prizes for the lucky (and skilled) Bingo winners, as we put the fun back into fundraising. Please mark your calendars and watch for the Basket Bingo flyers in the Thursday folders.

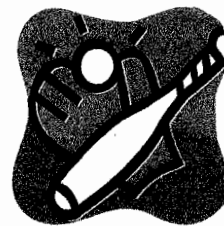


## Sports Crocs: Registration is now Open for Spring Leagues

If your young crocs are interested in playing an organized team sport this spring, please be aware that registration is underway for several of the youth leagues that serve the Island Creek community. Here's a listing of registration dates and contact information:

### **Central Springfield Little League – Baseball**

CSLL will be holding registration on Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at the Franconia Moose Family Center. Additional information on CSLL is available at [www.csll.org](http://www.csll.org).

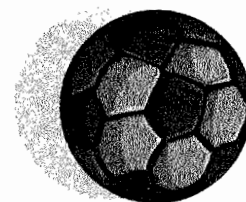


### **Lee Mount Vernon Soccer Club – Soccer**

On-line registration is open through February 20. LMVSC also will be taking registrations on Saturday, February 7, at the Kingstowne Library. Additional information on LMVSC is available at [www.lmvsc.org](http://www.lmvsc.org).

### **Pioneer League – Baseball and Softball**

On-line registration is open through February 28. In-person registration is available at the Lee District RecCenter on January 24, February 7, and February 21, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Additional information on the Pioneer League is available at [www.pbsl.org](http://www.pbsl.org).

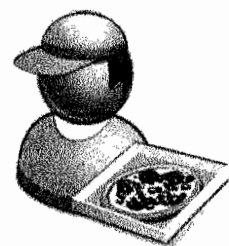


### **Springfield South County Youth Club – Lacrosse, Volleyball, Softball & Soccer**

On-line registration is open through February 28. SYC has an office at 7075 Newington Road (703) 339-3796 for in-person registration. Additional information about SYC is available at [www.syca.com](http://www.syca.com).

## Help PTA Roll in the Dough with Domino's Pizza Every Wednesday

Enough with the New Year's resolutions, it's pizza time. Please remember that every Wednesday night through the end of the school year is Domino's Pizza "Dough-Raising" night for Island Creek. You can feed the family and help our school by using the special proof of purchase coupons found on the new and improved Island Creek Web site <http://www.islandcreekpta.org/>. Island Creek PTA receives 20 percent of every sale when accompanied by the proof-of-purchase form.



## Put a Croc Chomp on Valuable Box Tops

February is **Box Top Month** at Island Creek, as we try to surpass the 11,000 *Box Tops for Education* that were collected in October. Each box top is worth 10 cents, even if you don't trim them along the dotted lines. For additional information on the Box Top program, please contact Toni Shipe, Box Top Coordinator [Tonishipe@msn.com](mailto:Tonishipe@msn.com).



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