



October 21, 2011

From: Board of Trustees and crew, Steamboat Floating Classroom (SPLASH)

Dear SPLASH supporters and friends-

We would like to keep you "in the loop" regarding SPLASH. As you can imagine since Bart's passing we have been doing a lot of soul-searching about SPLASH's future. A few ideas are floating around right now, but we decided to consider this a process rather than a hard-point-in-time action. As of now we do not have enough volunteers to operate next year. At the very least we need an executive director, a maintenance director, and possibly a grant writer. One of the ideas is to put the Steamboat up for sale and at the same time advertise that we wish to find another "Bart" to buy and/or run SPLASH. Another idea is to combine or partner with another local organization which is interested in keeping the SPLASH mission and non-profit alive. Perhaps a combination of these ideas may work. SPLASH has significant resources still in place – in our remaining experienced crew, and in you, our friends and supporters. We recognize the value here, appreciate the efforts of everyone involved so far, and hope to build upon what is already in place and keep SPLASH afloat.

We will be making a decision about operating next year sometime over the next several months. We want to see what our options are, based on what response we get after we disseminate more information and begin some advertisement activity.

The SPLASH Transition Committee (Pete Burns, Jeremy Pollack, Vic Tenaglia, Bob Schuster, Eric Clark) has been formed.

If you know of someone who would be interested in:

- a. Purchasing SPLASH, or**
- b. Partnering with SPLASH, or**
- c. Being the Executive Director of SPLASH, or**
- d. Being the Maintenance Director of SPLASH**

you may contact any member of the Committee via email: info@steamboatclassroom.org

Sincerely,

Eric Clark, Secretary

Bob Schuster

The Hoebel Family