



# Spring Ridge Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 16, 2009

**PTA Fundraiser at Pizza Hut TONIGHT:** Join us at the Pizza Hut (near FSK Mall) from 5-8 . Look for the flyer in today's Thursday folder. You must present the flyer for the PTA to receive 20% of your order. Homework passes will be given.

**Pennies for Patients:** SRES is participating in the Pennies for Patients program. This campaign, which kicks off April 14 and will run through April 30, benefits the Maryland Chapter of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Students are encouraged to donate their spare change and the class that collects the most money will be treated to a pizza party, courtesy of Dominos. Parents may also donate during this campaign - checks will be accepted and should be made payable to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Maryland Chapter. Thank you to all for your support in helping to find a cure!

**Band/Orchestra Concert:** Join us for an evening of music as Spring Ridge Elementary and North Frederick Elementary perform on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-7:40 pm, in the SRES Cafeteria.

**Way to Go SRES Students:** SRES students have scored in the **TOP 20** again this year in the **Maryland Mathematics League (MML) statewide contest!** Out of 40 Maryland schools participating, for the first time ever, SRES is ranked at our highest number, **15th place!** It is very important to note that SRES has 4th and 5th graders compete on a **6th grade level** in this statewide contest. We are very proud of each student who participated in the MML contest! This year we also have a 4th grader who scored at the highest mark for our school, **Simon W.** 5th graders **Spencer Rz** and **Colin S** tied for 2nd place and 5th graders **Kirsten A** and **Brandon L** tied for 3rd place. The scores from these 5 students made up our total to mark us in 15th place! Congratulations to all participants! You can check out other Maryland schools that participated this year by going to this link:  
<http://www.themathleague.com/downloads/nolastnames/MD-6S-NLN-0809.pdf>

**Check out the new display in the Media Center:** Tyler Umberger's family has volunteered to bring an egg incubator with a dozen chicken eggs inside of it, to share in our media center beginning on **Monday, April 20th.** This will allow our SRES students and staff to watch the process of eggs being incubated and chicks hatching. We are very excited to have this opportunity for our students to experience the process of egg incubation. Students will be able to view the egg incubator when they come to the media center for their lessons during the week of Monday, April 20th. The incubator will remain in the media center for at least 21 days. Thank you to Tyler and the Umberger family for volunteering to share the egg incubation experience with our students and staff.

**Environmental Education Big at FCPS:** Color students across Frederick County public schools spring green this month as schools take full advantage of the season's opportunities to teach students about recycling and caring for our natural resources.

**Spring Ridge ES** kindergartners are taking a walking field trip around the school to clean up trash and collect materials to sort and recycle in the classrooms, making posters to increase awareness of the importance of keeping our environment clean, and reusing materials to make art projects.

**SRES is Going Green!** We realize that families with more than one child at SRES receive duplicate sets of fliers each and every week! In an effort to save paper, save costs and reduce clutter on your counter, we will be adjusting our distribution practices. Effective Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will receive one set of fliers in Thursday folders sent with your youngest child at SRES. During the week of April 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, PTA volunteers will be putting dots in the corner of the Thursday folders for each *youngest or only child* at SRES. Please make sure that your child's Thursday folder is returned to the classroom by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The dotted folders are the ones our volunteers will stuff with the school-wide fliers each week. You may be asking, why the youngest and not the oldest?? Most schools have found that younger children are more eager to bring home their papers and show them to mom and dad!

**Questions about the Teacher Request Process:** Please join Mrs. Thackston and Mrs. Craney on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. to answer any questions you may have about the *teacher request process* explained in the letter coming home in today's Thursday folder. The Q & A will conclude in time for any parents who wish to attend our SRES Band and Orchestra concert that begins at 7:00 p.m. Or, please plan to stay for the general PTA meeting that will follow the Question and Answer period. Please join us in the Media Center.

**NEWS!** Mrs. Marie Godbold Doerr, in her last will and testament, made a \$10,000 donation to SRES! Mrs. Doerr would often donate large numbers of backpacks and supplies each year so that young children without sufficient funds would not be left out when they arrived at school on their first day of school. It is her hope that these funds allow those efforts to be continued for needy children.

**One-stop shopping for your plants and mulch:** Linganore High School Class of 2012 is hosting a mulch sale on three Saturdays: April 25, May 2, and May 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost for the shredded hardwood mulch is \$3.60 per bag. Contact class sponsor Mrs. Dianne Keilholtz, [dianne.keilholtz@fcps.org](mailto:dianne.keilholtz@fcps.org) or 240-566-9434. Delivery of 20+ bags (within the Linganore feeder district) can be arranged. Pre-order or curbside sales at our new location at Oakdale, 5850 Eaglehead Drive, Ijamsville, MD 21754. The greenhouse will be open for flowers, herbs and vegetable plants on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Sunday, April 26 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will also be open the following weekend, May 2 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Sunday, May 3 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, May 10 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you have questions, contact Ms. Pat Beachy or Mr. Tom Hawthorne at 240-566-9507. Remember to come to our location at Oakdale, 5850 Eaglehead Drive, Ijamsville, MD 21754.

**ELL Testing:** The LAS Links will be administered to all ELL students during April by our ELL teacher. This assessment is required by NCLB. LAS Links measures the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills of our English language learners. The testing window will be April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>. After the assessments have been administered they will be returned to the International Office. Those assessments will be sent to McGraw Hill to be scored. We expect to receive the results of those assessments from MSDE by mid to late June. As soon as we receive the results of those assessments, that information will be forwarded to you.

**Mark Your Calendars, Last day of School:** FCPS announces that the official last school day for students this year is Tuesday, June 16. Students will be dismissed 2 hours early for a teacher work session.

**MCGATE Annual Conference:** This conference on Gifted Education will be held Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. Keynote speaker will be Karen Yoho from the National Association for Gifted Children who will speak on the NAGC's new Mile Marker series, a valuable resource for both parents and schools. In addition, one of the speakers for the Break-out sessions will be Joyce Cooper-Kahn, Co-author of "Lost, Late and Unprepared: A Parent's Guide to Helping Children with Executive Functioning". If your child forgets to hand in homework, loses homework or doesn't even know it was assigned, this double session is for you. Problems with Executive Functioning in gifted children are frequently masked by their intellectual gifts and often don't become apparent until middle or high school. The issue is then frequently identified as behavioral. If you have students who are gifted but appear lazy or unmotivated, this double session is also for you. Registration forms are available at: [http://www.mcgate.org/PDFFiles/MCGATE\\_RegistrationForm2009](http://www.mcgate.org/PDFFiles/MCGATE_RegistrationForm2009)

**Attention Upcoming Kindergarteners and PreK Parents:** It is extremely important that you register your child ASAP so we can adequately project our staffing needs for next school year. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate, proof of residence and immunization records. If you are registering for PreK, please remember to bring proof of income. If you have any questions, please call Becky Sappington at 240-236-1600.

**Fifth Grade Flag Bearers for April/May/June:** Flag bearers - please be prompt when it is your week. Remind each other!

Apr. 20-24	Steven C, Chase H, Erika B	May 26-29	Dakota, Connor G
Apr. 27-May 1	William Houston, Joie S	June 1-5	Aubrey Z, Tori S
May 4- May 8	Emily Jerez, Travis C	June 8-12	Makayla K, Ayah Z
May 11-May 15	Sierra Shade, Lana C	June 15-16	Emily R, Gabby R
May 18-22	Jessica G, Lindsay S		

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Apr. 16	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am	Apr. 23	PTA General Meeting 6:15 pm
Apr. 16	Pizza Hut Night - 5:00-8:00 pm	Apr. 23	Band/Orchestra Concert- SRES & NFES 7:00-7:40 pm
Apr. 21	Bus Evacuation Drill am	Apr. 29	Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am
Apr. 21	SRES/NFES Rehearsal 9:30-11:00 am	Apr. 29	Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm
Apr. 22	Earth Day	Apr. 30	PTA Newsletter
Apr. 22-May1	MSA Science	Apr. 30	SRES Spirit Day - Career Day
Apr. 22	Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am	Apr. 30	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am
Apr. 22	Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm	Apr. 30	Last day of Pennies for Patients
Apr. 23	Take your Child to Work Day		
Apr. 23	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am		

**Next Week's School Menu**