



Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 2, 2009

Author Visit a Success!

A BIG Thank You to our PTA and to Mrs. Duncan for having author, Deborah Wiles, visit our school yesterday! We had a wonderful time listening to Mrs. Wiles share about how she was inspired to write the books that she has written. Are you going to keep up with your writer's notebook? She shared great tips and ideas for how to become even better as a writer. If you would like to see Deborah Wiles again, she will be signing her books at the "Dancing Bear" shop in downtown Frederick, on Market Street this Friday night. She will be at the shop from 7 - 8 pm. Mrs. Wiles will sign any copies of her books that you have and you may bring with you or you may purchase one or more of her books at the shop.

SAT-10: On April 14th and 15th all FCPS 2nd grade students will take the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT-10). On day one students will be tested in reading and on day two students will be tested in math and environment. Testing will begin promptly in the morning after announcements and take approximately 80 minutes each day. At the end of the year you will receive a home report detailing how your child performed as compared to other students across the nation. Please avoid scheduling any doctor's appointments during the two days of testing. Students should go to bed early the night before and have a good breakfast so they are ready to do their very best! A parent letter will go home today in your 2nd grader's Thursday folders with more information about the SAT-10.

ELL Testing: The LAS Links will be administered to all ELL students during April by our ELL teachers. 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 1st through April 27th. 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

Jump Rope for Heart: Thank you to all who participated and volunteered.

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.

Dismissal/Arrival at the Front Door: For the safety of our children, please do not pull your vehicle over slightly when dropping off or picking up your children. We ask that you pull your car or truck in a parking spot and come inside. Please take the time to set a good example for all.

Arrival to School: Parents, please do not drop your children at the school before 8:45 am. Supervision is provided by staff members beginning at that time, not prior to 8:45 am. With the onset of warmer weather, students will be asked to wait outside the front entrance until the 8:45 bell rings.

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!

A friendly reminder from the cafeteria: Parents please remember that the SRES cafeteria allows one charge for school lunch. The amount cannot exceed \$3.00. In the event your child's charge limit has reached \$3.00 and has not been repaid, your child will be given

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a bologna sandwich & lemonade. Charges are due the next school day. Notices are sent home the same day as the charge is made. Payments may be made in cash, check or on line with a credit card at cafeprepay.com.

Slam Dunk Read! Spring Ridge Basketball and Reading Camp: July 6 - July 9, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Registration is on a first come, first served basis! Sign up right away! Our camp has been designed with two central focuses: Help youngsters become better basketball players and participate in lifelong reading book clubs. For more information online go to <http://schools.fcps.org/sres/> and click on 2009 SRES Basketball Camp.

Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students: The centers, located across the state of Maryland, are open to students entering grades 4-12 and offer learning opportunities in global languages, creative writing, engineering, fine and performing arts, history, law and government, mathematics, science, geology, archaeology, computer science, technology and video, television and digital video production. Some of the centers are residential and some are non-residential. The deadline to apply for most Maryland Summer Centers is April 15, 2009. Fine arts centers have earlier deadlines to allow time for auditions. Staff members at MSDE are hoping that parents and students will access information about the summer centers and apply online at www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters. For additional information contact Regina Farnsworth at 240-236-1587 or Regina.Farnsworth@fcps.org.

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

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| Apr. 6 -7 | Charles, Hayden | Apr. 20-24 | Steven, Chase,Erika |
| Apr. 14 - 17 | Courtney, Brandon | Apr. 27-May 1 | William, Joie |

UPCOMING DATES:

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| Apr. 6 | Fine Dining | Apr. 16 | Field Trip w/Mrs. Craney 9:30-2:00 pm |
| Apr. 6 & 7 | Art CRES Make-ups | Apr. 16 | Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am |
| Apr. 6 | Puppet Show Bullies & School Safety (PreK, 1, 2, 3) Cafeteria 10:00 am | Apr. 16 | Pizza Hut Night - 5:00-8:00 pm |
| Apr. 7 | Scheduled Bus Evacuation | Apr. 21 | SRES/NFES Rehearsal 9:30-11:00 am |
| Apr. 7 | Fine Dining | Apr. 21 | SRES & NFE Band Rehearsal 9:30-11:00 |
| Apr. 8-13 | School Closed - Spring Break | Apr. 22-May12 | MSA Science |
| Apr. 14-Apr. 30 | Pennies for Patients (Regina F) | Apr. 22 | Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am |
| Apr. 14 | SAT-10 Reading - Grade 2 | Apr. 23 | Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am |
| Apr. 15 | 5 th Grd Move Up Day - TJ Middle 9:15-11:30 am | Apr. 23 | PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Apr. 15 | SAT-10 Math and Environment - Grade 2 | Apr. 23 | Band/Orchestra Concert- SRES & NFES 7:00-7:40 pm |
| Apr. 15 | Reports Cards to be distributed | Apr. 27-May 12th | Elementary Science MSA |
| Apr. 15 | Elementary Honors Chorus Performance @ Weinberg Ctr. 7:00 pm | Apr. 29 | Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am |
| | | Apr. 30 | PTA Newsletter |
| | | Apr. 30 | SRES Spirit Day - Career Day |
| | | Apr. 30 | Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am |

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