



# Spring Ridge Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 23, 2009

**PTA Meeting CANCELLED:** The PTA meeting schedule for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Questions about the Teacher Request Process:** If you have any questions regarding the teacher request process, please call Mrs. Thackston at 240-236-1600.

**Band/Orchestra Concert TONIGHT:** Join us for an evening of music as Spring Ridge Elementary and North Frederick Elementary perform on tonight, 7:00-7:40 pm, in the SRES Cafeteria.

**Car Rider Parents:** Please remember to bring your Car Rider Pass with your child's name on it with you when picking up in the car rider line. There are occasions when different staff members will be doing that duty and will not release students without showing the signs. Even when you are standing and waiting for your child you will need to have the signs. Remembering to do this will make things less frustrating for you and the staff. Also, with the nicer weather, there is a tendency for parents to gather near the door to pick up their children. Please do not leave your cars unattended. If you wish to visit, park your car in the parking area, then come to get your child. Thanks again for your cooperation.

**Handicapped Parking:** Please do not pull into one of the handicapped parking spaces in front of the school unless you have a handicapped license plate or temporary pass. These designated parking spaces are for our students and guests with a physical handicap. It is against the law to park there without a handicapped pass. **Warnings will begin to be issued.** Instead, consider dropping your children off at the car rider door (the door at the end of our kindergarten wing). There are adults at the car rider door ready to assist your child as he/she enters the school building.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture:** Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 Life Touch will be here to take the 5<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic picture. Order forms will go home next week.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** In today's Thursday Folders you will receive a letter, record of Physical Examination and Dental Health Report. Please have these forms completed by your child's health care provider and return them to SRES ASAP. This information is an important part of the school health program. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions you can contact the Health Room.

**Pennies for Patients:** SRES is participating in the Pennies for Patients program. This campaign, kicked 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!

**Check out the new display in the Media Center:** Tyler U 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SRES is Going Green:** In an effort to save paper, save costs and reduce clutter on your counter, we will be adjusting our distribution practices. Beginning today, you will receive one set of fliers in Thursday folders sent with your youngest child at SRES. On Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, PTA volunteers put dots in the corner of the Thursday folders for each youngest or only child at SRES. 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!

**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.

SRES website: <http://schools.fcps.org\sres>

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.

**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 that 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. 27-May 1	William H, Joie S	June 1-5	Aubrey Z, Tori S
May 4- May 8	Emily J, Travis C	June 8-12	Makayla K, Ayah Z
May 11-May 15	Sierra S, Lana C	June 15-16	Emily R, Gabby R
May 18-22	Jessica G, Lindsay S		
May 26-29	Dakota F, Connor G		

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**April**

Apr. 23 Band/Orchestra Concert-  
SRES & NFES 7:00-7:40 pm  
Apr. 29 Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am

Apr. 29 Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm  
Apr. 30 PTA Newsletter  
Apr. 30 SRES Spirit Day - Career Day  
Apr. 30 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am  
Apr. 30 Last day of Pennies for Patients

**May**

May 4-9 Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 4 Fine Dining  
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May 6 Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am  
May 6 Band and Orchestra CRES - Catocin High  
10:15-12:15 pm  
May 6 Challenge 24 Contest, 5:30 pm registration;  
6:00 pm Competition @ North Frederick Elem.  
May 6 Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm  
May 7 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture 9:30 am  
May 7 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am  
May 12 5<sup>th</sup> Grd Field Trip-Balt Mus of Industry 9:30-2:00 pm  
May 12 PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm  
May 13 Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm  
May 14 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am  
May 15 School starts 2-hours late  
May 18 Start of Personal Body Safety (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

May 20 Volunteer Luncheon in Media Ctr - 11:15-1:15 pm  
May 20 Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am  
May 20 Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm  
May 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to DC Zoo 9:30-3:30 pm  
May 21 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am  
May 21 Rita's Italian Ice Night  
May 22 Field Trip SRES Chorus - Country Meadows Retirement  
Community 10:00- 1:30 pm.  
May 22 Personal Body Safety (3<sup>rd</sup>) Puppet Show 2:00 pm  
May 25 School Closed - Memorial Day  
May 27 Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am  
May 27 Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm  
May 28 PTA Newsletter  
May 28 Chorus Concert (PreK, 3,4,5) 9:30-10:10 am  
(PreK, K, 1, 2) 1:45-2:25 pm  
May 28 SRES Spring Concert 7:00 pm  
May 29 SRES Spirit Day - Western Day  
May 29 Spring Fling 5:00-8:00 pm  
May 29 End of Personal Body Safety (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Next Week's School Menu**