



Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 11, 2008

SRES Night at Dominos: TONIGHT! Dominos will donate 15% of all orders made by Spring Ridge families. Simply call in your order and when the delivery person arrives, hand him/her the slip that is in today's Thursday Folder. Please don't send the slip back to school as we only receive credit for those slips given to the delivery person. Thank you for your support.



PTA Holiday Bazaar: The PTA Holiday Bazaar is this Friday, Dec. 12th, 5-9 pm and Saturday, Dec. 13th, 9-1 pm in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in helping, Friday or Saturday or becoming a vendor, please email Colleen at colleen@saintloupdesigns.com or call 240-529-3066. We will have a box for Toys for Tots donations and Frederick Food Pantry. Santa will be on site Saturday from 10-Noon for photos, bring your camera! **SRES students get a FREE photo with Santa!**

SRES Winter Chorus Concert: SRES Chorus will be having their Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm.** Students in the Chorus should arrive at 6:30 pm and are asked to wear black shoes with black pants/skirt and white tops. Bring the whole family and enjoy this evening of joyful music.



SRES Yearbook presale: The presale will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 23rd! The cost of the 2008-2009 Yearbook is the same as last year's price, \$20! Envelopes were sent home last Thursday. Please complete the yearbook envelope to place your order and enclose a check made payable to Spring Ridge Elementary School. After Jan. 1st, the yearbook price will increase to \$23. **If you order during the Dec. 4-23rd presale dates, you are guaranteed a yearbook for your child.** After Dec. 23, there is no guarantee that extra yearbooks will be available for sale. Yearbooks will not be delivered to SRES until May 2009.

Support Educational Technology in Maryland Schools: Are we preparing students for the 21st Century workplace? Are your child's classroom and school up to date with technology? The Maryland State Department of Education joins school systems nationwide in asking these important questions. Your answers can make a difference in school technology resources. Please complete the **NETDay Speakup Survey:** <http://www.netdayspeakup.org/Speakup2008> before December 19. Give children resources to succeed!



Do you have any CD players at home that you are no longer using? The special education department is still in need of some small individual CD players that use headphones. Now that so many people are using I-Pods and MP3 players, it's possible that your old portable CD player is just sitting on a shelf or in a drawer somewhere not being used. If anyone has one of these (or several) old individual CD players, and you are willing to donate them to SRES, please send them to school addressed to Mrs. Sharper.

Outside Activities during Cold Weather: Please keep in mind that students will go out for recess, weather permitting. Please be sure that your child is adequately dressed for the weather - winter coat/jacket, gloves/mittens, and hat. Students will not go outside for recess or physical education whenever the temperature falls below 20 degrees, including the wind chill factor.



Volunteer Hours: The Volunteer Hours will be sub totaled over the Holiday Break. Please make sure your volunteer hours are up-to-date in the Volunteer Hours book at school. SRES appreciates the time that volunteers give. We are fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers!

Reading Book Club: Will meet in the Media Center every Thursday morning from 8:45-9:15 am and afternoon from 3:45-4:30 pm. Please sign up on the flyer that came home recently.



SRES Reading Idol: Our School Wide Reading Incentive program began with a bang! Over 300 students have turned in Card 1! Remember you must have turned in at least one card by the end of November to be eligible for the "big" prize! The card 4 party deadline is fast approaching, be sure to have the first 4 cards turned in by January 6th to be eligible for this prize. This gives you plenty of time to read over the holidays and get caught up. All students are eligible for this prize even if you didn't get the first card turned in on time! Pick up a good book and start reading. Check our website for new songs on the Ipods. Booktalks will be on the website before the break!

Parents/Guardians: When picking up your child from school, please sign him/her out and wait for your child in the lobby.

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

SRES Emergency Response Plan: We sent home an Emergency Response flyer before Thanksgiving. Please review it with your family so you know how we will handle certain situations. As part of emergency preparedness at SRES, we will practice a variety of emergency drills with the students throughout the school year. We have already held several evacuation fire drills. Our staff will be working with the students on how to act in a variety of situations should they occur. **We need to receive an Early Release form for ALL students. If you haven't already, please complete and return an Early Release form for each child in your family.**

School Boundary Changes: FCPS welcomes public comment in setting new attendance-area boundaries and feeder patterns for 2010 when our 10th high school opens. You are invited to view draft school-redistricting options, hear a brief staff presentation, and offer comments. Each meeting will cover the same information and is open to all school communities. The meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, December 11 Urbana Middle Thursday, December 18 New Market Middle
 Tuesday, December 16 Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle

For more information online: <http://fcps.org/ohsredistricting>. FCPS Television (Comcast cable 18) will record each meeting for broadcast the following night.

From the Healthroom: Hearing and vision screenings have been completed at Spring Ridge Elementary School. Letters are being sent to the parents/guardians of students who did not pass the hearing and/or vision screening. This letter outlines the specific area(s) of concern noted during the screenings. Please make an appointment to follow-up with your child's health care provider to further screen, diagnose, and treat your child. Documentation of your follow-up must be provided to the Health Room promptly by having the physician complete and sign the bottom portion of the letter we provided you. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Health Room at 240-236-1518.

Glory Days Receipts for Carrie's Cause: When you dine at a Glory Days Grill (**Frederick, Germantown, Towson, Bowie, Burke & Fairfax**) **Sept. 28th through Dec. 31, 2008**, the restaurant will contribute **10%** of your total food purchases to Carrie's Cause. Simply ask your server for a copy of your itemized guest check (not credit card receipt), stating that it's for Carrie's Cause. Please send the receipts to school with your child to give to the teacher or bring them yourself in an envelope marked Carrie's Cause.

Fifth Grade Flag Bearers for December/January:

Dec. 15-19 Leilani Vasquez, Joshua Nail Jan. 5 - 9 Courtney Fox, Brandon Legge
 Dec. 22-23 Kirsten An, Jacob Van Brunt

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 11	Dominos Night	Jan. 15	Dominos Night
Dec. 12	Cyberbullying (5 th Grade) in Cafeteria 1:50-2:30 pm	Jan. 16	Term 2 ends 3:00 pm
Dec. 12	PTA Holiday Bazaar 5:00-9:00 pm	Jan. 16	5 th Grade Family Life Lesson PM
Dec. 13	PTA Holiday Bazaar 9:00-1:00 pm	Jan. 19	School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Dec. 17	Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm	Jan. 20	School Closed - Prof Development for Staff
Dec. 18	SRES Chorus Concert 7:00 pm	Jan. 21	School Closed - Teacher Work Day
Dec. 19	Spirit Day - Holiday Dress	Jan. 21	Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser 3:00-9:00 pm
Dec. 19	3 rd Grade Winter Party 2:45-3:45 pm	Jan. 22	Second Semester - Term 3 begins
Dec. 23	5 th Grade Holiday Party 2:30-3:30 pm	Jan. 22	Bus #451 Meeting
Dec. 24-Jan2	School Closed Winter Break	Jan. 26	Bus #541 Meeting
Jan. 5	School Re-Opens	Jan. 28	Field Trip to ESSL (Briscoe) 11:15-1:45 pm
Jan. 7	Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm	Jan. 28	Bus #261 Meeting
Jan. 12	Fine Dining (K,1,4)	Jan. 28	Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm
Jan. 13	Fine Dining (2,3,5)	Jan. 29	Field Trip to ESSL (Knox, Pagel) 11:15-1:45 pm
Jan. 13	PTA Meeting 6:30	Jan. 29	Bus #348 Meeting
Jan. 14	Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm	Jan. 30	SRES Spirit Day - Team Day