



Spring Ridge Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 12, 2009

Dominos Night TONIGHT! Thursday, February 12.

President's Day, February 16: School is closed.

2 Hour Early Dismissal, Friday February 20: SRES will dismiss at 1:45pm. Boxed meals will be available for lunch.

The preK schedule is as follows:

Morning PreK - 9:15 - 10:45 am

Afternoon PreK - 12:15 - 1:45 pm

TONIGHT! Free Parent Workshop, Positive Discipline Strategies for All Children: Feb. 12th, 7:00-8:30 at Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle School-Media Center, 1799 Schifferstadt Blvd., Frederick, MD 21701. Discipline can be an issue in dealing with children for any parent, childcare provider, or teacher. With Positive Discipline there are many rewards such as remaining in control, avoiding power struggles, staying calm, and being able to role model appropriate behavior. Our presenter, Valerie von Behren, MSDE, has worked in support of children with disabilities and specifically children with challenging behaviors for the past 16 years in a variety of settings.

Sign Language Class, February 11th - March 4th: The Sign Language Class is full.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration: Open registration will be held on Monday, March 2, 1:00 - 7:00 pm and Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 - 2:00 pm. When registering your child please bring the following information: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card/Number (optional), proof of residence (must be current), and Immunization Records. PreK registration must provide proof of income. Registration will only be accepted if complete. Your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2009 to register for Pre-K. Kindergarten must be 5 before September 1, 2009. Please inform any neighbors with young children.

Family Game Night: Thursday, March 5th, join us for a fun evening of games. 6:00 Pizza, 6:30 games begin. The cost is \$5.00 per family for pizza. Please RSVP by February 27th to Mrs. Craney.

New Security Measures: In our efforts to keep students and staff as safe as possible during the school day, SRES now has a security camera and buzzer for our front entrance. The left door will be the point of entry. Please press the buzzer/button on the left wall (silver box) next to the front doors. Wait for the office to respond, then please state your name and reason for your visit. This new security measure will allow all doors to be locked during the school day. Your child's safety is our top priority!

Free and Reduced Lunch: Just a reminder that you can apply any time during the school year for assistance. You can pick up an application from the front office.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: We will be holding Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 2 in the evening and March 3rd in the afternoon. Spring Conferences are only held on an as needed or requested basis. Information will be coming home soon with your child.

Elementary School Menus: In order to reduce waste and save money, SRES will be including the Elementary School Menu on our Thursday Announcements.

FCPS Calendar: Includes 5 days for snow or other emergency closings. If all days are not needed, the school year will be shortened by the number of unused days to provide 180 days for students. If more days are required, the days will be made up in this order: February 16, April 8, 9 and June 18 and 19.

FCPS Elementary Magnet Program: Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Elementary Magnet Program is housed at New Market, North Frederick, and Urbana Elementary Schools. The magnet program is designed for academically gifted students in grades 1 - 5 with superior performance in both language arts and mathematics. Nomination booklets, which will be available beginning February 4, 2009, may be obtained from Regina Farnsworth, the FCPS Office of Gifted and Talented Education or online at <http://www.fcps.org/gnt>. After February 4, 2009, the Office of Gifted and Talented Education will be accepting nominations of present kindergarten through fourth grade students for possible placement in the magnet program for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

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

Students may be nominated for the magnet program by school staff, parents or jointly. Parents and teachers are encouraged to review information, including some characteristics of gifted students, that is posted at www.fcps.org/gnt. Teacher nominations, parent nominations and a completed *Parent/Guardian Rating Form* are due in the school office by March 4, 2009, so that placement tests can be administered and information required to complete the nomination packet may be gathered by school staff.

A Magnet Program Overview for parents interested in nominating their child will be held on February 19, 2009, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Staff Development Area of the Hayward Road complex (7630 Hayward Road). The overview will include components of the magnet program and the processes leading to placement. Please note that this meeting is designed for parents, not students. The snow date for this meeting is February 26 at the same time and location. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at 301-696-6891.

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

Feb. 17 - 20 Jessica Green, Lindsay Smith

Feb. 23 - 27 Dakota Fravel, Connor Givens

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 12 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 pm

Feb. 12 Before School Book Club 8:45 - 9:15 am

Feb. 12 Dominos Night

Feb. 12 Positive Discipline Strategies for All Children
Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle School-Media
Center 7:00-8:30 pm

Feb. 13 Valentine's Classroom Party

Kindergarten 2:30 - 3:30

1st Grade 2:30 - 3:30

2nd Grade 3:00 - 3:40

3rd Grade 2:30 - 3:30

4th Grade 2:30 - 3:30

5th Grade 2:30 - 3:30

Feb. 16 School Closed - Presidents Day

Feb. 17 Sagner Book Club 5:30-6:00 pm

Feb. 18 Sign Language Class 8:45-9:10 am Art Room #306

Feb. 18 Peaceful School Bus Mtg. #348 3:15-3:45 pm

Feb. 18 Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm

Feb. 19 TJ presentation for 5th graders

Feb. 19 Roy Rogers Night Fundraiser

Feb. 19 5th Grade Mtg w/TJ Middle School Counselor in
Cafeteria 9:30 - 10:15 am

Feb. 19 Before School Book Club 8:45 - 9:15 am

Feb. 19 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am

Feb. 20 Interims issued for Term 3

Feb. 20 2 Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm

PreK AM - 9:15 - 10:45 AM

PreK PM - 2:15 - 1:45 PM

Feb.20-25 Pre-View Days for Book Fair

Feb. 23 Peaceful School Bus Mtg. #451 3:15-3:45 pm

Feb. 25 Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm

Feb. 25 Sign Language Class 8:45-9:10 am Art Room #306

Feb. 25 Peaceful School Bus Mtg. #541 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Feb. 26 PTA Newsletter

Feb.26-3/6 Spring Book Fair

Feb. 26 Parents and Pastries 8:00 - 8:30 am

Feb. 26 Dental Hygiene Ed - Carpenter's class 1:00-1:30 pm

Feb. 26 Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 pm

Feb. 26 Before School Book Club 8:45 - 9:15 am

Feb. 26 Peaceful School Bus Mtg. #261 3:15-3:45 pm

Feb. 27 SRES Spirit Day - Pajama Day

Feb. 27 PTA Snowflake Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Feb. 27 Book Fair Opens 6:00 - 6:30 pm

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