



Spring Ridge Elementary School

THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 5, 2009

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. This new security measure will allow all doors to be locked during the school day. You will need to buzz for entry near the left door. Your child's safety is our top priority!

A Pat on the Back for our School: Please read sentiments shared by a recent sub: "I have subbed at SRES before, but today was the first day I was greeted with the "sub basket". What a neat idea!! Although I didn't drink the tea or eat the crackers, it was a very welcoming gesture ... and just the thought made me smile. I have subbed all around the county and it really does make a difference to a substitute to feel welcomed. In fact, I feel that the school climate that I encounter in the front office is often indicative of what I will encounter at the school at-large. Not only have I thoroughly enjoyed the students at SRES, but all of the staff I encountered have been exceedingly helpful and friendly".

President's Day, February 16: Currently this is a day that school is closed. This may become a school day if more than 5 snow days are used.

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.

Dominos Night - Next Thursday, February 12.

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

"Safe Routes to School" Grant: SRES was awarded a Maryland Highway Administration's "Safe Routes to School" grant. The grant funds educational events to promote safe walking/biking to school. FCPS is in partnership with the Frederick County Health Department, who will be doing the actual coordination of the educational events. Stay tuned for more information. . .

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.

Letters to President Obama: Several students of Spring Ridge Elementary School were asked to write a letter to our new president, President Obama. They were asked to share their hopes and dreams for his presidency. Some final copies were entered in a contest on Kidthing. Please go to our school website to view SRES student's hopes for President Obama!

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.

SRES Reading Idol: Many students are reading their way through SRES Idol. We had 193 students turn in the first 4 cards by the end of December and earned their way to a Reading Karaoke Party. These students enjoyed reading song lyrics and singing many of their favorite songs! These students have read 24 extra books so far. If your child is on track for finishing the program s/he should be reading the books for Card 6. Remember you must turn in at least one card per month and a maximum of 4 cards in a month to be eligible for the final prize! Check out the Book Talks on the website! Watch for many more to be added!

National School Counseling Week Feb. 2-6: This year's theme is "School Counselors: Making a Difference". Many of our students have honored Mrs. Watson, our School Counselor, for all she does for us.

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 - 3:00 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.

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.

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:

Feb. 9 - 13 Sierra Shade, Lana Carswell
Feb. 17 - 20 Jessica Green, Lindsay Smith

Feb. 23 - 27 Dakota Fravel, Connor Givens

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 5 PTA Executive Meeting 4:15 pm
Feb. 5 Chorus Practice
Feb. 5 Before and After school Book Club
AM - 8:45 - 9:15 PM - 3:45 - 4:30
Feb. 10 Sagner Book Club 5:30-6:00 pm
Feb. 11 Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm
Feb.11-25 School Performance Indicator Survey
Feb. 12 Chorus
Feb. 12 Before and After school Book Club
AM - 8:45 - 9:15 PM - 3:45 - 4:30
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 2:30-3:30 pm
Kindergarten
Feb. 16 School Closed - Presidents Day
(may become a school day if more than
5 snow days are used)
Feb. 17 Sagner Book Club 5:30-6:00 pm
Feb. 18 Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm

Feb. 19 Roy Rogers Night Fundraiser
Feb. 19 Before and After school Book Club
AM - 8:45 - 9:15 PM - 3:45 - 4:30
Feb. 19 Chorus
Feb. 20 2 Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm
Prek AM - 9:15 - 10:45 AM
PreK PM - 12:15 - 1:45 PM
Feb.20-25 Pre-View Days for Book Fair
Feb. 25 Math Enrichment Club 3:45-4:30 pm
Feb. 26 PTA Newsletter
Feb.26-3/6 Spring Book Fair
Feb. 26 Parents and Pastries
Feb. 26 Chorus
Feb. 26 Before and After school Book Club
AM - 8:45 - 9:15 PM - 3:45 - 4:30
Feb. 27 SRES Spirit Day - Pajama Day
Feb. 27 PTA Snowflake Dance 6:30-8:30 pm.

Next Week's School Menu