



# Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



January 15, 2009

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration RESCHEDULED for THURSDAY JAN. 22:** FCPS students and staff invite the public to join in celebrating the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Thursday, January 22, at 7 p.m. in the Gov. Thomas Johnson High School auditorium. The free 90-minute program, "From Vision to Action," "will feature inspiring musical performances plus award-winning student artwork and written expressions that focus on Dr. King's life and the principles he promoted", says Ted Luck, FCPS supervisor of Education That Is Multicultural/Gifted and Talented. Students from Deer Crossing Elementary, Gov. Thomas Johnson High and Orchard Grove Elementary will perform during the evening. If schools are closed next Thursday due to inclement weather, the program will not be rescheduled again.

**New Security Measures:** In our efforts to keep students and staff as safe as possible during the school day, SRES will be getting a security camera and buzzer for our front entrance in the near future. 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.

**Attention Giant Customers:** It's not too late to register your Giant Bonus Card! Enroll on-line at [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) by January 31st and our school will receive credit for ALL of your January purchases! Our school ID is 01694.

**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](http://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.

**Maryland Schools #1 in Nation:** The Maryland public school system has moved to the head of the class, according to an independent national report released January 7. Education Week, the nation's leading education newspaper, placed Maryland at the very top of its rankings, just ahead of Massachusetts. Other high-scoring systems include New York and Virginia. Maryland's standing is based on student performance and State education policies that reflect more than a decade of work on a preK-12 curriculum; state accountability and standards; and work on school readiness, high school reform, and preparation for college and the workplace. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/a7uphf>.

**Parents of YMCA Before and After school childcare:** FCPS is collecting information about your satisfaction with the current before and after school childcare program at SRES (YMCA). We encourage your participation, please take a moment to go online and complete the survey [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SYvJlw2P\\_2f3lXB6eh0keBBQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SYvJlw2P_2f3lXB6eh0keBBQ_3d_3d). ALL surveys need to be completed no later than January 30, 2009. Only one survey per family should be completed.

**Reading Idol Update:** SRES Reading Idol is moving along. By the end of January we will be half way through the program! Those students who turned in Card 4 by January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will be invited to our annual Card 4 party! This year the theme is Karaoke! We will be reading song lyrics and singing to some popular kid's music. Look for your invitation on Card 4. Remember you must have kept up with your reading and turned in card 4 on time to be eligible for this prize.

**Attendance Reminder:** FCPS has implemented a new student information system for the 2008-2009 school year. Schools will enter attendance information in the student information system, including daily absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals. The system will calculate whether the student receives credit for a full-day or a half-day of attendance based on how many minutes the student is present during the school day as per the MD State Department of Education attendance regulation. (See below.)

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

### Students Scheduled For a Full Day

A student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance four hours or more of the school day. A student is counted present for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day if in attendance for at least two hours of the school day, but less than four hours.

### Students Scheduled For a Partial Day

A student scheduled for less than a full day is to be counted present based on the amount of time he/she is scheduled. Example: A student scheduled for a two hour block of time will be counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance for that entire block of time. If the student is absent for that entire block of time, the student will be counted absent for a full day. A student scheduled for a two hour block of time will be counted present for  $\frac{1}{2}$  day if the student is in attendance for one hour.

**NEA Health Information Network Announces Internet Safety Website:** The National Education Association Health Information Network (NEA HIN) has developed a comprehensive website on internet safety, available at [www.bnetsavvy.org](http://www.bnetsavvy.org) <<http://www.bnetsavvy.org/>>, as well as a free bi-monthly newsletter.

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**RECYCLE and raise funds for SLAM, DUNK, READ Basketball Camp:** Please consider donating unwanted electronic items to Slam, Dunk, Read Basketball Camp. Examples of items needed are cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, DVD movies and videogames, laptop computers, MP3 players, X-Boxes, Play Stations, Wii, Digital Picture Frames, Portable navigation & GPS Devices (Garmin, Magellan, Tom-Tom). We can't accept large items like full size computers or printers. You can drop off donations to Karen Craney's Room #102 anytime. Thank you for supporting a good cause and making the world a cleaner place.

### Fifth Grade Flag Bearers for Jan/Feb:

Jan. 22 - 23 Charles , Hayden  
Jan. 26 - 30 William, Joie  
Feb. 2 - 6 Emily, Travis

Feb. 9 - 13 Sierra, Lana  
Feb. 17 - 20 Jessica, Lindsay  
Feb. 23 - 27 Dakota, Connor

### UPCOMING DATES:

Jan. 16 Term 2 ends 3:00 pm  
Jan. 16 PBIS 7:45-8:30 am  
Jan. 16 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Life Lesson PM  
Jan. 19 School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
Jan. 20 School Closed - Prof. Development for Staff  
Jan. 21 School Closed - Teacher Work Day  
Jan. 21 Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser 3:00-9:00 pm  
Jan. 22 Second Semester - Term 3 begins  
Jan. 22 Bus #451 Meeting  
Jan. 22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Thomas Johnson High (Debbie) 7:00 pm

Jan. 26 Bus #541 Meeting  
Jan. 28 Field Trip to ESSL (Briscoe) 11:15-1:45 pm  
Jan. 28 Bus #261 Meeting  
Jan. 29 PTA Newsletter  
Jan. 29 Field Trip to ESSL (Knox, Pagel) 11:15-1:45 pm  
Jan. 29 Bus #348 Meeting  
Jan. 30 SRES Spirit Day - Team Day  
Jan. 30 Reading Idol Card 4 Party (Karen Craney)  
K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 2:00 -2:45  
3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> grade: 2:45-3:30