



# Spring Ridge Elementary School

## THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 7, 2009

**Students Arrive 2 hours Late on May 15th:** A friendly reminder that School opens 2 hours late on May 15<sup>th</sup>. SRES doors will open at 10:45, classes begin at 11:15.

**Pre-K schedule is as follows: Morning PreK 11:15-12:45. Afternoon Pre-K 2:15-3:45.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Pictures:** Lifetouch was here today to take the 5<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic picture. If you did not send in your payment, you have until Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to do so. Please stop by the office to get a form.

**Important Health Message:** FCPS has recently received a number of questions regarding swine flu. We are taking our direction from the Frederick County Health Department, as well as the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Dr. Grasmick. School health nurses and administrators are monitoring attendance data. Custodial staffs are maintaining the cleanliness of our schools. Students and staff are encouraged to remain home during any illness. Following these good hygiene practices can assist in controlling the spread of influenza-like illnesses, wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes. For more information, go to [www.fcps.org/fluinfor](http://www.fcps.org/fluinfor)

**Talking to your Children about the Swine Flu:** The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has partnered with the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to develop and disseminate a handout for parents on talking to their children about the Swine Flu virus. "[Talking to Children About Swine Flu \(H1N1\): A Parent Resource](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/swineflu.aspx)" is available on the NASP website at <http://www.nasponline.org/resources/swineflu.aspx> along with an audio version. Translated versions will be provided as soon as possible.

**Book Donations:** It is that time of year for "Spring Cleaning"! If you have some easy readers or chapter books that your family has finished with and you are willing to donate to Summer Reading programs for SRES students the reading team is looking for some gently used books. Please send them into the Reading Room and Mrs. Craney will be sure they are well used this summer.

**Register or the program will be cancelled!!** Slam Dunk Read Basketball Camp is scheduled for July 6-9, 2009. We are currently accepting registrations for this great summer program. At this time we have approximately 16 children who have registered. If you are planning to attend this summer please turn your registration in as soon as possible. This has been a fabulous summer program for the past 5 years and we are excited to offer it again this summer. Unfortunately we will need to cancel our camp if we do not reach our minimum number of 50 participants by May 29, 2009.

**Save the Date:** The PTA Spring Fling is Friday, May 29, 5:00-8:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and look for more information to follow!

**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 have been issued.** The School Resource Officer reminded us that a second citation for parking in a handicapped parking space without proper identification will result in a fine. 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.

**From the Cafeteria:** As another health safety measure, the cafeteria staff will be handing out forks, spoons, knives and napkins to try to help reduce the risk of spreading the swine flu virus. This does not mean children or adults that pack lunch can not get what they need to eat their lunch, it just means you will have to ask for it.

If your child has an outstanding charge in the cafeteria, please bring your child's account up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Middle School Chinese Center for Students Entering Grades 6-9:** July 13 - 31 (Monday - Friday) 9 am - 2 pm at Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle School. Send your child on an imaginary trip to China! Students will be in year 4707, the Chinese year of the Ox and will learn to:

- speak and write Chinese—about themselves, their families, food, likes and dislikes, and other topics

- learn about Chinese food and the importance of food in Chinese culture, and take a field trip to a real Chinese restaurant, even ordering their food in Chinese
- practice Chinese painting and calligraphy
- master use of an abacus as they learn to count in Chinese
- play ping pong, Chinese yo-yo's and shuttlecock

**We LOVE our Volunteers:** We will begin to acknowledge the Volunteer of the Month with a special parking spot. The spot will be one of the "reserved" spots in our SRES front lot. More information will be coming.

**Pennies for Patients:** THANK YOU to Mrs. Terri Kieft and her family for their time and effort in counting the Pennies for Patients donations for this year! SRES would also like to thank the Buckeystown Branch Chevy Chase Bank, specifically Lourdes Moutran, the Assistant Branch manager for waiving the fee for the use of the coin counting machine. This was a great help to Mrs. Kieft! Our school donated a total of **\$466.24 for the Maryland Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.** The class with the highest total is **Mrs. Benson's class** with a total of **\$60.09.** Mrs. Benson's class will have a pizza party, courtesy of Domino's, later this month. Way to go to Mrs. Benson's class as well as all of our students and staff who donated to this worthy cause!

**One-stop shopping for your plants and mulch:** Linganore High School Class of 2012 is hosting a mulch sale, Saturday, 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. The greenhouse will be open for flowers, herbs and vegetable plants 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.

**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!

May 11-May 15	Sierra, Lana	June 1-5	Aubrey r, Tori
May 18-22	Jessica, Lindsay	June 8-12	Makayla, Ayah
May 26-29	Dakota, Connor	June 15-16	Emily, Gabby

**UPCOMING DATES:**

May 7	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am	May 21	Rita's Italian Ice Night 12:00 - 9:00 pm
May 12	Field Trip Baltimore Museum of Industry (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:30-2:00 pm	May 22	Field Trip - SRES Chorus - Country Meadows Retirement Community 10:00- 1:30 pm.
May 12	PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm	May 23	Frederick Keys Family Fitness Game and Fitness Expo
May 13	Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm	May 25	School Closed - Memorial Day
May 14	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am	May 27	Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am
May 14	Dominos Night	May 27	Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm
May 15	School opens 2-hours late - teacher work session	May 28	PTA Newsletter
May 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Personal Body Safety Parent Pre-view 3:30 pm	May 28	Chorus Concert (PreK, 3,4,5) 9:30-10:10 am (PreK, K, 1, 2) 1:45-2:25 pm
May 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Personal Body Safety	May 28	SRES Spring Chorus Concert 7:00 pm
May 20	Volunteer Luncheon in Media Ctr - 11:15-1:15 pm	May 29	SRES Spirit Day - Western Day
May 20	Sign Language Class (Art Room) 8:45-9:10 am	May 29	Personal Body Safety ends (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)
May 20	Young Rembrandts' (Room 306) 4:00-5:00 pm	May 29	Spring Fling 5:00-8:00 pm
May 21	Field Trip to DC Zoo (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 9:30-3:30 pm		
May 21	Chorus Practice 3:45-4:45 am		