



Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



November 13, 2008

In the Event of Bad Weather or an Emergency Situation

Occasionally inclement weather or other safety or health conditions require FCPS to cancel, delay opening or otherwise change school routines or schedules. Typically, cancellation and delay decisions are made by 5 a.m. that day and announced soon after. If weather becomes a factor after school is already in session, a decision to close early is made, whenever possible, by 10:30 a.m. that day. Very rarely, FCPS may be required to take student safety precautions immediately, with little or no notice. Although we notify numerous regional news outlets, we encourage parents and guardians to use the following sources for the most accurate news. For the fastest, most reliable school status information, check:

Internet: www.fcps.org

Sign up for Find Out First, and email notifications will be sent to you at home and work.
FCPS Television on Comcast cable channel 18 (Frederick area).

School Closed: November 26-28 for Thanksgiving Break.

California Tortilla fundraiser date change: The California Tortilla Fundraiser has been changed to November 18th, 5:00 - 10:00 pm. 25% of the proceeds go directly to benefit Carrie's Cause. Please tell the cashier it's for "Carrie's Cause". California Tortilla is located at 1700 Kingfisher Dr., off Monocacy Blvd. Thanks for your continued generosity!

Hearing and Vision Screening: Will take place at SRES November 17th-19th for PK, K (if not screened last year in PK), 1st, and 4th grade students. If parents do not wish to have their child screened, they must submit that request in writing to the health room. Additionally, if there are students that are NOT scheduled to be screened during these dates but a parent/teacher feels the student should be screened then we will accommodate that request.

SRES Reading Idol: Our school wide reading incentive program begins this week!! Check out our school website <http://schools.fcps.org/sres/> to find out about the program and get your child started reading! Information was sent home in the Thursday folder to help you understand the program. Students should begin working on tracks 1 and 2 and be finished with them by the end of November. So click on the "SRES Reading Idol" icon, go to track 1 and print your card. Go Green and send your unused cards back to school.

Car Riders: Thanks to everyone for working with SRES and the car rider door guidelines. It shows that you care about the safety of children as we do. There are still a few instances that are happening that need a reminder, however.

- **The car rider door will be available from 3:47-4:05.** If you come after this time, please go to the front office to pick up your child.
- **Please do not get out of your car to assist children.** This causes a backup and other cars start to go around your vehicle which causes a dangerous situation. If you need to get out of your car please pull around to the parking area and do so.
- **Please do not go around other cars that are waiting in line ahead of you unless you are waved ahead by a staff person on duty.** This, too, causes drivers to get upset and also causes a dangerous situation. Once you have picked up your child, you can carefully pull out around another car and leave.
- **Children will not be allowed back into the building via the car rider door once they have come out.** If your child has forgotten something in the school, please park your car and go into the building via the front office. Please escort your child to his/her classroom to look for the item as there is no guarantee that the teacher will be in the room.

We are doing our best to make SRES a safe environment for all students and we really appreciate you help in these matters. With your cooperation we are able to get all the children in their cars safely by 4:00.

SRES Fall Food Drive: November 5 through December 1, SRES will be collecting canned goods for the Salvation Army of Frederick. Please send in canned food items to school with your child. We **will not** be accepting boxed food items. All students will receive recognition for their donations on their class cornucopia!

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

Parent Preview of the Grade 3 Personal Body Safety Unit: Our third grade teachers will present the Personal Body Safety Unit later this year during the spring. Before the unit is taught, it is important for parents to have the opportunity to review the program and the curricular materials that are used. Two presentations will be made for this purpose. The parent previews will be held in the Curricular Meeting Room at the FCPS Hayward Road office building on:

Thursday, November 13, from 6:30-8:30 pm or Monday, November 17, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Chat with the Superintendent: FCPS parents and guardians are cordially invited to attend a chat with Superintendent Dr. Linda Burgee on Nov. 20th, 1:00-2:30 pm at C. Burr Artz Library (Community Room) to learn more about the school system. For more information, see full news release at: <http://fcps.schoolwires.com/news>.

28th Annual Frederick County Science and Engineering Fair: This years' Science Fair will be held at Ballenger Creek Elementary School, Saturday, December 6, 9:30 - 1:00 pm. Set-up will take place on Friday, December 5, from 5:00-6:30 pm. If you would like to enter the FCPS county Science Fair, please get a form from Ms. Ryan and return it to her by Nov. 13th.

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.

Wee Deliver, the Spring Ridge Elementary School Post Office: The post office is now open! Your child has the opportunity to write letters to any student or staff member at school. Each child has a classroom address to use as a recipient and return address. The Wee Deliver system requires that all mail be correctly addressed with a school stamp attached. If you wish to send your child a letter, you may visit the Wee Deliver Directory, which is kept in the media center. Stamps are also available in the media center. We hope you and your child will make use of this innovative and long-time favorite program.

Health Department Flu Clinics: The Health Department will hold several flu clinics during November.

- **November 14, 2008 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM** — Emmitsburg - Emmitsburg Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue.
- **November 18, 2008 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM** — Frederick - Francis Scott Key (FSK) Mall, 5500 Buckeystown Pike. Use the mall entrance next to the FMH Wellness Center.

No appointments are necessary. Flu shots and FluMist® will be available at all clinics. Shirts that provide ready-access to the shoulder area are recommended for those who receive shots.

Payment can be made with cash or check; credit or debit cards are not accepted. Those with Medicare Part B* are reminded to bring their card. FluMist® - \$20.00, Pneumonia vaccine- \$40.00. Information about the Health Department's 2008 flu clinic schedule is available at www.co.frederick.md.us/flu or from the Health Department's flu information line (English or Spanish) at 301-600-3035.

Those with additional inquiries may call 301-600-3342.

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 November/December:

Nov. 17 - 21	Aubrey Zeigler, Tori Sohm	Nov. 24 - 25	Kirsten An, Jacob Van Brunt
Dec. 1 - 5	Makayla Kernan, Ayah Zibak	Dec. 15 - 19	Leilani Vasquez, Joshua Nail
Dec. 8 - 12	Emily Rosenberger, Gabby Redpath	Dec. 22 - 23	Kirsten An, Jacob Van Brunt

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov. 13	Domino's Night	Nov. 19	Education Support Professionals Day
Nov. 13	County Science Fair entry forms due to Ms. Ryan	Nov. 19	Hearing and Vision Screening
Nov. 13	3 rd Grade Body Safety Unit- <u>Parent preview</u> (Hayward) 6:30-8:30 pm	Nov. 20	FCPS Parents & Guardians Chat with the Superintendent (C. Burr Artz Library) 1:00-2:30 pm
Nov. 14	5 th Grade Mural Project Assembly 9:30-10:15 am	Nov. 21	SRES Spirit Day - Hat Day
Nov. 16-22	American Education Week	Nov. 21	Benson's Class - parents invited to plays 9:15 am
Nov. 17	Hearing and Vision Screening	Nov. 24	BOE Meeting
Nov. 17	Report Cards to be distributed	Nov. 25	Fall Classroom Party (4 th Grade) 2:30-3:30 pm
Nov. 17	3 rd Grade Body Safety Unit- <u>Parent preview</u> (Hayward) 1:00-3:00 pm	Nov. 26-28	School Closed Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 18	Hearing and Vision Screening		
Nov. 18	Thanksgiving Lunch with parents/grandparents (A-K) 11:00-1:30 pm (see flyer for lunch shifts)		
Nov. 18	California Tortilla Fundraiser for Carrie's Cause 5:00-10:00 pm		
Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Lunch with parents/grandparents (L-Z) 11:00-1:30 pm (see flyer for lunch shifts)		