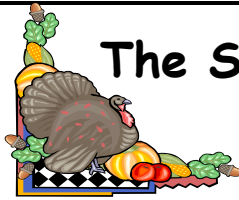




Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



November 25, 2008



The SRES Staff wish you and your family
a Happy Thanksgiving!

School Closed: November 26-28 for Thanksgiving Break.

School Dismisses Early: December 5th school dismisses at 1:45 pm (lunch will be served).

Morning Pre-K: 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Afternoon Pre-K: 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm

SRES Emergency Response Plan: Today we are sending home an Emergency Response flyer. Please review it with your family so you know how we will handle certain situations.

As part of emergency preparedness at SRES, we will practice a variety of emergency drills with the students throughout the school year. We have already held several evacuation fire drills. Our staff will be working with the students on how to act in a variety of situations should they occur. Don't be surprised if your child comes home from school one day talking about practicing a lockdown drill, drop, cover and hold or one of several other drills.

Some of these situations can have an emotional effect, even in practice situations. We ask that you support the staff at Spring Ridge by discussing the drills with your child and help us to assure him/her that we are doing all that we can to keep him/her safe. Remind your child that the important thing for him/her to remember is to remain calm and to follow the directions of the adult in charge. Last week we sent home bright pink **Early Release Forms**, it is important that you complete and return this form.

Please return Early Release Forms to school by December 1.

Reading Book Club: Will meet in the Media Center every Thursday morning from 8:45-9:15 am and afternoon from 3:45-4:30 pm.

Parents/Guardians: When picking up your child from school, please sign him/her out and wait for your child in the lobby.

Thanksgiving Lunch: We had a great turn out, Tuesday: 255 students & 74 adults and Wednesday: 280 students and 99 adults. A big THANK YOU goes to Joette, the cafeteria staff and the volunteers! You all did an awesome job!!

Governors Citation for Superior Maintenance of Schools: Spring Ridge Elementary has been selected to receive a Governors Citation for Superior Maintenance for fiscal year 2008. Terri Snowden, Lead Custodian, and Andy Garza, Cluster Lead will represent SRES at the awards ceremony in Annapolis on December 3, 2008.

CD Players Needed: If you have a portable CD player that you would like to donate to our reading programs, please contact Karima Sharper.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for a volunteer who can help in the front office each Thursday a.m. for an hour or two. If you can help, please contact Becky Sappington in the front office.

School Boundary Changes: FCPS welcomes public comment in setting new attendance-area boundaries and feeder patterns for 2010 when our 10th high school opens. You are invited to view draft school-redistricting options, hear a brief staff presentation, and offer comments. Each meeting will cover the same information and is open to all school communities.

Tuesday, December 9 Linganore High at Oakdale

Tuesday, December 16

Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle

Thursday, December 11 Urbana Middle

Thursday, December 18

New Market Middle

For more information online: <http://fcps.org/ohsredistricting>. FCPS Television (Comcast cable 18) will record each meeting for broadcast the following night.

SRES Reading Idol: Our school wide reading incentive program is off to a great start!! 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

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unused cards back to school. It's not too late to start the program. Please don't forget that you must turn in a card in November to be eligible for the BIG prize.

Martin Luther King Award: The SRES nominee is Jenna. She was surprised with this announcement last Friday morning in front of the entire fifth grade!

Hearing and vision screenings: Were completed November 17th-19th. Re-screening of students who did not pass one or both screenings will occur on December 5th and December 8th. Please ensure that your child has his/her glasses on those days to ensure an accurate screening. For students who do not pass the screening process a second time, a letter will be sent to parents/guardians outlining specific area(s) of concern as noted by the hearing and vision technician. It will be necessary for a follow-up appointment to be made with your child's health care provider to further screen, diagnose, and treat your child. Documentation of the follow-up must be provided to the health room promptly by having the physician complete and sign the bottom portion of the letter provided. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the health room at 240-566-9014.

SRES Fall Food Drive: Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Food Drive.

SRES PTA Holiday Bazaar: The PTA is holding a holiday event at SRES on Dec. 12th and 13th. They are looking for vendors of home businesses who might be interested in purchasing a table spot. If you know anyone who may be interested, please email colleen@saintloupdesigns.com as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

From the Health Room: American Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, December 2, 8:00 am-2:00 pm at the Health Department Auditorium. Did you ever think you could save a life? One blood donation can help save the lives of 3 people! Be the one we count on - Give blood!! To schedule your life-saving appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. For questions regarding eligibility call 1-800-272-2048.

Do you want to stop a habit that can take your health, your money and eventually your life? Sign up today for the FREE "Stop Smoking For Life" program that offers behavior modification techniques and strategies to overcome nicotine withdrawal, tobacco cravings, stress, weight gain and relapse. The next class begins Monday, December 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Frederick County Health Department, 350 Montevue Lane, Entrance D, Room 2-139. For more information call the Frederick County Health Department Substance Abuse Division at 301-600-3289 or email jbyrd@fredco-md.net.

Fifth Grade Flag Bearers for December/January:

Dec. 1-5	Makayla Kernan, Ayah Zibak	Dec. 22-23	Kirsten An, Jacob Van Brunt
Dec. 8-12	Emily Rosenberger, Gabby Redpath	Jan. 5 - 9	Courtney Fox, Brandon Legge
Dec. 15-19	Leilani Vasquez, Joshua Nail		

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 1	Last Day of SRES Fall Food Drive	Dec. 6	FCPS Elementary Science Fair (Ballenger Creek ES)	Dec. 13	PTA Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 3	Governors Citation Award Ceremony in Annapolis 9:30 a.m.	Dec. 8	Hearing and Vision Screening re-screening 12:30 - 4:00 pm	Dec. 18	SRES Chorus Concert 7:00 pm
Dec. 4	PTA Meeting 4:15 pm	Dec. 11	Dominos Night	Dec. 19	Spirit Day - Holiday Dress
Dec. 5	2-hour early dismissal (1:45 pm)	Dec. 12	Cyberbullying (5 th Grade) in Cafeteria 1:50-2:30 pm	Dec. 19	4 th Grd Holiday Pty 2:45-3:40 pm
Dec. 5	Interims issued for Term 2	Dec. 12	PTA Holiday Bazaar	Dec. 23	5 th Grd Holiday Pty 2:30-3:30 pm
Dec. 5	Hearing and Vision Screening re-screening			Dec. 24-Jan2	School Closed Winter Break