



Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



October 23, 2008

A FEW ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

IN THE MORNING FOR DROP-OFF...

- If you drive to the front parking lot, you must also park and walk your child to the front door. Please do not pull up, stop in the driveway, and wait while your child gets out of the car. This holds up traffic, and puts your child in the position of getting out of the car in a potentially dangerous setting.
- The doors at the car-rider door are closed at 9:05. If you arrive later than 9:05, you will need to park and walk your child to the front door at the office.

IN THE AFTERNOON FOR PICK-UP... We respectfully ask that no cars stop in front of the school as this is where some of our buses pick up students. Please do not use the handicapped spaces - even for a few minutes - if you are not in need of these spaces.

- Please do not wait in your car or pull up in the driveway and call your children to the car from the front parking lot. This is an extremely dangerous practice. We have plenty of parking spaces for you to park your car and go to the front door to meet your child, walking with him/her to your car.
- Please do not leave your vehicle while in the car rider lane. If you need to help your child buckle in, you can pull up to the fire lanes or to the parking lot. You can also park your car and walk over to pick up your child. Cars behind you become impatient and will drive quickly around you causing a safety issue for those walking across the road.

Walkers who would like to become Car Riders

- If your child is a current walker and you wish to make him a car rider for the winter months, simply request a car rider pass from the front office, and send in a note stating that you want your child to become a car rider. It may take up to a week for us to process a car rider pass. Please stop by the office and pick up your car rider pass, this will ensure that you have received it. Once you have your pass, we can determine your start date. Both teacher and front office will have this information and your child will go to the car rider room daily. When you want your child to be a walker again, send in a note saying that your child will be a walker from that date on.
Please note - your child can not be picked up from the car rider door without having a car rider pass.
- We understand that occasionally children need to switch methods of transportation. It is extremely important that you send in a note to prevent any confusion for the child in the afternoon. The office gets extremely busy in the afternoon, and notes will reduce the risk of your child taking the wrong method of transportation. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

PTA Chick-fil-A Night: TONIGHT! Thursday, October, 23, 4:00-8:00 pm. Support the SRES PTA by taking your family out to dinner tonight. Present the Chick-fil-A coupon (that was in your Thursday Folder) and Chick-fil-A will donate a percentage of the evening's sales to SRES PTA.

SRES Favorite Character Day: Friday, October 31, help reading come to life here at SRES. Dress as a favorite book character; no weapons or scary outfits please.

Photo Retakes: A photographer from LifeTouch will be back at SRES on Monday, October 27, to take pictures of any student who was absent on Picture Day or to retake pictures for those students whose parents were not happy with the first take. If you need an order envelope, please contact your child's teacher.

Holiday Card Contest: Artwork is due Friday, October 31. See Mrs. Mcloughlin for information.

Schools Closed: Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4.

Find Out First: Please remember to sign up for Find Out First. Here's how to get school-specific emergency notices, YOU MUST log in and select your areas of interest such as school(s), grade level(s) and news options. You only need to update once, and then you will get the important notices about SRES. HERE'S HOW: Go to: <http://schools.fcps.org/sres/> and click on the Find Out First logo in the bottom left corner of the screen. Note: Steps 1-3 are for anyone who has not yet logged in this school year. If you HAVE updated this school year and have already retrieved your password, you may skip to step 4.



1. FIRST before you enter your email address:

If you have not logged in this school year, SCROLL DOWN and select Get your password.

2. AFTER you select Get your password, a box will open in which you enter your email address.

3. Check your email for a message from EZCommunicator.com providing your pre-set password. (The old system did not have passwords.)

4. Using the SRES - FindOutFirst link url above, LOG IN with the new password you just got.

5. NOW you can EDIT your User Information! Remember to click the update button to save your changes. (Here's where you may also choose a new password if you like.)

6. Edit your School Relationships section by selecting SRES and your relationship(s) to our school. The default choice was Community Member/Other. Please REMOVE that choice if one of the other options better defines your relationship to WHS and add the correct relationship(s). You may select FCPS district-level and other school relationships, too.

7. Choose the types of SRES news of interest to you.

8. Make sure you selected Emergency Notices if you want them. You're finished!

Now you will get SRES email notices targeted to your interests. SRES welcomes family and community involvement in education. *The FCPS Communication Services Division (not individual schools) sends all emergency notices.*

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.**

SRES Literacy Survey: The Reading Committee is interested in learning more about the types of information parents are interested in learning about literacy. In the past we have provided evening programs to educate parents on the hot topics in Early Reading, Comprehension, Fluency, Phonics and Writing. Please take time to go to our school website and complete the survey on literacy to help us better plan our parent education programs for this school year.

Health Department Flu Clinics: The Health Department will hold several flu clinics during November. The first clinic is planned for November 3, 2008 from 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM at three locations:

- Brunswick High School, 101 Cummings Drive, Brunswick, MD
- Governor Thomas Johnson High School, 1501 North Market Street, Frederick, MD
- Urbana High School, 3471 Campus Drive, Ijamsville, MD

Governor Thomas Johnson High School and Urbana High School will each offer a drive-through, for those with limited mobility, from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Additional flu clinics are planned for:

- November 13, 2008 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM — Thurmont - Guardian Hose Company Activities Building, 123 East Main Street.
- 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.

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

Pneumonia vaccine will be available at all clinics except the November 3rd clinics. 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. *Please note - Medicare will only pay for HMO participants to receive their flu and pneumonia vaccine through their HMO. The Health Department will not be able to bill the Medicare HMO. Medicare HMO participants who choose to receive their shots from the Health Department will be charged the stated fees. Vaccine costs: Flu shot - \$20.00, 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.

Mission of Mercy: is holding educational sessions and tours of their operations with a complimentary continental breakfast to inform interested parties about their services. These sessions are held on the following Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00, November 3 and December 8. All events are free and open to the community, but please register if you plan to attend by calling 301-682-5683.

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Glory Days Receipts Worth \$\$\$\$\$: Please support Carrie Legge, SRES Kindergarten teacher, who was diagnosed with Leukemia at the beginning of this school year. 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. At the end of your meal or when picking up To-Go orders, 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. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives and support a good cause!

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 Oct/Nov:

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| Oct. 27 - 31 | Sierra Shade, Lana Carswell | Nov. 17 - 21 | Aubrey Zeigler, Tori Sohm |
| Nov. 5 - 7 | Jessica Green, Lindsay Smith | Nov. 24 - 25 | Kirsten An, Jacob Van Brunt |
| Nov. 10 - 14 | Dakota Fravel, Connor Givens | | |

UPCOMING DATES:

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| Oct. 24 Field Trip to ESSL (Brooks, Reyes) 11:40-1:45 pm | Nov. 6 Field Trip to Eisenhower Farm (Johnson, Titus) 9:15-1:00 |
| Oct. 24 Field Trip Summers Pumpkin Farm (Jett) 1:15-3:30 pm | Nov. 6 PTA Exec. Board Mtg. 4:15 pm |
| Oct. 27 Picture Day make ups 1:00 pm | Nov. 9 PTA Basket Bingo 1:00 pm |
| Oct. 30 Cultural Arts 9:45 am & 1:45 pm | Nov. 17 Hearing and Vision Screening |
| Oct. 31 Term 1 ends | Nov. 17 Reports Cards to be distributed |
| Oct. 31 Holiday Card Contest Deadline | Nov. 18 Hearing and Vision Screening |
| Oct. 31 SRES Spirit Day - Favorite Character Day | Nov. 19 Hearing and Vision Screening |
| Nov. 3 School closed - teacher work day | Nov. 20 PTA California Tortilla 5:00-8:00 pm |
| Nov. 4 School closed - Election Day | Nov. 21 SRES Spirit Day - Hat Day |
| Nov. 5 Field Trip to Eisenhower Farm (Johnson, Matthews) 9:15-1:00 | |