



# Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



October 8, 2008

Spring Ridge Elementary has launched our own school-based FindOutFirst service for better school-home communication.

You only need to update once, and then you will get the important notices about SRES. Please update your choices NOW to get important notices!

It's easy - 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.

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HERE'S HOW: [Follow these steps in the sequence listed below.]

Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/5xum39>

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](http://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. Thank you.

NOTE: The SRES Web site will soon include the convenient blue FindOutFirst envelope (link) on our home page for your convenience in accessing your SRES FindOutFirst account.

*The FCPS Communication Services Division (not individual schools) sends all emergency notices.*

**Schools Closed:** Thursday, October 9.

**PreK and SpEd PreK students do not attend school on October 14, 15 and 16.**

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

**Conference Week Schedule October 13-17:**

Oct. 13	Schools open 2 hours late 11:15 am (doors open at 10:45am) <b>Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45 pm</b> <b>Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45 pm</b>	Oct. 15	School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm <b>(No Pre-K, No Lunch)</b>
Oct. 14	School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm <b>(No Pre-K, No Lunch)</b>	Oct. 16	Schools Dismiss 3 ½ hours early 12:15 pm-Lunch served <b>(No Pre-K)</b>
		Oct. 17	School Closed

**Parents and Pastries:** October 10, 8:00 am. More information will be coming from the PTA.

**Fire Prevention Poster Contest:** Artwork is **due Friday, October 10.**

**SRES Literacy Survey:** Please 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.

**Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards & Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards:** The Communication Services office is seeking nominations for the 2008-2009 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards and the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards. Please consider nominating one of our very talented teachers and/or principals. Complete eligibility and nomination criteria, process information and selection guidelines are available at [www.fcps.org/awards](http://www.fcps.org/awards). You must verify that the individual you are nominating meets the eligibility requirements and make sure that all necessary paperwork is complete and in the proper format before submitting it to the Communication Services office. **Nomination packets are due to the Communication Services office, 115 E. Church Street, by 3:00 pm on December 12, 2008. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.**

**Inspect, Detect and Protect against Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** Wednesday October 22, 5:00-6:00 the Frederick Co. Health Department is offering a free program about Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. Learn the symptoms and how to protect your family. For more information please call 302-600-1788.

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

**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. 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

**PTA Book Fair Dates and Hours:**

October 8	8:45 am - 4:30 pm	October 13	10:45 am - 4:30 pm
October 10	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	October 14-15	12:45 pm - 8:30 pm
(No children will be permitted without an adult before 8:45 am)		October 16	8:45 pm - 4:30 pm

**Science Fair:** Oct. 14 - Drop off Science Fair project between 12:30-1:30 pm in the Cafeteria.  
October 14 & 15 - Science Fair project viewing - during evening Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
Oct. 16 - Children take home projects at dismissal time 12:15 pm.

**Math Information Night:** Parents/Guardians please join SRES on Tuesday, October 21 for Math Information Night 7:00-8:00 pm. Please send in your registration form by Friday, October 16 to Mrs. Farnsworth.

**Beautiful Beginnings and Beyond:** On October 18, FCPS is having a special collaborative event for parents/guardians of young children, ages birth through five. It will take place at Hood College and be held from 8:30 to noon. This conference, *Beautiful Beginnings and Beyond*, is being put together by many early childhood groups and interested community members, though FCPS is the lead agency. It is geared to help families understand ages and stages of development, cognitive growth, and the importance of play. There are presenters from a myriad of agencies and community organizations, including doctors, child care leaders, librarians, FCPS staff, and more. Following a brief introduction and key note speaker, there will be many workshops for families to attend, including one that is a welcome to FCPS. There will be door prizes, interpreters when needed, and light refreshments. All of this will be **free** to the public.

**Welcome Back from the Health Room:** Theresa Johnson, RN and Anna Gue, Health Room Technician  
There is a new face in health room at Spring Ridge Elementary! Please welcome Anna Gue, Health Room Technician. We both hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.  
Please remember to completely fill out your green emergency cards and return them to school as soon as possible. We need this information if your child has an emergency at school.  
As the new school year gets underway, please remember that if your child is not feeling well, he or she is not going to be ready to learn and also threatens other children with illness. Here are some general reminders about when to keep your child home from school:

- a temperature of more than 100
- nausea or vomiting
- stomachache
- diarrhea
- pale or flushed face
- headache
- persistent cough
- earache
- thick discharge from the nose
- painful sore throat
- rash or infection of the skin
- red or pink eyes

Your child should be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. If symptoms are severe or prolonged, consult with your physician. **Thorough and frequent hand washing remains the best prevention in the spread of disease and infection, so please help your children with good hand hygiene practices and lead by example.**

If your child requires medication to be given during the school day, it **must** be brought in by the parent or legal guardian. Prescription medications must be brought in the original container labeled by the pharmacy - physician samples are not allowed. Over-the-counter medications must be brought in the original **unopened** package with the student's name clearly labeled. For both prescription and over-the-counter medications, a physician order must be provided. This form is available from the health room or at [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org).

**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.

**Photo Retakes:** Monday, October 27. If you need an order envelope, please contact your child's teacher.

**Fifth Grade Flag Bearers for October:** Oct. 13-16 William Houston, Joie  
Oct. 27-31 Sierra Shade, Lana

Oct. 20-24 Emily Jerez, Travis

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Oct. 9	School Closed - Yom Kippur	Oct. 16	School Dismisses 3 ½ hours early 12:15 pm-Lunch served (No Pre-K) Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 10	Parents and Pastries 8:00	Oct. 16	Students take home projects at dismissal 12:15 pm.
Oct. 10	K and Pre-K Firefighter Visit	Oct. 17	School Closed
Oct. 10	Fire Prevention Poster Contest Deadline	Oct. 21	Field Trip - PreK (Jett) Summers Pumpkin farm 9:15-11:30 am
Oct. 13	Schools open 2 hours late 11:15 - Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45; Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45	Oct. 21	Field Trip - K (Hicks, McCoy, Pewitt, Spingola) Pumpkin Patch 9:15-1:30 pm
Oct. 14	Science Fair Project Drop off 12:30-1:30 pm	Oct. 21	Family Math Night - Media Center 7:00-8:00 pm
Oct. 14	School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm (No Pre-K, No Lunch) - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct. 23	Thursday Announcements
Oct. 15	School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm (No Pre-K, No Lunch) - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	Oct. 23	Field Trip to ESSL (Earwood, Carpenter) 11:40-1:30 pm
Oct. 15-16	Science Fair Project Viewing during Parent/Teacher Conferences	Oct. 23	PTA Chick-fil-a Night 5:00-8:00 pm

**For PTA Book Fair hours see listing in Announcements.**