

Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 11, 2008

NEW CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW

A new law, effective June 30th, requires MD children up to age eight to use a child safety seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle unless the child is at least 4'9" tall or weighs more than 65 pounds. The new law means some children who previously were secured with adult seat belts will have to return to a safety seat or booster seat. The appropriate seat for most six to eight year olds is a booster seat, which is designed to raise the child up so that adult seat belts will fit properly. For families who cannot afford to purchase a safety seat, loaner programs are available. For more information call MD Kids in Safety Seats at 1-800-370-SEAT, or visit www.mdkiss.org.

SRES Domino's Pizza Night: Dominos will donate 15% of all orders made by Spring Ridge families. Simply call in your order and when the delivery person arrives, hand him/her the slip that is in today's Thursday Folder. Please don't send the slip back to school as we only receive credit for those slips given to the delivery person. Thank you for your support.

Coffee with the Principal: The PTA is hosting *Coffee with the Principal* on Thursday, September 18, from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the cafeteria. Please join us to meet and talk to Mrs. Thackston and Mrs. Genove. Light refreshments will be served. In order that we may be prepared for your questions, please email either of us your questions by September 16th.

REMINDER School Closed/Opening Late: September 19 School Closed (Fair Day),
September 22 School Opens 2 hours late 10:45 am (Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45; Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45)

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 September 10 and 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.

Café Prepay: The FCPS Food Service Department encourages parents to use www.cafeprepay.com to place funds in their child's cafeteria account for meals and a la carte purchases. Go to www.cafeprepay.com to make a purchase.

Communicable Diseases: Please notify the health room immediately if your child should contract a communicable disease (e.g., Chicken Pox, Strep Throat, Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease, Fifth Disease, etc.). There are several students, as well as staff members, with medical conditions who will need to be informed of exposure. Your child's identity will remain confidential.

Emergency Cards: If you have not yet filled out and returned two Emergency Cards for your student, please do so immediately. If you have any changes to the information on this card during the school year (e.g., new phone number, change of work number, etc.), please contact the front office. Should we need to contact you regarding your child due to illness, we need to have the most accurate information on file.

Custody Issues: If there is a court order regarding custody of your child, please be sure that we have a copy of it on file at the school. Without this paperwork, we will not know if there is a non-custodial parent with restricted access to your student.

Free & Reduced Meal Form: If your child is eligible for free or reduced breakfast and lunch, please be sure to fill out the Multi-Child Meal Benefit Form as soon as possible and return it with your child to school. Last year's approval expires shortly, so please submit your form as soon as possible. Due to the volume of forms being submitted at this time of year, processing time may take up to ten days.

Find Out First: On any given day, there could be late breaking school news that you will want to be aware of. By subscribing to *Find Out First*, you will always be on top of what is happening with FCPS. If you don't subscribe to Find Out First, we encourage you to sign up. Go to www.fcps.org and click on the blue envelope at top right. When completing your profile, be sure to check a full range of topics of interest, including your school. That way, you'll be in the same loop as parents who subscribe! (Also, if you already subscribe but you've switched schools, you'll want to update your profile to reflect your new affiliation.)

Volunteer Training: Thanks so much to the volunteers who came in for orientation and training on the office machines. If you weren't able to attend the Volunteer Training and would like to volunteer, please contact Becky Sappington at 240-236-1520.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 11	SRES Domino's Night	Sept. 23	Oakdale HS Redistricting Meeting - New Market Middle 7:00 pm
Sept. 16	Oakdale High School Redistricting Meeting - Oakdale High 7:00 pm	Sept. 23	PTA Roy Rogers Night 5-8 pm
Sept. 17	Citizenship Day / Constitution Day	Sept. 24	Interims Issued for Term 1
Sept. 17	Science Fair Prep Night in Cafeteria 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Sept. 24	Field Trip - 2 nd Grade (Walking Tour and Rosehill Manor)
Sept. 18	Coffee with the Principal 9:30 - 10:30 am	Sept. 24	Bus Safety Meeting (#541) 3:15 - 3:50 pm
Sept. 18	Oakdale High School Redistricting Meeting - Urbana Middle 7:00 pm	Sept. 25	Bus Safety Meeting (#470) 3:15 - 3:50 pm
Sept. 19	School Closed for Students - Fair Day	Sept. 25	Spring Ridge Family Picnic, 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bus Safety Meeting (#451) 3:15 - 3:50 pm	Sept. 29	SRES Sprit Day - School Colors: Blue and White
Sept. 22	School Opens 2 hours late - doors open 10:45 am (Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45; Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45)	Sept. 29	Bus Safety Meeting - (#261) 3:15 - 3:50 pm
Sept. 22	First day of autumn	Sept. 29	Oakdale High School Redistricting Meeting - Gov. TJ Middle 7:00 pm
		Sept. 30	Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah