



Spring Ridge Elementary School THURSDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 25, 2008

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

A parent-teacher conference is a time when important people in a student's life can talk about how that student is doing in school. It's a chance for you to ask questions about the class or your child's progress. It is also a time for you and the teacher to work together as a team to discuss ways you both can help your son or daughter. At the elementary level, teachers will be available exclusively for conferences on the evenings of Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 15 and during the afternoon of Thursday, October 16.

If he/she has not already done so, your child's teacher will send home a Parent-Teacher Conference form with your child in today's Thursday Folder. Please respond back as soon as possible as to whether you will be able to attend on the scheduled date and time so that other arrangements can be made should you not be available. You may also request a conference with any of our Specials Teachers (Art, PE, and/or Music), or with any teachers who are providing your child with specialized services (e.g., Special Education Teachers, Targeted Reading and/or Math Teachers, LLSP Teacher, etc.).

Here at Spring Ridge ES, we believe that conferences are an important component in maintaining a working relationship with your child's teacher so your child can reach his/her full potential. As such, we strongly encourage you to make every effort to take advantage of this opportunity to meet face-to-face with the individuals in the school responsible for your child's education. If transportation is an issue, please contact the front office and arrangements will be made to help you.

Spring Ridge Family Picnic: POSTPONED until October 2, East Third Street Park, 5:00 - 6:30.

September 29 Count: Every year, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is required to obtain records of all students enrolled in Maryland public schools. Based upon this enrollment, the state determines how much money Frederick County Public Schools will receive for the coming year. The attendance taken Monday, September 29, will be reported to the state for this funding. Please make every effort to have your child here on Monday so that our school count accurately reflects the number of students enrolled, guaranteeing funding to the system for him/her.

Spirit Day: Monday, September 29 is our first Spirit Day. The theme is "*School Colors - Blue & White.*" Wear a Spring Ridge t-shirt or simply wear blue & white to show your school spirit. Staff and students will gather in the hall at 3:35 pm to sing the school song. Parents/guardians are always welcome to join us!

Schools Closed: Tuesday, September 30 & Thursday, October 9.

PreK Adjusted Schedule for October 13: School opens at 10:45 am (Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45;
Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45)

FCPS Rules and Regulations for weapons: It is unlawful for students to possess or use any weapon on school property. Students who have or use a weapon on school property will be suspended from school, and the police will be notified of the incident. A weapon is any object designed to harm another physically or an object which is used in a way that can physically harm another. SRES is committed to providing each of you with a safe environment, and we will do all we can to carry out that responsibility including, if necessary, conducting searches of student backpacks.

Parents of Bus Riders Take Note: Students may ride ONLY the school bus to which they are assigned. Inviting friends home via the school bus makes it difficult for schools and bus drivers to account for students and can cause bus capacity problems. In an emergency situation only, school principals may approve a parental request allowing a child to ride another bus. Bus drivers can honor the request only if they receive a parent note that is also signed/approved by the school administration. Transportation to jobs, social meetings, non-school sporting events or practice remains a parental responsibility. Parents and guardians are, of course, welcome to transport their children to and from school. If you have any questions please refer to the FCPS calendar, page 24. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest: sponsored by the Frederick Co. Volunteer Fire & Rescue Assoc. Theme: "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires". No collage (cut & paste) or computer generated pictures. Chosen art work will be displayed at the Frederick Towne Mall and there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Artwork is due Friday, October 10. See Mrs. Mcloughlin for questions, information and completed artwork.

Holiday Card Contest: sponsored by FCPS, Dept. of Visual & Performing Arts and Office of Superintendent. Themes: "Home for the Holidays", "Winter Wonderland" or "Tis the Season in Fredericktowne". Black and white artwork only! Smudge free, please. Chosen art work will be made into cards and used for the holidays by the above FCPS offices. Art work is due Friday, October 31. See Mrs. Mcloughlin for questions, information and completed artwork.

Conference Week Schedule: Please don't forget that conferences are just over two weeks away and to plan your schedule accordingly. PreK and SpEd PreK students do not attend school on October 14, 15 and 16. Schools open 2 hours late (doors open at 10:45 school starts at 11:15 pm) on Oct. 13. On October 14 and 15, students in grades K-5 attend school from 1:15 pm (doors open at 12:45 pm) and dismiss at 3:45 pm. Lunch will not be served. On October 16, students in grades K-5 attend school from 9:15 am (doors open at 8:45 am) and dismiss at 12:15 pm. A bag lunch will be served for those who wish to purchase it at school. School closed on October 17.

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

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!

PTA Book Fair Dates and Hours: October 8, 8:45-4:30, October 10, 8:00-4:30 (No children will be permitted without an adult before 8:45 am), October 13, 10:45-4:30, October 14 & 15, 12:45-8:00. October 16, 8:45-4:00.

Science Fair: October 14 - 16 in the SRES School Cafeteria. Please note the following dates:

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.

Science Fair Project boards can be purchased from Ms. Ryan each morning for \$3.00 each. Students can just stop by Room 309 in the morning with their money.

Bus Safely Meeting: Many Spring Ridge bus riders are participating in a new program called the Peaceful School Bus. Students will meet with bus captains to review safety and behavior while riding the school bus. Each bus will select a goal behavior to improve upon and work to achieve it. Please review the bus rules when they come home with your child. The bus rules spell Safety. Thanks in advance for supporting our efforts to promote safe and positive behavior on the bus.

Stay in seat at all times

Always respect others, the bus and yourself

Flinging things in or out of the bus is not allowed

Eating, drinking on the bus are not allowed

Talk quietly, no hurtful words

You are responsible for your actions

Math Information Night: Parents/Guardians please join SRES on Tuesday, October 21 for Math Information Night. We will overview the new "Investigations" program currently being implemented in Grades K, 2 & 4 (to be used in all grades in 2009-2010). Look for the flyer in today's Thursday Folder and 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

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: 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.

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.)

Volunteers: If you haven't had your picture taken for your volunteer badge, please see Becky Sappington to arrange to have one taken. If you have already had your picture taken, please stop by Karen Craney's, Room #102, to pick up your badge. Only volunteers that have been trained will have access to equipment in the Volunteer Room. If you still need to be trained, please stop by or call Becky Sappington (240) 236-1520 to arrange a time. Thanks so much to the volunteers who came in for orientation and training on the office machines.

Christmas Assistance: Starting September 29 - October 10, the Salvation Army will take applications for Christmas assistance. Proof of all income and bills, a photo ID or birth certificate, and Social Security cards must be presented for each adult household member. A birth certificate or medical card showing date of birth, a Social Security card, and clothing and shoe sizes must be presented for each child. Toys and clothing will be provided for children under 12 only. Please contact the Salvation Army at 301-662-2311 for application dates and times.

5th Grade Flag Bearers for the month of September/October:

Sept. 22 - 26	Courtney , Brandon
Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	Steven , Chase , Erika
Oct. 6 - 10	Charles , Hayden
Oct. 13 - 16	William, Joie
Oct. 20 - 24	Emily , Travis
Oct. 27 - 31	Sierra , Lana

UPCOMING DATES:

September

Sept. 25 Bus Safety Meeting #470 3:15 - 3:50 pm
 Sept. 25 SRES Family Picnic **POSTPONED to Oct. 2**,
 East Third Street Park 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Sept. 29 SRES Sprit Day - School Colors: Blue and White
 Sept. 29 Bus Safety Meeting #348, 3:15 - 3:50 pm
 Sept. 29 Oakdale High School Redistricting Meeting -
 Gov. TJ Middle 7:00 pm
 Sept. 30 Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 10 Fire Prevention Poster Contest Deadline
 Oct. 13 School starts 2 hours late -
 Doors open at 10:45 am; School starts at 11:15 am
 (Morning PK - 11:15 - 12:45;
 Afternoon PK - 2:15 - 3:45)
 Oct. 13 PTA Book Fair 10:45 - 4:30 pm
 Oct. 14-16 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Oct. 14 Science Fair Project Drop off 12:30-1:30 pm
 Oct. 14 School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm
(No Pre-K, No Lunch)
 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
 Oct. 15 School Opens 4 hours late 1:15 pm
(No Pre-K, No Lunch)
 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
 Oct. 15-16 Science Fair Project Viewing during
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Oct. 16 School Dismisses 3 ½ hours early 12:15 pm-
(No Pre-K, Lunch served)
 Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Oct. 16 Students take home Science Fair Projects
 at dismissal 12:15 pm.
 Oct. 16 PTA Book Fair 8:45-4:00
 Oct. 17 School Closed

October

Oct. 1 Bus Safety Meeting #261 - 3:15 - 3:50 pm
 Oct. 2 SRES Domino's Night
 Oct. 2 SRES Family Picnic, East Third Street Park
 5:00-6:30 pm
 Oct. 3 PTA Movie Night 6:30 pm
 Oct. 6 Fine Dining K, 1, 4
 Oct. 7 Fine Dining 2, 3, 5
 Oct. 7 PTA Meeting "Parent Info Night" 6:30 pm
 Oct. 8 Thursday Announcements
 Oct. 8 PTA Book Fair 8:45-4:30 pm
 Oct. 9 School Closed - Yom Kippur
 Oct. 10 Parents and Pastries 8:00 am
 Oct. 10 PTA Book Fair 8:00 - 4:30 pm
 Oct. 10 Pre-K and K Firefighter Visit