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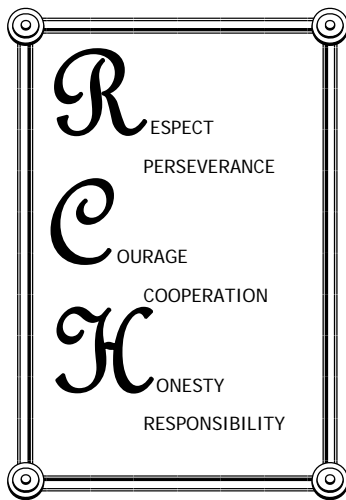
# Beaver Bulletin

Principal's Monthly Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal



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Dear North Springfield Families,

Thank you all so very much for participating in our parent conferences on Monday and Tuesday of this past week. It was especially busy during Election Day with our record turn-out for the polls and I know that parking spaces were limited. Thank you for your patience as you waited for available parking spaces and for your appointment with your child's teacher.

We were very pleased with the students' performance and behavior during the first quarter of the school year. Many of our students excelled in academics as well as athletics and behavior this quarter. We have already started to distribute gold ribbons and we hope to give many more in the near future. Our goal is to have as many students as possible earn citizenship pins at the end of the year and they achieve this goal by earning at least two gold ribbons for displaying our character qualities.

Our Sally Foster gift wrap and other goodies have been delivered to school and hopefully, you were able to collect your order on one of the teacher work days. If you didn't get your order, please stop by the office and we will retrieve your order from your child's classroom. Thank you for supporting this special fundraiser that helps us with field trips and many needed supplies for your children.

Congratulations to the four fifth grade students who were selected to represent North Springfield Elementary at the Virginia All-State Chorus: Nathanael Bennett, Meskel Gayeem, Makayla Miller, and Hezekiel Yonas auditioned with

twenty-five other fifth graders from North Springfield and they will join 150 other fifth graders from across the state and present a concert at Turner Ashby High School in Harrisonburg, Virginia on March 29, 2009.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and friends. I want to let you know how thankful I am for the wonderful children you send to us each and every day and for all that you do for us at North Springfield.

With best regards for a successful second quarter,

Alice E. Alexander  
Principal



*He who thanks but with the lips  
Thanks but in part;  
The full, the true Thanksgiving  
Comes from the heart.  
~J.A. Shedd*

## Important Tips for a Smooth School Year



### School Hours

**Monday**  
7:30-12:35pm

**Tuesday—Friday**  
7:30am -2:40pm

**Please do not drop children off before 7:30am**



### **Birthday Celebrations**

Did you know that you can purchase cookies, popcorn or ice cream from the cafeteria to celebrate your child's birthday?! It's as simple as 1,2,3.

1. Call Ms. Perez at (703)658-5521
2. Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance
3. Select your "goodie" at a price of \$.60 per student.

If you prefer to bring in birthday treats on your own please follow these guidelines:

- No balloons, treat bags or candles
- No cakes/treats that require cutting



### **Adding Money to a Child's Lunch Account**

Please follow these suggestions to ensure that the money you are sending in is getting into YOUR child's lunch account:

- Place your child's full name (first and last) in the memo field of your check
- Make your checks payable to: NSES Food Services

Place your money in a sealed envelope and on the outside write your child's full name (first and last), teacher name and Food Services. Remind your student to turn in their lunch money to their teacher in the morning when the teacher takes the class roll.



### **NSES Parking Lot**

The police have been driving through school parking lots issuing tickets and fines to vehicles that are parked illegally or have expired inspection stickers. Our parking lot lines were repainted this past summer to make it easier to identify legal parking spaces. Please park in these spaces only and avoid parking along the yellow curbs and in reserved parking spaces.



### Important Phone Numbers

<b>Attendance</b>	703-658-5555
<b>Main Office</b>	703-658-5500
<b>Clinic</b>	703-658-5510
<b>Cafeteria</b>	703-658-5521
<b>Guidance</b>	703-658-5575
<b>Preschool</b>	703-658-5511
<b>SACC</b>	703-658-5561



### **FCPS School Closings and Safety**

To receive the most up-to-the-minute information on school delays and closings please use

#### ***FCPS Inclement Weather Line***

1-800-839-3277

OR

Cable Channel 21

#### ***After School Hours Transportation Issues***

Call the Transportation Office at (703)446-2000 until 5pm  
Call the Office of Safety and Security at (703)764-2400



### **Holiday Assistance Requests**

Fairfax County Public Schools accepts requests from FCPS families for holiday assistance. The county helps to provide; Thanksgiving food baskets, December holiday food baskets, and holiday gift baskets for children. Please keep in mind that requests for assistance does not guarantee that assistance will be provided. If you are a family who is in need please contact our guidance counselor, Ms. Mrowka at (703)658-5575 and ask for a "Holiday Assistance Request" form to be sent home with your child.



### **Impact Aid Forms**

At your parent/teacher conferences your child's teacher had a mandatory federal survey (Impact Aid Form) for you to complete. All information gathered by this survey is strictly confidential and is not used for any other purpose than for Federal Impact Aid funds.

Each form contains a bar code to facilitate processing. If a completed form with a signature and date is not returned, you will be contacted by NSES staff to return this form ASAP. Again, a form MUST be completed for EACH NSES student.

## NSES News



### Sally Foster Issues

The last day to report any problems with your Sally Foster orders is this coming Monday. **Please contact the main office no later than 4pm, Monday, November 10.** You can call us at (703)658-5500.



### Picture Retake Day

School picture retake day will be held on **Tuesday, November 11.** If you would like your child's picture retaken you must return the entire picture package you received last week. Please remember that only those parents who paid for the picture package would have received an original package. If your child missed the original picture day they can have their picture taken on November 11 as long as they have an order form and payment. Extra order forms are available in the main office.



### SCA Can Food Collection

Once again the NSES SCA will be sponsoring a canned food drive beginning **Monday, November 13.** The SCA will be collecting canned goods and boxed food for a week and will then deliver the collection to a local food bank, ECHO. Please send food items in with your children during the collection week. **The last day for collection will be Tuesday, November 21.** We appreciate your cooperation!



### Book Fair

The Bedford Falls Book Fair will be coming to NSES **November 13—November 18.** Students will be able to preview the books on November 13 and 14 to put together their "wish lists." They will bring these lists home and can then purchase books on November 17 and November 18. Parents are welcome to attend a Parent Book Fair Night on Friday, November 14 from 5:00—7:30pm.

*Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.*

~Anonymous



### NSES Thanksgiving Lunch

Mark your calendars for the annual NSES **Thanksgiving Lunch to be held on Thursday, November 20.** Look for more information to come regarding the lunch schedule for that day and ticket purchase information. This is always a fun time to share with your child and mark the beginning of the upcoming holiday season. The menu for the Thanksgiving Luncheon will be:

Roasted turkey with dressing  
Whipped potatoes with gravy  
Green Beans  
Cranberry Sauce  
Frozen Pumpkin Yogurt Cup

### Movie Night



Featuring: WALL-E Rated G  
**Friday, November 21**  
Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Movie Begins at 7:00pm

*Pizza, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.*

### Kindergarten Parent Coffee

**Tuesday, November 18**

8:30—10:00am

Ms. Alexander, Principal and Mr. McRae, Assistant Principal invite you to join them for coffee and conversation.



### Café y Conversacion

Por favor marquen sus calendarios para reunirse conmigo y conversar en espanol acerca de temas que les pueden ayudar

Miercoles, 10 de Diciembre, 8:00am  
En la Escuela de North Springfield

Por Favor Vengan  
Tendremos RIFA y PREMIOS!!

# PTA Newscorner

### Next PTA Meeting

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, November 11 in the library.** These meetings are a great way to meet other parents and school staff, find out what is going on in the school and a wonderful way to get involved in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Giant Scrip

The NSES PTA participates in Giant Food's Scrip program. Here's how it works... you purchase Giant gift cards from the PTA and use them like cash at any Giant grocery store. The Giant pays the NSES PTA 5% of every dollar purchased. Like the Giant Bonus Card program, it costs you nothing to help us earn money for NSES. If you are interested in participating please refer to the "Shop at Giant?" order forms sent home in previous Thursday envelopes. You can also contact Caryl Salters at 703-750-0072 or Cahasalt@aol.com.

### Have You Been Flocked

Have you been having fun riding around the neighborhood and finding the houses that have been "flocked" by pink flamingos? Interested in "flocking" a family or finding out more about it? Call Jim Hatch at 703-256-3391.

### Free Art Workshop

Are you interested in art? Would you like to re-discover that artist in you? Would you like to share a love of art with your child? Come to our next art workshop, offered FREE by the PTA Art Committee and the NSES Art Department. On Tuesday, November 18, 7-9pm, in the Art Room, please join us for a "Life Drawing" workshop with a clothed figure model. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. All materials are supplied. There is limited space for the first 10 responding families. Please call or email to reserve your space by Friday, November 14. Questions? Contact danacibulski@cox.net or (703)642-0375.

### Boxtops For Education Winner



CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at North Springfield for turning in the highest amount of Boxtops yet...7,207!! That is amazing! This raised \$720 for our school. Thank you all for your support. The winner of the contest is the **THIRD** Grade. We will be celebrating with them on Friday, November 7 during their lunch period. If you can help out during the Ice Cream Party, please call me: Alyssa Getsey 703.256.8069. Please continue to clip and save all of your Boxtops. We will have another contest in the Spring. Let's make it 8,000!

### October Boxtops Contest

Grade	Boxtops	# Students	Per Student
Preschool	100	54	1.9
K	1071	80	13.4
1st	703	84	8.4
2nd	1196	84	14.2
3rd	1414	69	20.5
4th	780	56	13.9
5th	1863	94	19.8
LOBBY	80		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,207</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>13.8</b>



### YOUR PTA AT WORK FOR YOU

<http://NSESPTA.googlepages.com/>

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