

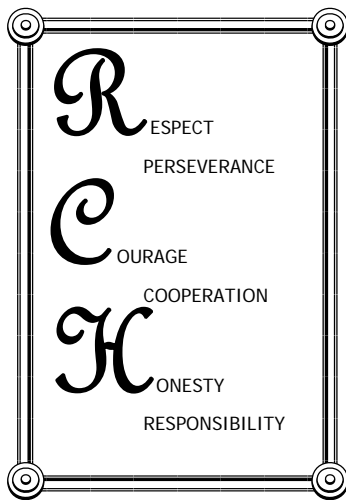
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# North Springfield Elementary School Beaver Bulletin

Principal's Monthly Newsletter  
**Mrs. Alice Alexander, Principal**  
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## Message from the Principal



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*Wishing You Happy Holidays*

“An old-fashioned wish for the simple pleasures of family, fun, and laughter, Loving and sharing, Giving and caring, Through the season And ever after!”

The Community of North Springfield Elementary School wishes you and your family good times, happiness, and favorite memories throughout the Holiday Season and Winter Break.

We look forward to your return in the New Year on Monday, January 5, 2009.

With warmest regards,

Alice Alexander  
Principal



**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**

**Traveling for the Holidays?  
Will Your Student Be Missing School?**



Don't forget to inform both the main office and your child's teacher with your travel information. Specifically your child's name, teacher's name, dates of absence and reason for absence.

**You can easily submit this information by:**

- Sending in a written note to the teacher
- Sending an email to NorthSpringfieldES.Attendance@fcps.edu
- Calling the attendance line at (703)658-5555

**Parent Coffee Dates**

(Dates are subject to change)



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

**Where:** Cafeteria  
**Time:** 8:30-10:00am

1st Grade	Tuesday, December 9, 2008
2nd Grade	Thursday, January 23, 2009 (Date changed from Jan. 13)
3rd Grade	Tuesday, February 10, 2009
4th Grade	Tuesday, March 10, 2009
5th Grade	Tuesday, April 21, 2009

**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!!



**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

***Keep in Touch***

Do you have email and internet access?  
Would you like a quick way to be informed of FCPS and NSES emergency announcements?



**If so, sign up for "Keep in Touch".**

Here's what you do.

1. Go to [www.fcps.edu/NorthSpringfieldES](http://www.fcps.edu/NorthSpringfieldES)
2. Click on the Keep in Touch icon
3. Follow enrollment directions
4. Enjoy the ease of receiving important emergency announcements directly to your email.



**FCPS Inclement Weather Hotline  
1-800-839-3277  
OR  
Cable Channel 21**

Call the above number when in doubt if school will:

- Be Closed
- Open Late
- Close Early

Please call this FCPS Hotline Number NOT the school. You will get a quicker answer to your question by calling this hotline number.



**After School Hours Transportation Issues**

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

# PTA Newscorner

## Next PTA Meeting

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, January 6 at 7pm in the library.** These meetings are an easy way to find out what is going on in the school and a wonderful way to get involved in your child's education. The kindergarten team will be our grade level guests at this meeting. 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.

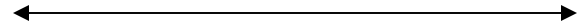
## Have You Been Flocked

Have you seen pink flamingos scattered across yards in North Springfield? Looking for a fun and easy way to help the PTA raise money for our school? Interested in "flocking" a family or finding out more about it? All you need to do is call Jim Hatch at 703-256-3391 and he'll fill you in on the details.

## Reflections

A round of applause for the wonderful art work in this year's Reflections Art Program. This year's theme was "WOW"! The following students were chosen by judges to represent North Springfield Elementary school at the cluster level of judging: Carter Eddy for music composition, Jade Park for Fine Art, Allison Ton for Fine Art, Joey Buckreis for Photography, Ben Buckreis for Photography, Katie Helm for Film and Sheryl Fox for Literature. Congratulations to all of these artists

who were awarded an Outstanding interpretation of this year's theme!

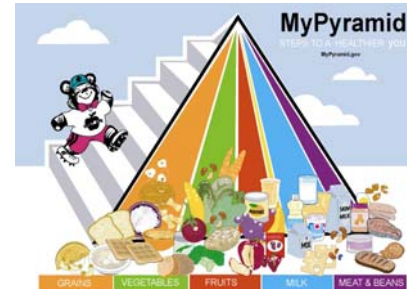


## Thank You for Caring

The SCA would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the "Can You Care" food drive last month. NSES was able to collect over 1400 items to donate to the local charity, ECHO. Your contributions will provide local families with a great opportunity to put warm food on their tables during the holiday season.

## NSES Care Closet

The NSES Care Closet is in need of boys pants and clothes for older children. If you are cleaning out closets in preparation for the holidays please consider donating your gently used clothing to our school.



## HEALTHY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- Choose a variety of foods from MyPyramid.
- Start the day with breakfast and energy to tackle all projects.
- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Eat lighter meals at night.
- Remember to exercise 60 minutes per day.
- Eliminate night-time stress-related grazing.
- Go to bed feeling light not "full."
- Limit portion sizes of favorite holiday foods, especially desserts.
- Enjoy your feast, family, and friends.

## YOUR PTA AT WORK FOR YOU

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