



North Springfield Elementary School

# Chopper's Reminders

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## CALENDAR UPDATE

<b>December</b>	23	Pajama Spirit Day Last Day of School Before Break
	24	Winter Break Begins
<b>January</b>	5	Children return to school
	6	7:00pm PTA Meeting
	21	8:30am Art Framing Session 6:30pm Art Framing Session
	22	8:30am 2nd Grade Parent Coffee
	23	Second Grading Period Ends

\* See upcoming school closing dates listed below



## Upcoming School Calendar

Here is a friendly reminder of the upcoming school closing dates for the next few months. Please make your daycare arrangements now.

<b>December 24— January 2</b>	Winter Break - Closed
<b>January 5</b>	Students RETURN to school
<b>January 19</b>	MLK Birthday - Closed
<b>January 20</b>	Inauguration Day - Closed
<b>January 26</b>	Student Holiday
<b>January 27</b>	Student Holiday

## Inclement Weather Plans 1-800-839-3277

On the back of this Chopper's Reminder you will find another copy of the Early Closing/Late Opening procedures. Remember the best way to find out if FCPS is closing schools or opening late is to call 1-800-839-3277.

## Report Absences and Tardies to the Attendance Line

If your student will be arriving late to school or not attending at all please remember to inform the school. You can do this by either leaving a message on our 24 hour attendance line (703)658-5555 or sending an email to NorthSpringfieldES.Attendance@fcps.edu. Please leave your child's name, teacher name, grade and reason for absence or tardiness by 8:30am.

## Dismissal Note Assistance

To ensure that your student gets dismissed from school appropriately we need your help by doing the following:

- Send in a note, email or call school with any temporary and/or permanent dismissal changes for your student.
- All changes MUST be reported to school at least 1 hour before school ends.
- Include the following information in your note:
  - Date
  - Student's full name (first and last)
  - Teacher name
  - Detailed information regarding the dismissal

- Parent/Guardian Signature
- Contact phone number

Please remember that students will go home their usual way if a note, email or phone call is not received.

## Parking at NSES

When coming to NSES please park in legal parking spaces only. This is to protect the safety of our students and staff. At no time should vehicles park along the yellow curb or in undesignated spots. This includes when making "quick" visits i.e. dropping students off at school, picking students up early or dropping items off to the main office. Parking illegally could earn you a ticket and fine from school security or the police.

## SCA Pajama Spirit Day

It's that time of year again for our traditional Pajama Spirit day on **Tuesday, December 23**. We hope everyone will participate and enjoy the last day of school before the Winter Break. Please follow these guidelines to make for an enjoyable day:

1. **All pajamas must** include pants. **NO** nightgowns, boxers or spaghetti straps are allowed.
1. **Pants must be an appropriate length.** We do not want anyone tripping over pants that are too long.
2. **No sheer or see-through material**—think flannel, fleece or sweatpants style material. Pajamas must be in good repair.
3. **If you plan to wear a robe with a belt**, it must be tied so that neither you nor anyone else will trip over it. Think about this when you consider how warm it may be in school.
4. **Wear slippers that stay on your feet.** We don't want people slipping or falling because their slippers fall off.
5. **You MUST bring sneakers for PE.**

By following these simple guidelines we are sure the spirit day will be a success!



## Beginning January 2009 NSES Newsletters Will be Changing.

Due to school budget restraints the weekly *Chopper's Reminder* will no longer be published after December 2008. The monthly *Beaver Bulletin* will only be published on a quarterly basis in September, December, February and May. Starting in January 2009 a monthly calendar will be sent home on the first Thursday of every month. Also, after the first of the year we will attempt a trial run of sending information via an "oldest and only" system. School-wide information would be sent home to the oldest student in a family attending NSES and only children. Flyers will be posted on the NSES website as well as a few hard copies will be available for pick up in our Parenting Library. Parents will be able to keep up to date on school functions and information by referring to the NSES and PTA websites located at the following addresses:

- <http://www.fcps.edu/NorthSpringfieldES/>
- <http://nsespta.googlepages.com/home>