

Spring Hill Elementary School



The Bi-Line

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Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/>

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Office Hours 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

Absent? Tardy? Sick? 24-hour attendance line at (703) 506-3434

Bi Line Submissions: Deadline Tuesdays at noon; Please submit to Susan.Chait@fcps.edu

Dear Parents: Your Views and Opinions Are Important to Spring Hill ES!

In March of this year, a random sampling of *Spring Hill Elementary School* parents will receive a Parent Opinion Survey in the mail. This survey is part of my Performance Assessment and Evaluation as a principal in FCPS and it offers you an opportunity to provide anonymous input about various issues related to my performance as principal of Spring Hill ES. These issues include safety, parent involvement, curriculum, communications, and expectations for student achievement and behavior.

I am told that the survey will arrive in the mail sometime in early March 2012 and will be returned directly to the Fairfax County Public Schools' Office of Student Testing for processing. If you receive a copy of the Parent Opinion Survey, please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey. Your opinions matter.

Best regards,

Roger Vanderhye, Principal

Spring 2012 After-School Activities registration ends Saturday

ASA Registration Ends February 11! Classes are filling up! Please register your children today!

Registration and payment is online only at www.springhillpto.org.

ASA Registration Instructions:

To register for a class, log in to the PTO website on the left side of the webpage, then click on "After-School Activities" (which will appear on the left after logging in.)

If you have never registered before and you need a PTO User ID, please click on "Register" at the bottom of the Login box, to create a user id and access the ASA features.

If you forgot your PTO User ID, please click on the "WEBSITE HELP" button on the upper right portion of the webpage.

If you forgot your password, please click on "Forgot Password" in the Login box on the left side of the webpage.

For technical problems with ASA registration, please click on the "WEBSITE HELP" button on the upper right portion of the webpage.

For all other ASA questions, please email the ASA Committee at ASASpringHill@gmail.com.

Please be aware that the school office staff cannot help with ASA registration. If you have any troubles with ASA registration, please follow the above instructions and one of our ASA or Website volunteers will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Weekend Waitlist Issues:

We apologize to anyone who had problems placing their child on an ASA wait list over the weekend. Thanks to our dedicated and talented Website Administration volunteers, this issue has been resolved.

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Calendar

See a full school calendar at our website:

http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/calendar/WebsiteCalendar9_2010.htm

Please schedule your family vacations during FCPS designated holidays / breaks, which you can see at this link: <http://www.fcps.edu/about/11-12cal.htm> Be aware that missing school for extended periods of time negatively impacts your child and your child's teacher.

Plan Ahead:

Monday, February 20: Presidents' Day Holiday, No School

April 2-6 : Spring Break, No School

April 9: Teacher Work Day, No School

Week of February 6, B Week:

Monday February 6:

Thursday, February 9:

Jump Rope for Heart, 3:20 p.m., gym (snow date, February 16)

Longfellow MS Curriculum Night , Longfellow MS, 7:00 pm (see Bi Line article for details)

Friday, February 10: 4th Grade Colonial Day (snow date: February 17)

Week of February 13, A Week:

Tuesday, February 14: 5th & 6th Gr. Field Trip, Alden Theater, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 15:

- Cooper MS Curriculum meeting for parents, 9:30 a.m. at Cooper MS, in room 130.
- Cultural Arts, Reptile World, all day, gym

6th grade - 8:40-9:40 a.m.

5th grade - 9:40-10:40 a.m.

4th grade - 10:40-11:40 a.m.

Kindergarten - 12:05-12:30 p.m.

3rd grade - 12:30-1:30 p.m.

2nd grade - 1:30-2:20 p.m.

1st grade - 2:45-3:10 p.m.

- Longfellow MS Electives Fair, at Longfellow MS, 4-7 PM. (snow date 2/22), see Bi Line article for details.

Thursday, February 16: Cooper MS Elective Fair for rising 7th grade students and their parents, 7pm, Cooper MS. (snow date: March 1)

Week of February 20, B Week:

Monday, February 20: No School, Presidents Day Holiday

Wednesday, February 22: 6th Grade Field Trip, Ethics Day, Temple Rodef Shalom, 9:30a.m-1:15 p.m.

Friday, February 24: SCA Spirit Day, Pajama Day

Next PTO Meeting

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 9:15. Our speaker will be Tom Ours, the FCPS construction manager for our addition at Spring Hill. We hope to see you there!



CULTURAL ARTS – “Snakes of the World”

Wednesday, February 15th

This year's third PTO-sponsored assembly will feature beautiful and amazing snakes from all around the world. Reptile World's Michael Shwedick will perform seven separate shows, one for each grade, so that all students get an in-depth look at snakes and the truth about them. Location: gymnasium

6th grade - 8:40-9:40 a.m.
5th grade - 9:40-10:40 a.m.
4th grade - 10:40-11:40 a.m.
(11:40 - 12:05 break)
Kindergarten - 12:05-12:30 p.m.
3rd grade - 12:30-1:30 p.m.
2nd grade - 1:30-2:20 p.m.
(2:20 – 2:45 break)
1st grade - 2:45-3:10 p.m.



Place a Pre-Order to be Sure of Your Shirt...

This year's Fun Fair T-Shirt is a fun multi-colored tie-dye shirt inspired by the **'70s feeling groovy** theme. 100% cotton and just \$15. See the attached order form to pre-order this year's Fun Fair T-Shirt. *Questions? Contact: Amelia Steiner at 703-847-2564 ameliasteiner@gmail.com*

CANDY GRAMS SALE

Who? Student Council Association SCA

What? Selling Candy Grams

Where? Front Lobby

When? Feb. 8-10 from 8:00 am to 8:40 am

Why? Share your appreciation to your FRIENDS & CLASSMATES

Cost? \$0.50 each or \$10 for class set of 30



The Fun Fair *RAFFLE* is back! We need your donations!

The 2012 Spring Hill Fun Fair is approaching fast! Each year, the Fun Fair Raffle is one of the most popular events, thanks to the generosity of Spring Hill parents. Your children will have the opportunity to win prizes the day of the Fun Fair. In the past, prizes have included electronics, game consoles, American Girl dolls, Barbie dolls and accessories, Skateboards, Vera Bradley items, stuffed animals, DVDs, Wii-Xbox-PSP-DS games and much, much more. All raffle prizes are purchased with monetary donations made by Spring Hill parents and the community.

Please consider making a donation to this year's Fun Fair Raffle.

To make a donation, please send in a check made payable to Spring Hill PTO in an envelope marked "Raffle". Or you may donate a prize of your choice! Feel free to "re-gift" any items to the Raffle (unopened and new). A "Wish List" of items will be coming home in your child's Thursday Folder. **All donations must be received by Friday, March 2nd.**

Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Laura Miller lauraschinkmiller@verizon.net or 703-356-1204



January PE Gold Medal Classes

Congratulations to the classes of Ms. Smith, Mr. Haynie, Mrs. Minutoli, Mr. Ginsberg, Mrs. Papathanassiou, Ms. Iesue, Ms. Zuerner, Mrs. Bulford, Ms. Manning, Ms. De-Wispelaere, Mr. Mosher, Ms. Puga, Mrs. Lee, Ms. James, Ms. O'Gorman, Mrs. Kenefick, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Nichols, Ms. Romeo and Mr. Phillips!

2012 Safe & Drug-Free Bookmark Contest Winners

Thank you to all of the students who created bookmark designs for this year's Safe & Drug-Free Bookmark Contest. Congratulations to the winners from Spring Hill: Erika Li (second grade, Ms. Romeo) and Alison Kim (sixth grade, Mrs. Burns). Their winning designs will be sent on to the county-wide contest where they will compete with students from other Fairfax County schools. Grade-level winners are: Laura Guo (kindergarten, Mrs. Dennis), Hannah Nguyen (second grade, Mr. Phillips), Alexandra Gagnon (third grade, Mrs. Chang), Selena Bao (fourth grade, Mr. Mosher), Hiba Ahmad (fifth grade, Ms. Zuerner), and Elena Chun (sixth grade, Mrs. Papathana-siou). All bookmark designs are currently on display in the Art Hall. Remember: "Making My School and Community Drug and Bully Free!"



Spring Hill's Fall BOX TOP\$ Contest #2 February 6 -17, 2012

You all did so well with the first Contest we thought we would have another! Collect your box tops now and submit them from Monday, February 6 until Friday, February 17 at 3:30 pm. The student with the most box tops will win a gift card! The second place winner gets a gift card too! Try to get the whole class involved, even the teacher. Collect your box tops in baggies of 25 or 50. You may also tape 25 box tops to a blank sheet of paper. Remember to write your name, grade and teacher's name on it before you submit them. There is a collection box in the front office. Questions? Contact Cindy Lund or Saira Mushtaq at cindywlund@aol.com or skmush-taq@verizon.net

Elementary Institute for the Arts

Attached is the brochure for this summer's Elementary Institute for the Arts, July 16-27, at Lake Braddock Secondary School. This is a Fine Arts enrichment program for rising 4th - 6th graders. For more information, attend one of the information nights at Lake Braddock Secondary School on March 1st or 7th, at 7 pm.

Introducing the Special Education Liaison Website

<https://sites.google.com/site/springhillspedaed/>

Please visit the Spring Hill PTO Special Education Liaison website and let us know if you have any other ideas on how we can best serve the community! Take a minute to fill out our Resource Survey.



Soup and Sandwich Donations

The PTO Teacher Appreciation Committee is looking for donations of a crock pot of soup or sandwiches for its Valentine's Day Lunch for the teachers. The lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 15, and donations can be dropped off in the faculty lounge after 8:30am. For more information, contact Beth Palma at amlap3@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in making this a special day for the teachers and staff!



If you photograph...

Fun Valentine exchanges & parties,
please send photographs to:
shyrbook@gmail.com for the yearbook. Thank you!

Yearbook Orders due February 29

Yearbook order forms came home in Thursday folders. If you would like to order, place your order by Wednesday, February 29. This 72-page full-color yearbook sells out every year, so it is wise to reserve your copy in advance. Make checks payable to Splendid Portraits for \$20 and please order one yearbook per envelope only. Yearbooks arrive in June.



Please Share the Love of Books for Valentine's Day!

Please join Mrs. Lee's class in sharing "the love of books" by reaching out to those who are in need and may not have someone thinking of them on Valentine's Day. Mrs. Lee's class is asking all fourth graders to consider donating a **new, age-appropriate book** that would be given to a needy school in the DC area. If your child is not in fourth grade but would like to participate, anyone is welcome to donate! Currently, Spring Hill is working with several schools that are in need of books for their libraries or classrooms and may accept our donations.



Here are the particulars: It's easy -- just select a new book to donate and Mrs. Lee's class will take care of the rest! **Children can drop off any donations in Mrs. Lee's class, room 209, from Monday, February 6th through Friday, February 10th.** There will be a drop-off box located just inside her classroom door. All genres and reading levels (K-6th grade) are wonderful! Class representatives plan to deliver the donations in the afternoon of the 13th, so they would be available to the recipients on Valentine's Day. For any questions, please feel free contacting Susan Schlegel at susan.schlegel@gmail.com.

Colonial Days Includes the Outdoor Classrooms and Help is Needed

Fourth grade's Colonial Day is Friday, February 10 and we need at least four volunteers to man the new station: Colonial Herb seed starting. The station will include a newspaper flowerpot making table, a soil and seed planting table and a historical connection table. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. If you are interested in helping, please contact PTO Outdoor Classroom chairpersons Jen Trainor hattrick4jen@verizon.net or Teri Bennett at teribennett@verizon.net Training will be provided before each session.

The seedlings will be sprouted in the science lab and then grown in new portable green houses to be assembled in Nature's Hideout courtyard outdoor classroom. They will then be transplanted to the raised beds as the weather permits. Harvesting will be done by June, with tea making or sachet making!



Rising 7th Grade Families Attending Middle Schools Next Year:

Please make note of the following events:



Cooper MS

February 15: Curriculum meeting for parents, in the morning at Cooper MS, 9:30am in room 130.

February 16: Elective Fair for rising 7th grade students and their parents, 7pm, Cooper MS. (snow date: March 1)

February 23: Curriculum meeting for parents, in the evening at Cooper MS, 7pm in room 130.

Longfellow MS



Wednesday, February 15: (snow date 2/22), 4-7 PM. Electives Fair, Elective information for rising 7th graders and their parents

- REGISTRATION will occur at the elementary schools.
- Video: "A Day in the Life of a Lancer Student" will be shown in the cafeteria throughout the evening.
- Information on various after school clubs will be available.
- PTA will be selling Longfellow MS spirit wear
- Longfellow counselors will be available to answer questions regarding

electives and registration process.

THURSDAY, February 09: Curriculum Night

Locations: Cafeteria and Lecture Hall*—by Last Name

- 7:00—7:45: A-K—Cafeteria
- 7:00—7:45: L-Z—Lecture Hall
- 7:45—8:30: A-K—Lecture Hall
- 7:45—8:30: L-Z—Cafeteria

* Cafeteria: Math and Science ; Lecture Hall: English and Social Studies

- ESOL Parents Meeting: Lecture Hall—6:30—7:00 PM
- Special Education Parents Meeting: Library—6:30—7:00 PM

CONTACT: GAIL BIGIO, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES @ 703-533-2600



SAVE THE DATE – SPRING HILL SKATE NIGHT! Saturday, March 3, 2012!

Come join us for an evening of fun with friends at Spring Hill's annual Skate Night on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 6:10 – 8:00 p.m. Once again, we will skate the night away at SkateQuest in Reston! Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this special event. More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please e-mail Kathy Swenson at kathy-swenson@verizon.net or Cindy Sullivan at cindy_sullivan@verizon.net



Spring Hill 2nd Graders are almost trained for... The Great Backyard Bird Count!

The Great Backyard Bird Count (or GBBC) takes place over four days in February each year. This year is February 17 – 20, 2012.

It's very easy!

Watch and count birds in your yard, a nearby park, or maybe at your school. Report what you saw by entering your bird list online.

By doing this, we learn what kind of birds are being seen in the winter and whether there are more or fewer of them than before. Learn more about how to participate.

You'll have more fun if you learn more about birds.

How to do the Great Backyard Bird Count IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

- 1. Plan to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count.** You can count each day or just some of the days and you can count in different places. Just be sure to keep a separate list of birds for each day and each location.
- 2. For each type of bird you see, count the most you see at any one time.** For example, maybe you see two chickadees when you start watching, then five chickadees a few minutes later. The number you put on your list for chickadees is five. Do **not** add two plus five. (This way you don't accidentally count the same bird twice.)
- 3. Enter your results on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site!** Then watch the maps as more and more people enter their reports.

That's it! Now get ready to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count because when it comes to watching birds, ***kids count!***

Save the Date : Sunday, May 20 - Fun Run Would Your Business Like to Sponsor This Year's 3K Fun Run?

The PTO is looking for local businesses to sponsor Spring Hill's 3K Fun Run (May 20.) Sponsors have:

- Their logo on the back of the Fun Run T-Shirts (550+)
- Inclusion of their marketing materials (e.g., samples, brochures) in the registration bags
- The opportunity to showcase/sample their services at the post Fun Run breakfast/reception

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact: Laura Rainey (raineyseight@aol.com) or Michele Bosch (michele.bosch@finnegan.com)



What to know, What to do... Responding to Anxiety in Our Kids

Wednesday February 29, 2012

8:30 – 9:45 am

Exploratory Arts Room, Churchill Road School

Like adults, all children experience some form of anxiety, such as worry, dread, apprehension, fear, or distress. Join Dr. James Herrera (Board Certified in Child, Adolescent and Adult psychiatry) as he addresses such helpful questions as:

- What type of anxiety am I seeing?
- What is typical at different ages and stages of childhood?
- How can I help my child?
- When do I know if we need professional help?

Sponsored by the Churchill Road School PTA Parent Education and Resources Committee

Make sure you get the fabulous...

—feeling groovy— Fun Fair T-Shirt!

100% heavyweight cotton, \$15



Front



Back

Please complete the order form below and submit it, along with a check payable to "Spring Hill PTO," to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "FUN FAIR SHIRT."

*****Pre-orders must be received no later than Monday March 5.*****

T-shirts will also be sold alongside ticket sales the week before the Fun Fair, and on the morning of the Fun Fair.

SIZE	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Youth Small		
Youth Medium		
Youth Large		
Adult Small		
Adult Medium		
Adult Large		
Adult X Large		
	TOTAL:	\$

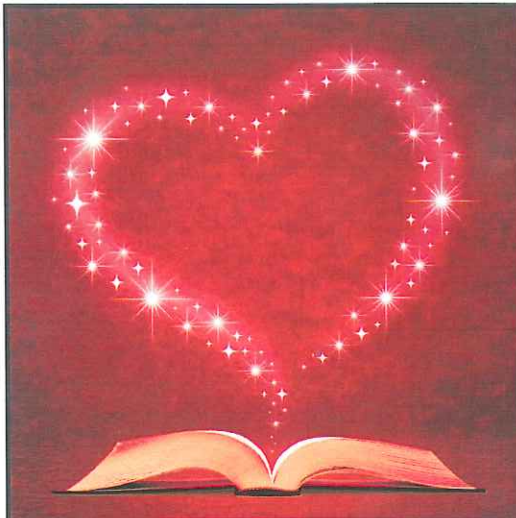
STUDENT NAME _____

TEACHER/GRADE _____/_____

Questions?

Call or email Amelia Steiner @703-847-2564, ameliasteiner@gmail.com

Place a pre order to be sure of your shirts!



GWRC'S 1ST ANNUAL

*For the Love
of Reading Week*

February 13-16, 2012

Greater Washington Reading Council is collecting new or gently used books to be donated to a shelter in our county.

COLLECTION BOX IN SPRING HILL LOBBY

REFUND POLICY

A Request for Refund form must be received by end of business on July 17, 2012 and will incur a \$40 processing fee. No refund requests will be accepted after this date. The form is available online at: www.fcps.edu/is/finearts/eifta.shtml

Your signature on the registration form indicates you understand and agree to the terms of the E-IFTA refund policy.

NONDISCRIMINATION

No student, employee, or applicant for employment in Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-IFTA Office: 571-423-4530



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ELEMENTARY INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS

Fairfax County Public Schools
Fine Arts Office, Fairfax Ridge Center
3877 Fairfax Ridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

TUITION AND REGISTRATION

The registration form can also be found online at: www.fcps.edu/is/finearts/eifta.shtml

Full-time contracted employees and families registering more than one child are eligible for a 10% discount for each registration.

Reduced fee and tuition waivers are not available for this elective program.

Incomplete registration packets (including those without full payment) will be returned. Students registering after May 25, 2012 will be placed on a first come, first-served space available waiting list.

Non-FCPS students must provide the following documentation with the completed registration form and payment:

- birth certificate
- medical evidence of immunization
- a most recent 2010-11 school report card

Send completed registration form, required documents, and full payment to:

Fairfax County Public Schools
Attn: Fine Arts Office
Fairfax Ridge Center, 3rd Floor – 3033
3877 Fairfax Ridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: 571-423-4530
Fax: 571-423-4537

Receipt of faxed and mailed registrations is not confirmed by phone.

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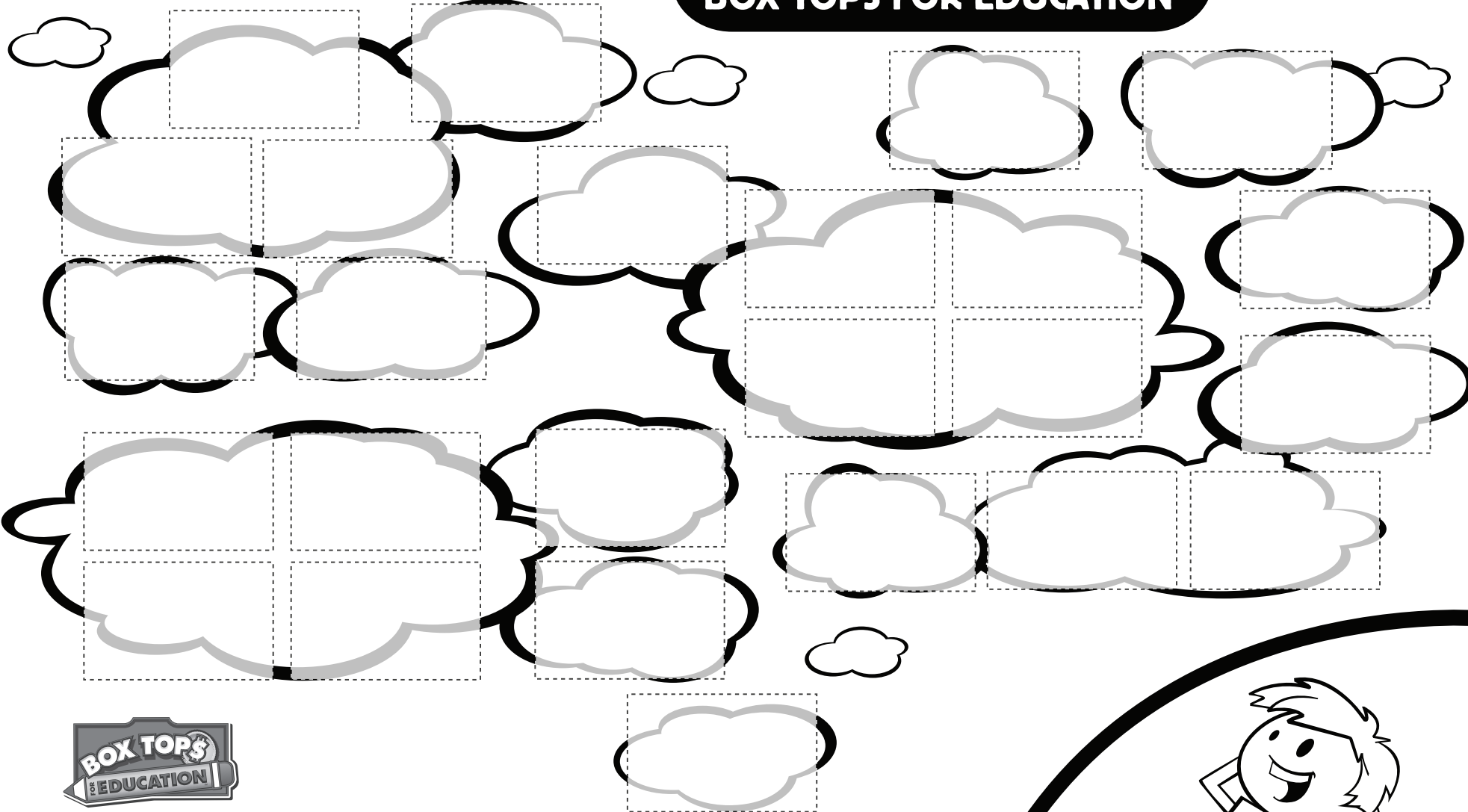


Lake Braddock Secondary School

July 16-27, 2012 (M-F)
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

INFORMATION NIGHTS: MARCH 1 AND MARCH 27, AT LAKE BRADDOCK SS, 7 P.M.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT WITH BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops can really add up! The more you clip, the bigger difference you can make for your school!



NAME _____
GRADE _____
TEACHER'S NAME _____