

Spring Hill Elementary School



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Monday and Tuesday, January 30 & 31:

No School for Students, Teacher Workdays

PARENT UNIVERSITY PRESENTS: UNDERSTANDING FEMALE ADOLESCENCE,

This morning at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria,
immediately following a Community Coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Presentation by Dr. Andrea Williams Kingslow, a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist,
professor at Georgetown University, and a Spring Hill parent.

Deadline Tonight to Buy Gift Cards to Support Spring Hill

The order deadline is Wednesday, January 25th for delivery Thursday, February 2nd.

Order on-line at <http://www.springhill-ptο.org/scrip.php> (please note the **new website**) or print out the attached order form and send in to the school with your check. Paper order forms and checks preferred. Thank you for supporting Spring Hill! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask! Michelle Reed (michelleareed@yahoo.com, 703-893-0130) Tina Quigley (quigley_christina@yahoo.com, 703-790-0414)

After-School Activities are Almost Here!

The Spring session is only a few weeks away, with most classes beginning the week of February 27. Online-only registration will run from February 3-February 11. Before registering, please test your user name and password on the PTO website <http://www.springhillpto.org/> to ensure that you will have no problem when you begin the process, and refer to the help section of the website if needed. Look in your Thursday folders for the schedule of classes available and **please take note of class meeting dates, as many classes will need to skip weeks due to space requirements.**

Wasabi Fundraiser, Monday, February 6 All Day

Attached is a flyer for the Wasabi Sushi Restaurant in Tysons Corner. On Monday, February 6th, throughout the day, Wasabi will donate 20 percent of gross receipts to Spring Hill as a fundraiser for our Yabe Friendship Committee, if you identify yourself as part of the fundraiser. Please bring the flyer. You won't pay a dime extra, but our school receives a donation. Thanks for your support.

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Calendar

See a full school calendar at our website:

http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillIES/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 and Tuesday, January 30 & 31: No School for Students, Teacher Workdays

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

April 2-6 : Spring Break, No School

Week of January 23, B Week:

Wednesday January 25:

- Community Coffee and Parent University, 8:30 a.m., cafeteria
- Developmental Therapy Presentation, library, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 26,:

- Developmental Therapy Presentation, library, 7:30-8:45am

Friday January 27:

- 2nd Grading period Ends
- SCA Spirit Day, Jersey Day

Week of January 30, A Week:

Monday and Tuesday, January 30 & 31, No School, Teacher Workdays

Wednesday, February 1: PTO Meeting, 9:15 a.m., big pod

Week of February 6, B Week:

Monday February 6:

- Wasabi Restaurant Fun-Raiser, all day
- Area Orchestra Rehearsal, 12:50-2:30 p.m., cafeteria
- 6th Gr. County Chorus Rehearsal, 12:50-2 p.m., music room

Tuesday, February 7: Area Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m., gym

Thursday, February 9: Jump Rope for Heart, 3:20 p.m., gym (snow date, February 16)

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

February PTO Meeting

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Wednesday, February 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the large pod. Our speaker will be our own Science Specialist Alison Bauer. Ms Bauer will share her Science curriculum as well as her experiences following the Monarch Butterfly sanctuaries.

Yearbook Orders due February 29

Yearbook order forms came home last week 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.

Educational Therapy Presentation

Alice Connelly, a Spring Hill Elementary special education teacher and a trained educational therapist, will discuss individual and group educational therapy. Her talk will include an explanation of educational therapy, data about its effectiveness for students experiencing learning difficulty, a clip of a group therapy session, and a question and answer session conducted by a former student.

Tonight, Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:15 p.m. and

Thursday, January 26, 7:30-8:45am

(attendees should select one day)

Location: Spring Hill Elementary School library

Congratulations, Geography Bee Winners!



In this photograph:

Principal Vanderhye and Geography Bee coordinator and 4th grade teacher Mr. Mosher, with this year's Geography Bee winners: 6th grader Jack Gutzler, 4th grader Nischal Dinesh and 5th grader Alison Sullivan.



Rubik's Cube Club Starts!

Calling all interested cubers in grades 3 – 6! If you know how to solve the cube or if you don't know but want to learn, we have the club for you!

Tuesday is Cube Day!

For early birds, come Tuesday mornings anytime between 8:00 - 8:30 to Ms. Zuerner's room.

For after school birds, go to Mrs. Bulford's room. Just make sure you have a ride home no later than 4:30.

We will have cubes to borrow or you can bring your own. We will teach each other all our speedy algorithms. The top 10 times in grade 3 – 5 and grades 6 will compete on two separate teams in the USA Science and Engineering Festival's You Can Do The Cube tournament in April.

Introducing the Special Education Liaison Website

We are pleased to announce the Spring Hill PTO Special Education Liaison website! Please visit the site at <https://sites.google.com/site/springhillspedaed/> Through this site we strive to bring together parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators to form a truly special community of shared information and understanding. Although still a work in progress, we currently envision this happening primarily through a list of shared resources, and opt-in notification system for receiving messages about upcoming events, and parent support groups.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please take a minute to fill out our Resource Survey. Through the survey we hope to be able to build up a great list of resources that "experienced" parents, teachers, and counselors have found particularly useful. Resources can be FCPS sites, private testing centers, therapy groups, national organizations, book recommendations, or anything else you think others should know about. The survey will also give you the option to receive email notifications from the Special Education Liaison of upcoming seminars/presentations sponsored by SHES. (All email addresses will remain private. Messages will be sent individually via the PTO's email blast system.)

The Calendar of Events page lists community seminars/presentations that we think would be of interest to the community. We are fortunate to live in an area rich with incredible presentations and seminars on an array of topics of interest to the special education community (most of them FREE). It is impossible for us to capture them all, but we will try to capture the most relevant. If you know of an event that isn't on our calendar but you think should be just drop us a line and we will add it. The Calendar of Events page also has links to other sites that track upcoming events that might be of interest.

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!

Thank you,

Blair Bedell (blairbedell@verizon.net) and Betsy Vrankovich (elizabeth.vrankovich@gmail.com)



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

5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert

photography by Amelia Steiner—Thank you!





Next Appearance at Spring Hill :
March 15, at 7 p.m.
5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert in the gym





- **When:** Monday, February 6, 11 AM to close
- **Where:** Wasabi (in the center of the concourse near the Lego Store/Forever 21) – look for the conveyor belt!
- **What:** Family-friendly Japanese sushi, rolls and grilled dishes (there's even a PB&J roll option for traditionalists)
- **How it works:** tell your server you are dining out as part of the Spring Hill Elementary School fundraiser, and your check to be counted as part of the total.

On Monday, February 6th, dine at Wasabi in the Tysons Corner Center and help support Spring Hill's Japanese exchange program.

Throughout the day, Wasabi will donate 20 percent of gross receipts to Spring Hill if you identify yourself as part of the fundraiser. You won't pay a dime extra, but our school receives a donation whatever you have: lunch, dinner or snack.



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MODERN JAPANESE CUISINE



Can you recognize an unhealthy teen relationship? Do you know how to best help a friend, son or daughter who's in a troublesome partnership, at home or away at college? Please join in a community conversation focused on facts, feelings and empowerment!

*What's Love Got To Do With It?
Healthy Relationships and Dating*



McLean High School
Auditorium
1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA
Thursday, February 9, 2012*
7:00pm

This educational interactive program is for parents and high school students. Due to its mature content, this program is not recommended for middle school students.

Our evening program will contain three important components:

Live Theatre Presentation: "Remote Control"



An interactive dating violence prevention program presented by the nationally-known Deana's Educational Theater that explores issues, attitudes and beliefs about dating relationships and incorporates skill-building exercises designed to encourage healthy decision-making. (For further information, go to: www.deanaseducationaltheater.org)

Speaker: Lynne Russell, President and Founder of DASH

Lynne Russell is the mother of 19-year-old Siobhan Russell who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in Oak Hill, Virginia in 2009 and President of Dating Abuse Stops Here (DASH) which provides resources, facts and information to help teens, their parents and friends understand more about this growing problem. (For further information, go to: www.datingabusestopshere.com)



Community Forum: Relationships and Dating

A clinical social worker specializing in adolescents and families and a trauma physician from INOVA Fairfax Hospital will engage the audience in an exploration of healthy aspects of teen relationships and dating. Information and mental health resources will also be provided at the conclusion of the program.

This program is sponsored by the Safe Community Coalition in partnership with McLean High School PTSA, Langley High School PTSA, The Madeira School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology PTSA.



*If Fairfax County Public Schools close due to inclement weather, this program will be held on Wednesday, March 7th, 7pm in the McLean High School Auditorium.