



Spring Hill Elementary School



The Bi-Line

No. 11

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

November 2, 2011

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

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

Dear Parents,

As you are keenly aware, safety is a huge concern for us all at Spring Hill ES. Often we hear of close calls regarding crosswalk traffic, Kiss n' Drop situations, parents parking in emergency zones and people driving through the bus lanes while buses are present. Please help us keep our children safe and eliminate as much congestion as possible by placing your children on the bus, if you are eligible to do so. Our eleven bus routes are finally synchronized and are consistently arriving on time in the morning and departing on time in the afternoon. Please be extra vigilant for pedestrians in our crosswalks!

Regarding internal safety, yesterday we practiced our November fire drill and later today we will have our walk through for our new safety configuration in the event of a tornado. On Friday, between 2:15-2:30 PM no one will be able to enter or leave the school as we will have a secure the building lockdown. This is a practice in the unlikely event of a security threat from within our school building. Our practice consists of the following:

All students stay in place with a teacher/staff member in locked classrooms unobservable from the outside with lights out, blinds closed and obscured windows.

Students, staff and members of the community who are inside the building are to disregard fire alarms.

No one enters or exits the building except in the event of a real situation, official public safety personnel.

Persons in learning cottages (trailers) lock doors and remain put.

Our earthquake drill consists of following best practice, which calls for dropping to the floor onto hands and knees and covering head and neck by crawling under a nearby table or desk, or crouching in an inside corner of the building. Stay away from windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall. Cover your eyes by leaning your face against your arms. Hold on to the table or desk until the shaking stops. When the earthquake is over, we initiate the evacuation of the building. In the next couple of weeks, we will be practicing this at school.

Whenever you are on the Spring Hill campus, please come to the office, sign in, and wear a badge.

To culminate our safety initiative we have invited the FCPS security team to conduct a "table top" exercise with us next Thursday, November 10th. They will check over all of our standardized Emergency Response plans and may even conduct a drill of their own choosing.

Thank you for supporting our endeavors to keep everyone at Spring Hill ES safe. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future. Good luck at the Parent/Teacher conferences next Monday and Tuesday.

Best regards,

Roger Vanderhye, Principal

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PTO Meeting Tonight

Please join us for the next PTO meeting **TONIGHT November 2nd at 7:00pm** in the BIG POD. The PTO meeting will begin immediately following the 5:45pm AAP meeting. Stick around for the PTO meeting, important school information and refreshments. Mr. Vanderhye will address school security, Spring Hill Elementary's construction project scheduled to begin May 2012 and our Cultural Exchange with Yabe Elementary School in Japan. We hope to see you there!

AAP Parent Information Meeting

Introduction to AAP Programs at Spring Hill

Tonight, Wednesday, November 2 at 5:45 PM, big pod-All K-6 parents are invited!

- Meet the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Barbara Ross
- Learn about levels of service in Fairfax County and at Spring Hill ES
- Find out about the screening processes for part-time school based and Level IV services
- Hear about the new possibilities for the students at Spring Hill
- Ask questions and share the excitement of a new school year!

5th Grade Kids' Inquiry Conference (KIC)

Calling all 5th graders to present their scientific findings at the Spring Hill 5th Grade Kids' Inquiry Conference this Thursday, November 3 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend, 5th graders are required!

All 5th grade students are required to present for 30 minutes and learn from other presentations for 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you all there! Any questions? Please contact Ms. Bauer at ambauer@fcps.edu

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE "ONE AND DONE" AND RECEIVE YOUR PRINTED DIRECTORY!

This year, your PTO membership includes a printed copy of the Spring Hill directory at no additional cost. Directories were distributed, one per family, to all members at the end of last week. If you did not have a chance to contribute to our "One and Done" Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive, there are two easy ways that you can still contribute and you will receive a directory via your child's backpack within a few days of joining:

Send in a check payable to Spring Hill PTO with the completed Fundraiser/ Membership flyer (green form) that was included in your Back-to-School folder. A copy of the flyer may also be found at the end of this BiLine for you to print and return via your child's backpack in an envelope labeled "PTO Membership/Fundraiser"

Go to <http://www.springhillpto.org>, click on the Fundraiser/Membership button at the left and you will be able to contribute online

We now have **547 families** that have joined the PTO. This represents approximately 79% of enrolled families. **Please help us to reach our 100% participation goal.**

Questions? Contact MaryAnn Rebhan at mjrebhan@yahoo.com or Jamie Loving at jamie.loving@verizon.net.

Buy Gift Cards to Support Spring Hill

Buy Gift Cards to Support Spring Hill Order Deadline Tonight by midnight!

Panther Profit\$ is now accepting orders for gift cards for our next cycle. Spring Hill will earn 4-20% of every purchase at NO COST to you! You will receive actual retailer gift cards. Stock up on gifts and use for your regular shopping. Choose from over 60 retailers including 20 local restaurants – Target, Starbucks, iTunes, J.Crew, LLBean, Pottery Barn, Cheesecake Factory, Target, Chipotle, Panera and much more! Panther Profit\$ is an easy way to support the school!

**The order deadline is Wednesday, November 2nd for delivery
Thursday, November 10th.**

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!

You can now order Giant Food gift cards in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Please handwrite the denominations you would like on your order form or email one of us directly. We have enrolled Spring Hill in a new program, Cash for Causes, which will give us **5% cash back on all Giant Food gift card purchases!** Please consider purchasing Giant Food gift cards to support the school!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask!
Gift cards for additional retailers available upon request!

Michelle Reed (michelleareed@yahoo.com, 703-893-0130)
Tina Quigley (quigley_christina@yahoo.com, 703-790-0414)

Giant Food Cards/Cash for Causes

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Stewardship Corner

Thank you to Ms. Zuerner's class and your fabulous parent volunteers for working so hard to make our school grounds Halloween free! The amounts of trash you picked up have made our school a much more beautiful place! Thanks. Stewardship not only meets the service learning requirement from the county, but also allows our outdoor classrooms to be maintained and loved. Now is the time for sixth grade will take over. Parent volunteers please start scheduling with your teachers now. Record your dates on the Google calendar. Email Jen

Trainer for more information hattrick4jen@verizon.net

All Outdoor Classroom Parent volunteers can check here each week to plan their stewardship duties.

Stewardship Needs for the week of October 31:

- Trash and recycle pick up around school yard.
- Transplant Peace Pole garden to raised beds in Nature's Hideout.
- Clean leaves from pond, sidewalk and stage in Nature's Hideout.
- Cut back ornamental grasses next to pond in Nature's Hideout.
- Remove invasive vines from Forest Classroom.

Time Out of School

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.

Calendar

See a full school calendar at our website:

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

Week of October 31, A Week:

Wednesday, November 2:

- Advanced Academics Program Orientation, 5:45-6:45 p.m., library
- PTO Meeting, 7:15-9:00 p.m. big pod

Thursday November 3: 5th Gr. Kids' Inquiry Conference (KIC) , 7-8:30 p.m., big pod

Friday, November 4: End of 1st Grading Period

Week of November 7, B Week:

Monday and Tuesday, November 7 & 8: No School, Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 9: Vision & Hearing Screening, gym

Thursday, November 10: 2nd Gr. Field Trip, Alden Theater, 9:15-11 a.m.

Week of November 14, A Week:

Book Fair Week, big pod

Wednesday, November 16: Book Fair Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, Picture Day Make-up and Retakes

Friday November 18:

- SCA Spirit Day, Wacky Hair Day
- Community Coffee and Parent University, 8:30-10:15 a.m., cafeteria
- Thanksgiving Lunch, cafeteria

Picture Make Up Day:

November 17 for re-takes and for those absent on September 30. For retakes, bring your original picture to the photographer. Extra order forms are in the office.

Plan Ahead for Thanksgiving Holiday Release

Please note that the Matching Notes program does not operate the day before Thanksgiving (November 23), School will dismiss two hours early on that day. Please make alternate plans on these days.



Treats-4-Troops

Donate your extra/leftover Halloween Candy! Donations can be made Tuesday, Nov 1st – Friday, Nov 4th in the bin in the Main Office.

All candy will be collected by the PTO Community Service Committee and sent to soldiers through Treats-4-Troops. Happy Halloween!

Questions? Contact amy@cottreau.com

Please send photos for Yearbook

Please send photographs of the fall festival parade, Thanksgiving feasts, class parties, outdoor classrooms and field trips and submit them for the yearbook to shyrbook@gmail.com

Photographs should be identified with the student's grade and class teacher. We regret that cell phone photographs are not acceptable. -Spring Hill Yearbook Committee



Spring Hill Book Fair & Poster Contest

The Book Fair is coming! This year's event, *Fall For Books*, will run from **Monday, 11/14** through **Friday, 11/18**, so start making your holiday gift list! The PTO is again partnering with Bookworm Central to offer a fabulous selection of books for all ages, games, craft kits and gifts. Classes will visit the Book Fair to preview the selection and return again to make purchases.

Book Fair Hours:

Mon., 11/14 – Thurs., 11/17 – 8:00am-4:00pm

Fri., 11/18 – 8:00am – 12:00pm

Wed, 11/16 – Family Night, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Family Night Ice Cream Social – Join us on **11/16, from 6:00pm-8:00pm** for a fun-filled evening of shopping and **FREE** ice cream, served up by your favorite teachers and staff! We welcome donations of ice cream toppings – sprinkles, Oreos, Skittles (no nuts please). Please drop off contributions in the Front Office.

Volunteers – We are still seeking help with Book Fair! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Prewett, acprewett@yahoo.com.

Poster Contest - Help us kick off this great event, "*Fall For Books*", by submitting an entry to our Poster Contest! Book Fair Gift Certificates will be awarded as prizes, with \$10 given to the Grand Prize Winner, and \$5 certificates for each grade level winner. Entries are due in the Front Office on **Wednesday, 11/9** – contest rules and details are listed below and on the PTO website, <http://www.springhillpto.org>.

POSTER CONTEST

The **2011 Book Fair** starts Monday, 11/14!

Enter an original poster for a chance to win a Gift Certificate to spend at the Book Fair!

CONTEST RULES:

Deadline for entries – **Wednesday, November 9.**

Posters must be flat and on standard poster board, 22" x 28", or smaller. No 3-D posters will be allowed.

Posters must include this year's theme, "Fall For Books!", and "Spring Hill Book Fair 2011". The back of the poster must have: Your Name, Teacher's Name, Grade Level

PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to one winner in each grade level, and one Grand Prize Winner. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$10 Gift Certificate to spend at the Book Fair, and the grade level winners will receive \$5 Gift Certificates to the Book Fair. Winners will be announced on "Good Afternoon, Spring Hill" on Friday, November 11. All entries will be displayed at the Book Fair. The Judges' decisions are final.



Questions?

Patty Burgess (pcburgess1201@gmail.com), Heather Kadel (kadelhh@hotmail.com), or Amy Prewett (acprewett@yahoo.com)



Save the Date: Community Coffee and Parent University:

Saving for College: the Virginia 529 Plan

Friday, November 18, 8:30-10:15 a.m., cafeteria

HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?!?! Does this question sound familiar? JOIN US on November 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Spring Hill Cafeteria, as Parent University hosts an informational seminar on the Virginia 529 College Savings Plan.

Led by Becky Robinson and Ruth Intress, Education Coordinators with the Virginia 529 College Savings Plan, many aspects of Virginia's 529 and saving for college will be discussed, including: What is the 529 Plan and is it right for my family? Is it ever too late to start investing in a 529 Plan? How much do I need to save annually for my child's college? What are the different approaches to college funding? These and other important questions will be answered and discussed. We invite you to attend along with friends and neighbors who may be interested in this important topic.

Join us for a cup of coffee before the seminar at 8:40. Parents with small children are welcome to attend. Activities and snacks will be provided for the youngsters. For questions, please contact Pamela Fox (pamela.fox@cox.net), or Susan Poliquin (sbpoliquin@cox.net).



October Gold Medal P.E. Classes

Congratulations to the classes of Ms. Smith, Mr. Haynie, Mrs. Minutoli, Mr. Ginsberg, Mrs. Burns, Ms. Iesue, Ms. Zuerner, Ms. DeWispelaere, Mr. Mosher, Mrs. Swiers, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Kenefick, Ms. Gartz, Ms. Hochberg, Ms. O'Gorman, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Nichols, Ms. Romeo, Mrs. Haynie, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. DeOrnellas, Mrs. Falkler, Ms. LaCaria, Ms. Ciullo and Ms. Peters!



Maintaining a safe community
for our youth.

Safe Community Coalition Presents:
2011 Fall Community Meeting

*The Challenges & Opportunities for Kids
in Our Community: A Conversation with Peggy Fox*

DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2011

TIME: 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Avenue
McLean, Virginia

The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) is honored to welcome WUSA Channel 9 News Reporter, Peggy Fox, as the guest speaker for our Fall Community Meeting. She is a three-time Emmy award winning correspondent, a Fairfax County native and long-time resident of McLean. Peggy has covered many stories that touch on our youth - from great successes to those stories that have been profoundly tragic. Please join us as we explore our community as seen through the eyes of a concerned parent, journalist, and as an active participant in our neighborhood.



Night Sky Festival at Riverbend Park

Saturday, November 19, 6-8pm

\$5/person, no reservations required

Enjoy activities including the moon phase game, guided star gazing, looking through the telescope and listening to ancient stories about the constellations around the campfire. Jupiter is the featured planet. Other activities and games ongoing throughout the evening. Hot chocolate and snacks available for purchase. Canceled if raining or snowing. Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA 22066. 703-759-9018

Panther Profit\$ Order Form

To pay by credit card: You must order on-line at <http://www.springhill-ptto.org/scrip.php> .

To pay by check: Fill out this form completely. Make check payable to **Spring Hill PTO** and write Panther Profit\$ in the memo line. Return order form and check to your teacher or place in the Panther Profit\$ box in the school front office by 3:30 pm on the day of the deadline.

Shopping/ Entertainment Retailers	% Spring Hill Receives	Card Value	# of Cards	Total \$ Ordered
Amazon.com (paper certificate)	4%	\$ 25.00		
	4%	\$ 100.00		
AMC/ Lowes/ Cineplex Odeon Single Movie Pass	16%	\$ 9.50		
AMC/ Lowes/ Cineplex Odeon Movie Theater	7%	\$ 25.00		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$ 10.00		
	9%	\$ 25.00		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$ 10.00		
	13%	\$ 25.00		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$ 25.00		
Bloomingdale's	12%	\$ 25.00		
	12%	\$ 100.00		
Brooks Brothers	16%	\$ 25.00		
Build-A-Bear Workshop	8%	\$ 25.00		
Children's Place	12%	\$ 25.00		
Claire's/ Icing by Claire's	9%	\$ 10.00		
Container Store	9%	\$ 25.00		
Crate and Barrel	8%	\$ 25.00		
	8%	\$ 100.00		
CVS	6%	\$ 25.00		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$ 25.00		
Eddie Bauer	10%	\$ 25.00		
Gap/ Old Navy/ Banana Republic/ Athleta	14%	\$ 25.00		
Gift Card Wrappers (10 pack)	10%	\$ 1.99		
Gymboree	13%	\$ 25.00		
Home Depot	4%	\$ 25.00		
iTunes Music Store	5%	\$ 15.00		
	5%	\$ 25.00		
J. Crew/ Crew Cuts	13%	\$ 25.00		
Lands' End	16%	\$ 25.00		
	16%	\$ 100.00		
L.L. Bean	15%	\$ 25.00		
	15%	\$ 100.00		
Lord & Taylor	8%	\$ 25.00		
Macy's	10%	\$ 25.00		
	10%	\$ 100.00		
Marriott Hotels & Resorts (all Marriott chains)	8%	\$ 50.00		
	8%	\$ 100.00		
Michaels	4%	\$ 25.00		
Pet Smart	4%	\$ 25.00		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$ 25.00		
Pottery Barn/ Williams Sonoma/ West Elm	8%	\$ 25.00		
	8%	\$ 100.00		
Restoration Hardware	12%	\$ 25.00		
	12%	\$ 100.00		
Shutterfly (paper certificate)	9%	\$ 25.00		

Spa Finder/ Red Door Spa/ Eclips Spa	12%	\$ 25.00		
Sports Authority	8%	\$ 25.00		
Staples	5%	\$ 25.00		
Supercuts	8%	\$ 25.00		
Target	2%	\$ 25.00		
	2%	\$ 100.00		
TJ Maxx/ Marshalls/ Home Goods	7%	\$ 25.00		
	7%	\$ 100.00		
Zappos.com	8%	\$ 25.00		

Grocery/ Dining Retailers

Baja Fresh	7%	\$ 25.00		
Bertucci's Italian Restaurant	10%	\$ 25.00		
Boston Market	12%	\$ 10.00		
Brio Tuscan Grille	12%	\$ 25.00		
California Pizza Kitchen	4%	\$ 10.00		
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$ 25.00		
Chili's/ Maggiano's/ Macaroni Grill/ On The Border	11%	\$ 25.00		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	10%	\$ 10.00		
Domino's Pizza	8%	\$ 10.00		
Giant Foods	5%	\$ 25.00		
	5%	\$ 100.00		
Honey Baked Ham	12%	\$ 10.00		
Legal Sea Foods	13%	\$ 25.00		
Olive Garden/ Red Lobster/ LongHorn Steakhouse	9%	\$ 25.00		
Panera Bread	9%	\$ 10.00		
	9%	\$ 25.00		
Papa John's	8%	\$ 10.00		
P.F. Chang's	8%	\$ 25.00		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$ 10.00		
Quiznos	10%	\$ 10.00		
Ruth's Chris Steak House	10%	\$ 50.00		
Safeway	4%	\$ 25.00		
	4%	\$ 100.00		
Seasons 52/ Darden Restaurants	9%	\$ 25.00		
Starbucks	7%	\$ 10.00		
	7%	\$ 25.00		
TGI Friday's	9%	\$ 25.00		
Wildfire/ Big Bowl/ LettuceEntertainYou Restaurants	12%	\$ 25.00		

Total # of Cards	Total Amount Due

(Checks payable to Spring Hill PTO)

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Delivery Method (check one)

- Pick up at School Kiss and Ride on delivery day (8:20-8:40am and 3:20-3:45pm)
- Pick up in school lobby on delivery day (8:45-9am and 3:00-3:15pm)
- Pick up at PTO coordinator's home (the coordinator will contact you to make arrangements)
- Teachers only:** Deliver to my classroom on the delivery day

Questions? Please contact Michelle Reed (703-893-0130, michelleareed@yahoo.com) or Tina Quigley (703-790-0414, quigley_christina@yahoo.com). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!**



Fall For Books!

2011 Book Fair

Do Your Holiday Shopping Early! We Offer a Wide Selection of Books and Gifts!

Virginia Readers

Teacher "Wish Lists"

Best-Sellers

Games & Puzzles

Craft Kits

Bookmarks & Pens

We accept - Cash, Check or Charge - Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, November 16

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for **FREE ICE CREAM SUNDAES** dished up by your favorite Spring Hill teachers and staff! We appreciate donations of toppings, sprinkles, Oreos, chocolate chips, and Skittles in the Front Office by 11/11. No Nuts Please!

POSTER CONTEST

Make a poster advertising the Book Fair, and our theme, *Fall For Books!* Gift Certificates will be awarded to one Grand Prize Winner and the 1st Place Winner for each grade. All entries will be displayed. Posters are due Wednesday, 11/9, and winners will be announced on Monday, 11/14. See Poster Flyer for details.

BOOK FAIR HOURS:

Monday, 11/14	8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Class Preview** & Shopping
Tuesday, 11/15	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Class Preview** & Shopping
Wednesday, 11/16	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Class Shopping
	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social & Shopping
Thursday, 11/17	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Class Shopping
Friday, 11/18	8:00 AM to NOON	Final Day!

**** Students will bring home a "wish list" after their Class Preview Day. Parents are welcome to come in and shop during all Book Fair hours!**

