

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

Dear Parents,

As many of you know who have come to our PTO meetings over the years, I believe that effective teaching and comprehensive student learning boils down to a precious few traits that schools must engender in staff and students. The first is content. Teachers must understand the content and know what they must teach and impart what they know to students, which many people term the “science” of teaching. Second is what I term the “artistry” of teaching: teaching children in such a way that they become champions of their own learning; motivating children to enhance their ability to problem solve, to think critically and to link old information and put it into a new schema or paradigm. And lastly, but by no means least, is what I term “joyous traditions.” These are traditions that our children and parents and staff cherish like our spring Fun Fair, 4th grade Colonial Day, Book Fair, Thanksgiving luncheon, Meet Your New Teacher, and our special event next Monday, October 31st, the Fall Festival Parade.

Our parade this year will begin at 9:15 AM located on the back fields. Children may come to school dressed for the occasion but remember: no gory costumes, no toy weapons and have the children carry their masks to school if they use them. Parents are also invited to attend and even dress for the occasion but please do not wear masks or costumes that cover your face. Class parties will immediately follow the parade. We look forward to seeing many of you at this fun and joyous Spring Hill tradition.

Roger Vanderhye, Principal



Please join us for the next PTO meeting on **Wednesday evening, November 2nd at 7:00pm** in the cafeteria. The PTO meeting will begin immediately following the **5:45pm AAP meeting** in the Library. Stick around for the PTO meeting, important school information and refreshments. Mr. Vanderhye will address 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!

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Bi Line Submissions: *Deadline Tuesdays at noon;*

Please submit to Susan.Chait@fcps.edu; please mention “Bi Line” in the subject line

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 24, B Week:

Thursday, October 27: 5th & 6th Grade Family Life Education (FLE) Parent Preview, 7-8 p.m. Room 117

Friday, October 28: SCA Spirit Day, Multiples Day (Dress as Twins, etc.)

Week of October 31, A Week:

Monday, October 31: Fall Festival Parade, outside fields, 9:00-10:00 a.m. , classroom parties immediately following

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



Monday, October 31
Fall Festival Parade
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

Picture Make Up Day:

November 17 for re-takes and for those absent on September 30

Buy Gift Cards to Support Spring Hill

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-pto.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!
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

You can now order Giant Food Gift Cards in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100 through Panther Profits. Please hand write on the Panther Profits order form or email us the denominations you would like to purchase. We have enrolled Spring Hill Elementary in a new program called *Cash for Causes* that gives us 5% cash back for all Giant Food gift card purchases! Please consider purchasing Giant Food gift cards to benefit the school!

Box Tops Contest Winner

We are done collecting box tops for the contest and the total amount collected from the whole school was over 4,700 box tops. That is \$470 that comes right back to Spring Hill School to use. Mr. Phillip's class was the winning class that collected 543 box tops and Ms. Romeo's class came in second with 421 box tops. We will have another contest in February so keep collecting your box tops!



Spirit Wear comes in this week!

For all those who have been waiting, your gear is coming in this week! Anyone who can volunteer to help sort and deliver to classrooms would be greatly appreciated. Please email Christina Cain at primmcain@yahoo.com to help out!

AAP Parent Information Meeting

Introduction to AAP Programs at Spring Hill

Wednesday, November 2 at 5:45 PM, Spring Hill Library-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!



Grocery Bonus Cards October Contest

Cookie Party deadline is Monday, October 31, 2011! Please send in your **orange** PTO Vendor Bonus forms ASAP!

New contest ends Oct. 31st! Any remaining class with 90% of their vendor bonus forms turned in by October 31st will win a chocolate chip cookie party for their class. Please check the updated class tallies in the cafeteria today and see how close your class is to 90%. Please help us earn free money for our school, and a cookie party for your class! Thank you to the 520 Spring Hill students who have turned in their orange PTO Vendor Bonus form from their back-to-school folders so far. Thank you!



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).

Stewardship Corner

Thank you to Mrs. Bulford's and Miss Hughes' classes and your fabulous parent volunteers for working so hard to make our school grounds nearly ready for winter! 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. The rest of the month is devoted to other fifth grade classes and continued stewardship. Sixth grade will take over during November. Parent volunteers please start scheduling with your teachers now. Record your dates on the Google calendar. Email Jen Trainor for more information hat-trick4jen@verizon.net

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

Stewardship Needs for the week of October 24:

Water raised beds throughout the week as needed. We have had plenty of rain, but the plants are small enough that they need regular attention.

Trash and recycle pick up around school yard.

Continue to prepare courtyard beds for winter with newspaper and mulch. Contact Ms. Bauer for specific details ambauer@fcps.edu



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



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)



Please help us earn FREE MONEY for our school! New Contest ends Oct.31!!



Harris Teeter

Congratulations to Mr. Mosher's fourth grade class for turning in 100% of their ORANGE Vendor Bonus forms by 9-30-11!! Great news! There is another contest. **Each remaining class with 90% participation by Monday, October 31, 2011 will win a chocolate chip cookie party!** Please include the name of your child or children below so they get counted. **Thank you!**

Every time you shop at Giant, Safeway or Harris Teeter and use your grocery card, these companies will donate a portion of your grocery total to Spring Hill! It costs you nothing. **Last year we earned over \$14,000!** You must designate our school for your cards each school year to keep participating.

Signing up is easy! **Simply fill out the form below with your grocery bonus card number(s) & return it to the Spring Hill office, or have your student turn the form into their teacher.**

Not sure of your grocery card numbers since you use your phone number at checkout?

You can call the following phone numbers and they will tell you your card numbers.

Giant- 1-877-366-2668 option 2 (Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm). Safeway- 1-877-723-3929 option 4.

Student Name(s)	Teacher	Grade

Giant Bonus Cards (need all info - please print)

Cardholder Last Name: _____

Card #: 4 4 0 _____
(MUST be 12 digits total)

Safeway Club Cards (need all info – please print)

Cardholder First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Card # _____ (MUST be 11 digits total)

Harris Teeter VIC Cards (need Last Name plus phone number OR card number – please print)

Cardholder Last Name: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

VIC Card #: _____
(FIRST 11 digits only)

More Free Money news- TARGET has a program called Take Charge of Education. If you have a TARGET credit card, please consider contacting TARGET and selecting Spring Hill Elementary to receive this free education money.
1-800-316-6142 Thank you!

Do you wish to include other family, friends or neighbors? Just attach additional pages with the relevant information for each store. This form is also available on the Spring Hill PTO website (springhillpto.org).

Questions? Please call Kim Saxenian at 703-442-6669 or Jill Holloman at 703-992-9841.

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

Best-Sellers

Craft Kits

Teacher "Wish Lists"

Games & Puzzles

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!**

