

# Spring Hill Elementary School



## The Bi-Line

No. 7

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

October 5, 2011

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

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

*This school newsletter will be issued every Wednesday during the school year at our website address above, under "News and Events." You will receive an e mail link to the newsletter if we have your current e mail address. Please update your contact information at <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/>*

### PTO Meets This Morning

The next PTO meeting will be held in the large pod on **October 5th at 9:15am**. Our speaker, Michele Andersen, from FCPS Office of Family and School Partnerships, will address the "Hurried Parent, Hurried Child". Explore how expectations of self, home, family and career contribute to over programming for our families. Examine the symptoms and impact of stress on children and families. Develop strategies for slowing down and reframing priorities. Please find time in your busy schedule to join us!

### Interested in Being A Room Parent?

**Friday, October 7 at 9:15 AM**  
**Calling All Room Parents!**

There will be a **mandatory meeting** of all room parent volunteers on **Friday, October 7 at 9:15 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend since we have several new room parent responsibilities and procedures that need to be discussed.

Also, if you didn't get a chance to sign up to be a room parent at Back to School Night, and you are interested in helping out in your child's classroom, please contact PTO Room Parent Co-Chairs Helen Beckner ([becknerfamily@cox.net](mailto:becknerfamily@cox.net)) or Nancy Gutzler ([nancy.gutzler@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.gutzler@gmail.com)). Room Parents play an essential role at Spring Hill -- and it's a fun way to get to know the teacher, parents and students!

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### **Bi Line Submissions:**

**Deadline Tuesdays Opening Bell**

Please submit to [Susan.Chait@fcps.edu](mailto:Susan.Chait@fcps.edu)

### Picture Day Make Up

Thursday Nov. 17



School pictures taken on our September 30 picture day are expected to arrive in a few weeks. If you were not in school on September 30 or need a retake of your September 30 picture, please note that Thursday Nov. 17 is school picture make up day.

### Bus Notes

TWO COPIES of the Bus Note form **MUST** be turned in each time the form is used. If you are printing the form off the PTO site - then print 2 copies. The school website has two forms side-by-side on one page; click here: [http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/files/parents\\_files/busform\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/files/parents_files/busform_2011.pdf)

Duplicate copy pads are sold in the front office for \$3.00 per pad. Parents who do not follow the rules will not be permitted to use the Program.

## 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](http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillIES/calendar/WebsiteCalendar9_2010.htm)

#### Week of October 3, A Week:

PTO Matching Notes Program Begins

**Wednesday October 5**, PTO Meeting, 9:15 a.m. big pod

**Friday October 7**: PTO Room Parent Meeting, 9:15 a.m., cafeteria

#### Week of October 10, B Week:

**Custodial and Cafeteria Appreciation Week**

**Monday October 10** : Columbus Day Holiday, No School

**Tuesday October 11**: PTO Art Appreciation meeting, 9-10 a.m., cafeteria

#### Week of October 17, A Week:

**Tuesday, October 18:**

- Author Visit, 5th Grade, Mary Downing Hahn, 9am-2pm, big pod
- 6th Gr. Field Trip, Team Building, Madeira School, Mr. Haynie, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Minutoli

**Wednesday, October 19**: 6th Gr. Field Trip, Team Building, Madeira School, Mrs. Papathanassiou, Mrs. Burns and Mr. Ginsberg

**Friday, October 21**: Community Coffee & Parent University , 8:30-10:15 a.m.

#### Week of October 24, B Week:

**Monday October 24**: 5th Gr. Family Life Education (FLE) Parent Preview , 1-2 p.m., room 112

#### Week of October 31, A Week:

**Monday, October 31**: Fall Festival Parade, outside fields, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**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

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

# Coat Drive



Hello Spring Hill Parents,

Spring Hill's Character Education program, "Project Build a Better You," includes performing community service projects at each grade level that give the students an opportunity to put the character building blocks into action and learn how they can make a difference in the lives of others. The theme for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is "Helping Another School".

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are doing a service drive and we need your help! We are collecting coats and jackets which will be donated to children from Belvedere Elementary School, another FCPS. The children are very much in need of coats and jackets to stay warm this fall and winter.

**Please send in any new or gently used coats/jackets and have your child turn them into the donation box in the lobby.**

**Last date for donations will be Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for all your help!



Rachna Krishnan & Amy Cottreau  
Community Service Co-Chairs





## Grocery Bonus Cards October Contest

Thank you to the 490 Spring Hill students who turned in their **orange** PTO Vendor Bonus form from their back-to-school folders so far.

Congratulations to Mr. Mosher's fourth grade class for turning in 100% of their forms! They will celebrate with a donut party this week.

Great news!! There is another contest! Any remaining class with 90% of their vendor bonus forms turned in by October 31<sup>st</sup> will win a chocolate chip cookie party for their class. A vendor bonus form is at the back of this Bi Line. Please check the class tallies in the cafeteria starting on Monday, 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!



## Spring Hill's Fall **BOX TOPS** Contest October 5th-21st

Collect your **box tops** now until Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The class with the most box tops will win a popcorn/M&M party. We will have a second place winner too. Try to get the whole class involved, even the teacher!

Collect your **box tops** in baggies of 25 or 50. There is a form at the back of this Bi Line you can use to collect your box tops. Or you can tape 25 box tops to a blank sheet of paper. Remember to put your name, grade and teacher's name on it before you submit them. There is a collection box in the front office.

Any questions contact Cindy Lund or Saira Mush-taq at [cindywlund@aol.com](mailto:cindywlund@aol.com) or [skmush-taq@verizon.net](mailto:skmush-taq@verizon.net)

## Parent University

Friday, October 21 at 8:40 a.m.

Do you ever feel like the lack of organization is holding your child back in school? Is time management an issue when it comes to getting homework or projects completed?

Please join us on Friday, October 21st at 9:00, in the cafeteria, as Dr.

Catherine McCarthy presents tips and techniques for teaching your children the SKILLS FOR SUCCESS in school. Dr. McCarthy, a practicing Psychiatrist and Child Psychiatrist in McLean with over fifteen years of experience, will offer suggestions to help our children get and stay organized, stay focused, and stay motivated. A question and answer period will follow.

Come 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 children. For questions, please contact Susan Poliquin ([sbpoliquin@cox.net](mailto:sbpoliquin@cox.net)), or Pamela Fox ([pamela.fox@cox.net](mailto:pamela.fox@cox.net)).



## Monday, October 31 Fall Festival Parade

On Monday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a fall festival parade. Children may wear costumes in the parade.

If children would like to wear costumes, please send children to school dressed in their costumes. We ask that students carry their masks to school and wear them in the parade. Please do not wear masks on the way to school as they can impede vision and cause falls.

The parade, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. is for grades K-6, so please do not wear weapons, fake knives, swords, hatchets, gory/bloody costumes or masks. For security reasons, parents/adults in costume may not cover their faces.

Classroom celebrations will be immediately following the parade.



### Future Saxon Night

All future Langley High School students are encouraged to attend Langley High School's Varsity Football Game against Stone Bridge on Thursday, October 6. 7:10 pm pre-game, 7:30 pm kickoff. Feel the excitement of Langley Football! Show

your spirit and join the fun at this special night for elementary & middle school students & families. Students grades K-8 get in FREE, with parents' paid admission (\$5)

Future Saxon Night is sponsored by LHS Activities Dept. and LHS Football Parent Fund.



## Science Olympiad Team 2011-2012

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, are you interested in joining Spring Hill's award-winning science team? Online registration is open at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFE2YWN5eHFBVk96WjNJNDN2MIBhRUE6MQ>

Our SO team prepares for and competes in local & State science competitions throughout the year. Last year we won medals in eight events in Regional and five events in the State Tournaments. Parents must be willing to coach at least one of the events. We are also looking for a fifth grade parent to coordinate the team with Lan Fan and Gail Mulligan. For more information consult [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org) and [www.virginiaso.com](http://www.virginiaso.com) or email Ms. Bauer at [AMBauer@fcps.edu](mailto:AMBauer@fcps.edu).

# Volunteer for Art Appreciation!

Information Meeting:

Tuesday, October 11th, 9:00am until 10:00am

Spring Hill ES Cafeteria

The visual arts provide a rich context for understanding our world, linking to history, the sciences, mathematics and culture. Spring Hill's Art Appreciation Program is designed to give our children the opportunity to examine, explore, discuss, and learn to appreciate a wide variety of art. Become a classroom volunteer and help provide this opportunity to your child and his/her classmates. There is one presentation planned per class each month, which typically takes a volunteer 1 hour of prep time and 1 hour to present to the class—no prior teaching experience is required. Training and sample materials will be provided as needed. With only a few volunteers for each class, we can provide this enriching experience for our Spring Hill students. If you have already signed up to volunteer or if you are just thinking about it, come to the meeting and learn more about this great program! Please contact Kitty Gonzalez ([mcq24@cornell.edu](mailto:mcq24@cornell.edu)) or Sandi Takis ([thetakisfamily@verizon.net](mailto:thetakisfamily@verizon.net)) for more information.

## 버스노트 (BUS NOTES)

새로 개선된 교통편의 변경 양식은 (버스 노트) 아래 인터넷 주소에서 다운 받으시거나 학교 사무실에서 구입하실수도 있습니다. 두장의 복사본 양식이며 가격은 \$3불입니다.

: [http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/files/parents\\_files/busform\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/SpringHillES/files/parents_files/busform_2011.pdf)

이양식은 자녀들이 하교시 이용하는 교통수단이 바뀌게 될 경우 반드시 사용하셔야 합니다. 이양식이 아닌 다른 종이에 작성한 요청은 받지 않습니다. 두장을 준비해 제출해 주십시오. (한장은 학교 사무실에 보관되며 다른한장은 자녀들에게 반납됩니다)

자녀가 학교에 도착 하자마자 가장 먼저 해야 할일은 버스노트를 선생님께 제출하는 일입니다. 그렇지않을 시 프로그램 운영에 차질이 있으므로 각별히 주의를 주시기 바랍니다.

## 매칭노트 프로그램 ("Matching Notes" Program)

매칭노트는 버스노트와 같은 양식이며 자녀가 다른가정으로 하교할 경우 사용하셔야 합니다. 두가정의 자녀들은 부모의 동의를 받은 버스노트를 제출하여야 하며, 접수된 버스노트는 프로그램을 담당 자원봉사자들이 확인을 합니다.

매칭노트 프로그램은 다음 날짜에는 사용 할 수 없으므로 다른 이동수단을 미리 계획하시기 바랍니다.

추수감사절 전날 (11월 23일), 겨울방학 전날 (12월 22일), 그리고 봄방학 전날 (03월 30일). 이프로그램은 10월 03일부터 06월 01일까지 진행 됩니다.

**\*\*\* 버스노트 프로그램은 자원봉사자들에 의해서 운영이 됨으로 부모님들의 도움이 절실히 필요합니다. 한달에 한 번, 아침시간에 도움을 주실 수 있는 분들이나 더 자세한 정보가 필요하신 분들은 아래 이메일로 연락주시길 바랍니다. 감사합니다.\*\*\***

[kristenambrose@aol.com](mailto:kristenambrose@aol.com)

*Thank you, Lauren Kim, for translating for us.*



# Please help us earn FREE MONEY for our school! New Contest!!!



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: \_\_\_\_\_

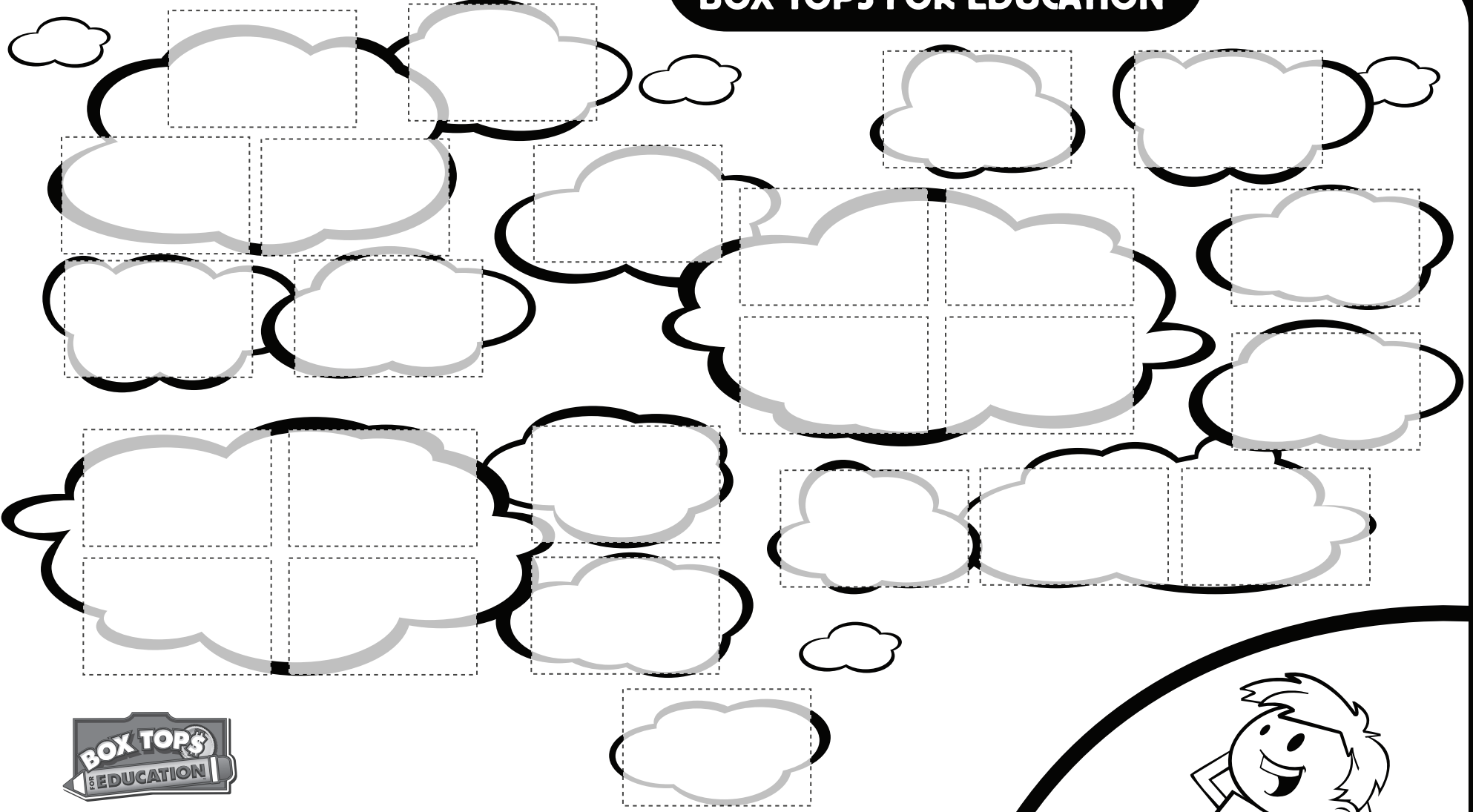
Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

VIC Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST 11 digits only)

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.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_