

Important January School Dates:

Thurs	8Jan	PTA Meeting		7pm
Mon	19Jan	MLK Jr's Holiday	NO SCHOOL/	no hay escuela
Tues	20Jan	Inauguration Day	NO SCHOOL/	no hay escuela
Fri	23Jan	2nd Grading Period Ends		
		6th Gr visit to Key		1015am
Mon	26Jan	Teacher Work Day	NO SCHOOL/	no hay escuela
Tues	27Jan	Teacher Work Day	NO SCHOOL/	no hay escuela
Tues	3&4Feb	Talent Show Tryouts		330-530pm
Tues	3Feb	Roy Rogers Restaurant Night		5-8pm
Thurs	5Feb	PTA Meeting		7pm

Springfield Estates Elementary
 Mary Randolph - Principal
 6200 Charles Goff Drive
 Springfield, VA 22150

Monday Schedule
 8:40 AM First bell
 8:50 AM School begins
 1:20 PM Dismissal bell
 Tuesday - Friday
 8:40 AM First bell
 8:50 AM School begins
 3:25 PM Dismissal bell

703-921-2300 Office
 703-921-2397 Fax
 703-921-2323_ Attendance Line

We're on the Web
<http://www.fcps.edu/SpringfieldEstatesES>

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to see so many of you here for SEES activities. We had a great turn out at **Partners in Print** in November, a FULL cafeteria for **Turkey Bingo** right before Thanksgiving, and standing room only at our wonderful **Winter Concert!** It really means a lot to all of us to have the support of so many families! Thank you!

The New Year will bring a continued focus on academic achievement for every student.

I firmly believe that every child at SEES can meet the high academic expectations we set, and it is critical that we continue to work together to support our children's improvement. Every child should be reading at least 20 minutes EVERY night and practicing math skills on a regular basis. Our grade level teams are working hard to communicate clear and specific learning goals. The state of Virginia's expectations for schools and students continues to increase and we must rise to the challenge.

Dr. Jack Dale, our Superintendent, has presented his FY2010 budget to the Fairfax County School Board and I encourage all of you to pay close attention as the budget process unfolds. The school system is currently asking for more money from the county just to maintain business as usual in spite of projected increases in the number of students. As you know we are experiencing difficult economic times both nationally and locally and our schools will be affected. The superintendent's recommendations are on the www.FCPS.edu website in a tiered format that ranges in reductions from \$35 million to \$223 million dollars. It is not yet clear exactly how our services will be changed.

Best wishes for health and happiness for each of you and your families in the new year!

Sincerely,

Mary Randolph, principal

Community/ Corporate fundraisers

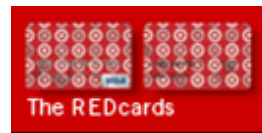
In this time of budget cuts all fundraising is important to your child's school. Show you believe in their education by supporting their school.



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LAFF (Lost and Found Fridays)

SEES' PTA has taken on the task of trying to reunite lost items with your children. On the second or third Friday of every month, PTA volunteers will staff the *Lost and Found* area of the cafeteria. Please encourage your child(ren) to look over the items on display to see if anything belongs to them.

You can help increase the chances of reuniting lost items with your child(ren) by printing your last name on all items worn or brought to school – this includes books, lunch boxes, musical instruments, in addition to clothing items and outerwear. Simply print your last name in an easy-to-spot location such as on the neck tag inside a garment, on the inside of the top of a lunchbox, on the inside cover of a book, on a piece of tape placed on the outside of a musical instrument case, or any other conspicuous area. The PTA appreciates your effort in labeling the items your child(ren) bring to school and for reminding your child(ren) to look for their lost items on Lost and Found Fridays (LAFF).

Reflections 2008

Many thanks to the SEES students who submitted art and literature entries to the 2008 Reflections program on their Interpretation of this year's theme: Wow! There were many terrific and imaginative entries. This year, seven students' entries were selected through independent judging to be forwarded to the Fairfax County PTA County Council for the next award stage.

Congratulations! They are (by category):

Visual Arts

Rosalie Betker (1st grade)

Katheryne Chun (6th grade)

Literature

Daniel Berry (5th grade)

Bonnie Schipper (6th grade)

Photography

Nicholas Meyer (3rd grade)

Alexander Sweeney (6th grade)

Film Production

Katherine Sizov (6th grade)

Inclement Weather

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather. These are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of children and FCPS staff who are walking, driving, or riding buses to schools. These schedules are:

(1) Keep schools closed. (2) Open two hours late. (3) Close two hours early.

As soon as a decision is made to implement one of these changes, we post the information on FCPS cable Channel 21 and place the message on our web site - www.fcps.edu. E-mail notifications will be made through our KIT system. Parents, please make sure to have your contact information updated on your child's emergency form at school. Our new KIT system pulls information from our Student Information System. For more information, please refer to <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/> The news will also be carried by radio and television stations, which are notified as quickly as possible after a decision is made. Please **do not** phone individual schools or one of the stations for this information.