6th Grade Graduation
Monday, June 23rd at 9:15 in the gym

Mr. Roger Vanderhye
Principal
Spring Hill Elementary School
8201 Lewinsville Road
McLean, VA 22102-2699

Dear Mr. Vanderhye,

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to Spring Hill Elementary School upon receiving the 2014 Board of Education Excellence Award.

Educating the youth of America is both exciting and challenging. This recognition indicates that you and your staff have risen to this challenge with motivation and enthusiasm. You give young people the confidence they need to succeed both in school and outside of school. By making your school an environment that inspires curiosity and hard work, your students have the opportunity to excel. The impact that you have made on our children will help to shape their lives as well as the lives of their families and friends.

I applaud your dedication to your students as well as your passion for innovation and education!

Sincerely,

Mark R. Warner
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United States Senator
Please schedule your family vacations during FCPS designated holidays / breaks, which you can see at this link: http://www.fcps.edu/cal.shtml

Be aware that missing school for extended periods of time negatively impacts your child and your child's teacher.

May 19th-June 6th: SOL TESTING (GR 3-6)

Week of June 2nd:
Tuesday, June 3rd: 5th / 6th GR Orchestra Concert, Gym, 7 pm
Friday, June 6th: Astronaut visit with 6th GR

Week of June 9th:
Monday, June 9th: 2nd GR African Market, Blacktop, 9-11am
Patrol Picnic, Outside of Gym, 11:45 am
Wednesday, June 11th: Field Day
Thursday, June 12th: Field Day, Rain Date
3rd / 4th GR Orchestra Concert, Gym, 7pm

Week of June 16th:
Monday, June 16th: 1st GR EOY Class Party, 9 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, June 17th: Kindergarten EOY Class Party, 9:30 am-12 pm
5th GR EOY Class Party, 11 am-3 pm
Wednesday, June 18th: 6th GR Party, 9 am-3pm
Mrs. Fisher’s 3rd GR Play, Cafeteria, 2-3 pm
Thursday, June 19th: Mrs. Fisher’s 3rd GR Play, Cafeteria, 9-10 am
Awards Ceremony, Gym, 1:30-3 pm
Friday, June 20th: 6th GR History Museum, Gym, 9:15 am-12:15 pm
Panthology Ceremony, Cafeteria, 1:45-3 pm

Week of June 23rd:
Monday, June 23rd: 6th GR Graduation, Gym, 9:15 am
3rd GR EOY Class Party, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, June 24: 4th GR EOY Party, 10 am-1 pm
Wednesday, June 25th: Last Day of School, Early Dismissal, 11 am

Full 2013-2014 calendar: click here: http://www.fcps.edu/about/13-14cal.htm

This school newsletter will be issued every Wednesday during the school year on our website, under “News and Events.” You will receive an email link to the newsletter if we have your current email address. Deadline for submissions are Mondays by Noon. Email nelda.hirji@fcps.edu Please include Bi-Line in the subject.
It is time to elect the SCA Board for 2014-2015. The primary election will be held on Friday, June 6. Candidates will introduce themselves on the morning show. There will be no campaigning during the primary election. The top three candidates for each office will run in the general election. The general election will be on Friday, June 13. Students may campaign by placing three posters in the school. They will also give a speech on the morning show on Friday, June 13.

Good luck to all of the candidates.

On Sunday, Ms. Greene and Fun Fair Raffle winner, Katie Chen from Ms. Gerike’s First Grade Class, went to the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington DC! They got to see a wide variety of animals, including baby panda Bao Bao who was hiding in her favorite tree. Katie enjoyed splashing around in the splash pad on the American Trail and also getting sprayed by an orangutan!

Spring Hill School is in need of a cafeteria hostess during lunch periods. The hours are Monday 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please contact Mr. Tritle, Assistant Principal, at RRTritle@fcps.edu if you are interested in this position.

Cafeteria Hostess Needed

Fun Fair Raffle Winners

Ms. Shaheen and the two raffle winners, Olivia Cain and Nicoleta Hoffman at Woody’s playing miniature golf.
PTO's bus notes matching program ended Friday May 30th. We would like to thank: Kitty Gonzalez, Stephanie Kim, Emily Morin, Sherri Nik-Aeen, Nadia Omais, Pearl Peszeki, Holly Piper, Amy Prewett, Rania Razek, Natalia Simonova, Miriam Smith, Liz Talbot and Jennifer Tam who collectively volunteered many hours to match hundreds of bus notes during the past few months. This effort made our students play-dates possible and our volunteer's commitment has been truly appreciated.

5th Graders: Don’t Forget to Get Your Tdap

All students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering the sixth grade. Please bring your proof of immunizations to the office as soon as possible.

If your child’s birthday falls prior to the end of school, please make every effort to get the Immunization and bring the documentation to school by June 20th.

If your child’s birthday falls after school is out but by August 31st, please get documentation to the school by 08/31/14.

If your child’s birthday falls after September 2nd, you must bring documentation from your child’s doctor stating the date immunization will be given (should be on or soon after 11th birthdate). This must be turned in by 8/31/14.

CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PROPER DOCUMENTS.

Summer is approaching fast.
Are you looking for an activity for your child during their Summer Break?
Do they enjoy playing basketball?

Well, you should enroll them in one of the Summer Basketball Camps offered by Hoop Life. Our camps are some of the best operated camps in the area. Our professional staff is comprised of the best coaches and trainers in the country. All of our coaches and trainers have real world coaching and/or playing experience on higher levels of basketball including the NBA.

Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball and get an opportunity to demonstrate those fundamentals in 5 on 5 scrimmages and skill competitions for awards and prizes while in a safe environment. We will even have a dunk contest! Every camper will leave with improved basketball skills, a higher basketball IQ, a heightened passion for the game, and any earned awards or prizes.

RESERVE A SPACE FOR ONLY $40 AND RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AT CERTAIN CAMP LOCATIONS. LOOK AT THE LIST BELOW, FIND THE CAMP CLOSEST TO YOU, AND REGISTER TODAY

McLean, VA AREA (FAIRFAX COUNTY)

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Discounts: Multiple child discount of $25 per child; 10% off for Spring Camp Attendees

Ways to Register:
1. Register online with full payment or $40 deposit to reserve a space at [https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HoopLife](https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HoopLife)
2. Register via mail by downloading the attached registration form & mail it in with full payment or $40 deposit for space reservation to: Hoop Life, Inc. P.O. Box 25672 Alexandria, VA 22313
3. For more info contact Coach Harris via phone at 571.241.1486 or via email at kevinharris@myhooplife.com

See pg 11 for Registration form
How do children learn to care?
How do they feel connected to their communities and know they can make a difference in the world?

Developing compassion in elementary and middle school-aged children is akin to developing muscle strength. The more you use your muscles, the stronger they get.

Children learn compassion through many experiences, including caring for the family pet. But children who participate in programs that teach kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion and who have families that reinforce those strengths at home develop the muscles they need to become civically engaged adolescents and adults.

Ways families instill compassion include:

1. Provide Opportunities to Practice Compassion

Compassion cannot be learned by talking about it. Children must practice compassion in their daily lives. Difficult encounters with family members, classmates, and friends present opportunities for kids to put themselves in another’s shoes – to practice empathy.

2. Help Children Understand and Cope with Anger

Anger is one of the greatest hindrances to compassion because it can overwhelm children’s minds and spirit. We can help children by asking how their anger will help solve a problem or make their lives happier. We can help them see both the positive and negative sides of anger, and how holding onto anger leads to unreliable and destructive outcomes.

3. Teach Children to Self-Regulate

Antidotes to anger come through compassion and self-regulation, the ability to stop or delay an action rather than behaving impulsively.

http://www.rootsofaction.com/

COOPERATIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

**RALLY ROBIN:** Two people take turns sharing ideas back and forth.

**THINK, PAIR, SHARE:** Each person is given the same amount of time to share with a partner. A timer is used for each partner.

**STAND UP HAND UP:** Each person finds someone else at another table, gives high five, then puts hand down. Partners share, then put hands back in air and finds another partner.

**FOUR CORNERS:** The teacher poses a question for which there are four responses. Each participant chooses which response best describes him or her, then goes to the corner identified by the teacher, a different group going to each corner of the room.

AAP Important Dates:

**June 30, 2014:** Level IV appeal decisions are mailed to parents or guardians and local schools by the AAP Central Office.

How is the appeal decision made? The new data is added to the original screening file for review by the appeals committee. The Advanced Academic Programs office notifies the parents/guardians and the local school of the appeals committee decision. The decision of the appeals committee is final.

AAP Resources:

- Barbara Ross
  Advanced Academic Resource Teacher: barbara.ross@fcps.edu
  703-506-2863

- AAP Office Contact:
  571-423-4740
  703-279-5208 (Fax)

- AAP Website: https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.sham

- AAP Parent Information Packet: https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/packet/
The PTO hosted a Kindergarten Play Date on May 31st from 9:30-11:30 am, for future Spring Hill Kindergarteners. There was a great turn out of parents and children at the playground. Special thanks to Amy Prewett and Holly Piper for helping to organize!
Order Next Year’s School Supplies Online

Save time and reduce your summer to-do list. Log on to http://www.ordermypack.com and enter our school code – 107867. When you are placing an order, remember to order supplies for the grade your child will be in next year. All orders will be delivered to your home 2-3 weeks before school starts in September. The school supply sale will run from May 1 to July 31. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Holloman at jnholloman@cox.net.

HAVE ANY BOXTOPS WITH SUMMER EXPIRY DATES?

Like 6/30/14 or 8/1/14? If so, please submit them to the box in the front office or to your teacher before summer. Thanks!


The Spring Hill PTO will be working with AtoZ Directories again next year to produce our printed Directories. As you may know, AtoZ is able to provide their services to the PTO for no charge by including advertisements in the student directory.

Spring Hill families have the opportunity at this early date to purchase select premium spots in next year’s directory (to be published approximately November 2014). Parents interested in a premium spot should contact Monica Christensen at monica@atozdirectories.com or call her at 703.470.0657. There are also full page, half page, and business card advertising opportunities available.
What Time Do You Want School to Start?

The Fairfax County School Board is soliciting parent opinions on several proposals for changing the start time of Fairfax County Public Schools. If you are interested, please take the time to complete this survey and let them know what you think: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/starttimes <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/starttimes>

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our PTO committee chairs who assisted throughout this past school year with events, programs, and activities. Many hours were spent to coordinate all of the PTO undertakings that support Spring Hill and provide an enriching educational experience for all students. Spring Hill is truly fortunate to have so many individuals who share their time and talents!

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Hoop Life
Summer Basketball Camp

Does your child like basketball? Do you want them to learn the game and have a good time during their summer break? Well, enroll them in the Hoop Life Spring Basketball Camp.

Hoop Life is a premier basketball training organization that trains players ranging from beginners to professionals. Our camps will raise your child’s basketball skills and IQ in a fun, safe, and competitive basketball environment. All of our coaches have playing or coaching experience on higher levels of basketball including the NBA.

Each child will leave with a wealth of basketball knowledge and a renewed sense of the value of the game.

Go to https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HoopLife to register online for any camp

Summer Basketball Camp Registration Form

Head of Household (first/last name) ____________________________
Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ______ Zip_____
Home Ph. ____________________________ Work Ph. ____________________________ Cell ____________________________

Email ____________________________ Camper Name ____________________________

Gender M__ F__ Grade ______ Date of Birth__/__/__ Camper T-Shirt Size ______

(Choose all that apply)

Glasgow MS: *$40 Deposit ___ $175 Early Registration before May 23rd ___ $205 Early Registration with Lunch before May 23rd ___ $200 Normal Registration ___ $230 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

Herndon MS: *$40 Deposit ___ $200 Early Registration before May 23rd ___ $230 Early Registration before May 23rd ___ $250 Normal Registration ___ $230 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

Cooper MS: *$40 Deposit ___ $200 Early Registration before May 23rd ___ $230 Early Registration with Lunch before May 23rd ___ $250 Normal Registration ___ $280 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

Stone MS: *$40 Deposit ___ $200 Early Registration before May 23rd ___ $230 Early Registration with Lunch before May 23rd ___ $250 Normal Registration ___ $280 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

*Lunch includes 2 slices of pizza & Gatorade daily

*Multi-Family Discount of $15 per child available for Glasgow & $25 per child available for Cooper, Herndon, and Stone Middle School

*Multi-Family Discounts cannot be applied to the early registration price

Register online at: https://campscui.active.com/orgs/HoopLife

Total Enclosed $_______

Mail completed registration form with payment to: Hoop Life, Inc.
P.O. Box 25672 Alexandria, VA 22313

Make Checks Payable to: Hoop Life, Inc.

Hold Harmless Agreement: In consideration of Hoop Life, conducting various programs and allowing the above to participate in such programs, the undersigned realizing the risk of injury attendant to such programs, does hereby and forever discharge Hoop Life and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all action, claims or liability resulting from or arising out of or based upon any bodily injury or property damage which may be sustained by the undersigned or the undersigned’s child while participating in such programs.

Signature required of adult participant, parent or guardian of child ____________________________ Date ______

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