Dear Parents,

Last May, fourteen men worked for 16 hours over one weekend in our courtyard to reshape the land, dig out weeds and detritus, added a pervious walkway and repaired the pond. The Student Council purchased weatherproof signs made to enhance the educational benefit of the courtyard. A big thank you is in order to all of the parents and teachers who are members of the PTO. A special thank you to Jon Lebkisher whose help with design was the impetus for the look of the new courtyard, Jim Isler for developing a plan to improve landscaping around the entire building, Alison Bauer, and the entire Spring Hill science committee. In addition, thank you again to the PTO, without their financial and moral support, none of this would be possible.

Our children should be able to enjoy our courtyard for years to come! Come over sometime and take a look (after the SOLS).

Click the link below and take a look at some of the beautiful pictures of our new courtyard.

https://www.flickr.com/gp/132287326@N02/5Q91F7

Best regards,

Roger Vanderhye

Roger Vanderhye, Principal

FY 2017 (School Year 2016-17) Budget Frequently Asked Questions

#SaveFCPS

How will FCPS go from a nearly $8 million shortfall in school year 2015-16 (FY 2016) to a projected shortfall of more than $100 million in school year 2016-17 (FY 2017)?

Clink the following link for more
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**Calendar**

**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/cal.shtml](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.

**Week of May 11th:**
Friday, May 15: Author Visit (Patricia Polacco), All Grades, Cafeteria / Lg Pod
Sunday, May 17: Fun Run, 8-10 am

**Week of May 18th:**
Friday, May 22: Kindergarten FT (All), Glen Echo Park, 8:45 - 11:30 am

**Week of May 25th:**
Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day Holiday, No School
Thursday, May 28th: 6th GR FT (All), Philadelphia, 6 am-9 pm
Friday, May 29th: 5th GR FT (All), Medieval Times, 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, May 30th: Kindergarten Play Date, Gym, 9:30-11:30 am

**Week of June 1st:**
Tuesday, June 2nd: 5th & 6th GR Orchestra Concert, Gym, 7-8 pm
Wednesday, June 3rd: 5th & 6th GR Orchestra Concert, 9:15-10:15 am
Friday, June 5th: Field Day

Parent Tech University: “Screen Issues- Taming the Electronic Monsters at Home”, Cafeteria, 8:30-10:30 am

**Plan Ahead Dates:**

Wednesday, June 17: 6th GR Party (All Day), Outside/Gym
Thursday, June 18: 6th GR Graduation, Gym, 9:00-11:00 am

**Full 2014-2015 calendar:** [click here](http://www.fcps.edu/about14-15cal.shtml)

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Yearbook order forms came home via Thursday folders last week. Price is $13 if you order by Friday, May 22nd. Any extra copies will be sold for $15 after May 22nd. (no guarantee there will be extras)

To purchase, please complete the remittance envelope and make checks payable to Strawbridge Studios. You may also pay online @ [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net)
If you have any questions, please contact Nelda Hirji @ 703-506-3400 or email nelda.hirji@fcps.edu

Spring photo packets were sent home last week, if you would like to purchase all or part of the packet send in cash or check in the payment envelope. You can also pay online @ [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net)
Deadline for payment or return of unwanted photos is Friday, May 22nd.
Mr. Vanderhye, Susan Dooley and Jennifer Jackson accept a check for $2,000 from representatives of Harris Teeter. The store awarded Spring Hill the bonus money for participating in Together in Education, its school rewards program.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS AND SPRING HILL FAMILIES

A Huge Thank You to all our dedicated volunteers and to our Spring Hill Families for coming out to support the Library’s Spring Book Fair! We had a great response and a very successful book fair. It’s great to see so many good books in students’ hands.

We would especially like to thank the following volunteers who made it all possible: Irene Lewis, PTO Library Coordinator (thank you, Irene, for an outstanding job!) Amy Minton, Clare Bradshaw, Amy Prewett, Holly Piper, Tine Kristensen, Jessica McMichael, Tara Paikin, Jen Dzwończyk, Jen Trainor, Jane Wang, MaryAnn Rebhan, Sandra Wang, Julianna Delong, Katie Darme, Meltem Tunasar, Archana Arun, Cyndy Porter, Sonya Bearson, Megan Roberge, Kathleen Vargas, Rania Razek, Ann Shankroff, Keuri Patel, Susan Connery, Stephanie Short, and Lorena Vilchis.

Janet Hugger, Librarian and Gay Massarsky, Library Assistant

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 Panther Press in the subject.
Pizza with a purpose.

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we’ll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:
Spring Hill Elementary
Sunday May 17th and Monday May 18th-2015
(All Day)

Valid at the following location:
California Pizza Kitchen
Tyson’s Corner Center
703-761-1473

Join the Pizza Dough™ Rewards program on your next visit or at cpk.com and receive a free Small Plate for registering.

FUNdraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profits schools are eligible to participate in CPK’s FUNdraiser program. CPK will donate twenty percent of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine in, take out, online, catering or curbside orders. Not valid for delivery orders. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the FUNdraiser, please contact the organization directly.
Today Is the Last Day to Register for Fun Run!

Today is the last day to register online (www.springhillpto.org) for the 8th Annual Spring Hill 3K Fun Run & Walk, which will be held on Sunday May 17th beginning at 8am. Please go to the PTO website (www.springhillpto.org) for additional information and to register. Same day/race day registrations will be available between 7:30-8:00am.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, clean-up, and act as safety marshals along the course. If you are available to help, please contact Jennifer Ruscio (jenniferruscio@yahoo.com) or Krista Page (krista.page333@gmail.com).

Order Next Year’s School Supplies Online

Starting May 11th, order next year’s school supplies online!

Save time and reduce your summer to-do list. Log onto www.ordermypack.com and enter our school code – 107867. When you place your 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. A detailed flyer with order instructions and price list was included in last week's Thursday folder. The school supply sale will run from May 11th through Aug 7th.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Holloman at jnholloman@cox.net. This service is provided by the Spring Hill PTO.

Prescription Eyeglass Collection

Do you have old, prescription eyeglasses that you no longer use, but don’t want to throw away? If so, we need your help! From May 7th through May 22nd, Spring Hill will be collecting prescription eyeglasses to donate to the non-profit organization, New Eyes. New Eyes sends used, prescription eyeglasses to medical missions and charitable organizations worldwide, for distribution to people who do not have access to eyeglasses. A collection box will be located in the front office for students to drop off their eyeglasses. Sunglasses and reading glasses are also needed. Please donate your used, prescription glasses. Please contact Tiffany Parise (TiffanyParise@gmail.com) if there are any questions.
Thank You!

Each week there are so many volunteers that take time to make our school a little better. Many thanks to:

- Lynne Emanuel, Maile Ramzi, Sue Cardenas and Miriam Smith for putting together an incredible week of events to celebrate our wonderful faculty and staff.
- All of our Room Parents for coordinating thoughtful class events to thank teachers for Staff Appreciation Week
- Kitty Gonzalez and Rania Razek for doing Bus Notes
- Cindy Sullivan for organizing a terrific Walk/Bike to School Day, and Bill Shvodian, Michelle Blanton, Amelia Steiner, Lori Gormly and Julie Hyams for handing out the tokens of appreciation at Door 7
- Jim Isler for coordinating the landscaping and upkeep of our school grounds
- Irene Lewis and Amy Minton for coordinating the Library Book Fair and all the volunteers: Stephanie Short, Tine Kristensen, Jessica McMichael, Clare Bradshaw, Amy Prewett, Holly Piper, Tara Paikin, Jen Dzwonczyk, Cyndy Porter, Archana Arun, Megan Roberge, Jane Wang, Sandra Wang, MaryAnn Rebhan, Julianna DeLong, Katie Darne, Sonya Bearson, Meltem Tunasar, Kathleen Vargas, Rania Razek, Ann Shankroff, Keuri Patel, Susan Connery, Jen Trainor and Lorena Vilchis. The Book Fair couldn’t happen without you!
New Generation presents

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 Summer 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.

This camp is operated to battle against childhood obesity and bullying. Help us with the fight for healthy lifestyles!!!

Go to www.myhooplife.com 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 ______

(Check All that Apply)

June 29 – July 2:  *$40 Deposit ___ $185 Early Registration ___ $209 Early Registration with Lunch ___ $200 Normal Registration ___ $224 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

August 3-7:  *$40 Deposit ___ $225 Early Registration ___ $255 Early Registration with Lunch ___ $250 Normal Registration ___ $280 Normal Registration with Lunch ___

*Lunch includes 2 slices of pizza & Gatorade daily  *$40 deposits are non-refundable  *Must register 2 months in advance for early bird price  *Multi-Family Discounts cannot be applied to the early registration price

Register online at: www.myhooplife.com  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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