Level 4 AAP at Cooper

Arlene Randall, Principal at Cooper MS will be at Spring Hill ES on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 from 9-10 am in the Cafeteria. The topic will be about the Level 4 AAP program at Cooper. All 6th grade parents are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving has been a traditional time of gathering for close to 400 years. Friends and families come together to celebrate their lives and what has happened to them over the years since the last Thanksgiving celebration. Traditionally, or at least since 1863 when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise", we have celebrated this day on the fourth Thursday of November. In that same desire to bring family and friends together, we have sent forth our proclamation to have family and friends join Spring Hill for lunch Thursday & Friday, November 20 & 21.

See times below:

**Thursday the 20th of November:**
- Kindergarten will eat lunch from 10:30-11:30
- Second Grade will eat lunch from 11:30-12:30
- First Grade will eat lunch from 12:30-1:30

**Friday the 21st of November:**
- Third Grade will eat lunch from 10:20-11:15
- Fifth Grade will eat lunch from 11:15-12:05
- Sixth Grade will eat lunch from 12:05-1:00
- Fourth Grade will eat lunch from 1:00-1:50

Attention Kiss & Ride Parents:

Due to concerns from the office of safety and security, the entrance to the school by the stop light is now closed permanently during arrival and dismissal. All Kiss & Ride students must enter and exit at the designated Kiss & Ride area at exit 9 next to the SACC entrance. During this time parking is available across Lewinsville Road. Thank you for your cooperation.
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**Important Reminder:**

**Transportation Changes Procedure**

This is a reminder that **any** changes to your child’s normal mode of transportation home **must** be sent to the office in **writing**, either by the transportation change request form, or by fax, **no later than 2pm**.

**Emails or last minute phone calls will not be accepted.**

We want to reiterate the policy Spring Hill has in place is for your **child’s safety**.

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**Picture Make-up Day**

Strawbridge Studios Photographer will be here tomorrow, November 13 for re-takes, new students and anyone absent on September 25.

For re-takes, bring your original picture to the photographer.

**Order forms are in the office.**

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**Calendar**

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.

**November 3-21:** SCA Spirit Song Competition

**Week of November 10:**

**November 10th-14th:** Book Fair, Lg Pod

**Wednesday, November 12:** Ice Cream Social / Book Fair Family Night, Cafeteria & Lg Pod, 6-8 pm

**Thursday, November 13:** Fall Picture Make ups, Back Hallway, 8:30 am

5th GR FT (Bulford & Iesue), Frying Pan Park, 9:15 am -1:15 pm

**Friday, November 14:** SCA College Spirit Parent University / PTO Meeting, Cafeteria, 8:30-10:30 am

5th GR FT (DeWispelaere, Fitzsimmons & Greene), Frying Pan Park, 9:15am-1:15 pm

**Week of November 17:**

**Tuesday, November 18:** 4th GR FT (Lee & Fowler), Gunston Hall, 9:15 am-1:15 pm

**Wednesday, November 19:** 4th GR FT (Kiernan, Mosher & Swiers), Gunston Hall, 9:15 am-1:15 pm

**Friday, November 21:** 6th GR FT (Burns, Minutoli & Seagraves), Inner Quest 10:30 am - 4:50 pm

**Week of November 24:**

**Monday, November 24:** 2nd GR Thanksgiving Feast Prep, Small pod, 9am-11am

**Tuesday, November 25:** 2nd GR Thanksgiving Feast, Lg Pod, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

**Wednesday, November 26:**

2 hr Early Release

**Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28:** Thanksgiving Holidays

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

Fifth and Sixth grade students will soon be taking part in lessons on Human Growth and Development (HGD) as part of the Family Life Education (FLE) Program. These lessons address the many changes that students will experience as they go through puberty and provide them with important information that will help them make positive choices as they grow and change in the next few years. The five lessons will be taught for both grades the week of Dec. 15-19th.

In addition, sixth grade will be teaching the four Emotional and Social Health (ESH) lessons in January. Topics included in ESH instruction include positive self-image, contributing positively to a group or community, child neglect and abuse, and human trafficking.

There will be a daytime and a nighttime curriculum preview for 5th and 6th parents on Dec. 2nd. The daytime preview for sixth grade will be in Room 200 from 9:00-9:40 a.m. The daytime preview for fifth grade will be in Room 112 from 10:00-10:50 a.m. The evening preview for both fifth and sixth grades will be from 6:00-7:00 in the library.

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.
**SHARE Food Drive**

November 10 – 14

We will be accepting:

canned goods
non-perishable food (spaghetti, dried fruit, etc.)
toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

**High Need – Breakfast Items**

Oatmeal
Granola Bars
Cereal
Juices

All items collected will be given to SHARE of McLean.

Please give to this worthwhile cause. All items are to be taken to the SHARE box in your homeroom. The class with the most items donated will receive a pizza party!
PARENTS! GRANDPARENTS! SPECIAL GUESTS!

PLEASE JOIN US ON
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Friday, November 21, 2014
FOR
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
AT

SRING HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MENU

Roast Turkey w/Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Frozen Pumpkin Yogurt
Bottled Water or Milk

PRICE:

$3.90 FOR ALL ADULTS
(Adults not enrolled at Spring Hill)

$2.90 FOR SPRING HILL STUDENTS
AND SIBLINGS (Students may use their
lunch card)

***To speed up the process at the cashier, we are inviting parents to
pre-pay for their lunch. If you would like to pre-pay, please send this
form back with your payment. You may also pay cash in the cafeteria
on the day of the luncheon.

ADVANCE TICKET ORDER-
Your Child(ren)'s name(s):
   First, Last and Teacher's Name:

   __________________________

Number of Guest Tickets@ $3.90 ea. __________
Date You Will Be Attending ______________

Total Amount Enclosed $ _____ (EXACT AMOUNT ONLY)
Are You Prepared? Make Plans Now!

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans
Make Arrangements Now in Case of an Unforeseen Schedule Change

Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools two hours late, or to close two hours early. The procedures used in school closings are detailed below. Keep this information in a convenient location for future reference.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go or what to do if a parent will not be or is not home.

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
- www.fcps.edu.
- Facebook and Twitter.
- Email notifications will be made through our Keep in Touch (KIT) system.
- Called in to local radio and television stations.

We try to make a decision by 4:30 a.m. when schools will be closed all day or will open two hours late. This gives us 30 minutes so that the public announcement can be posted and reach all media outlets by 5:00 a.m. On some occasions, it is not possible to make these time frames as weather can change unexpectedly. On some other occasions, the school system has been able to make a scheduling decision the day before so that parents, staff members, and students know what will happen the following day. This usually happens when precipitation is already on the ground and the temperatures are such that the precipitation on the ground is frozen or will refreeze.

For more information, go to http://www.fcps.edu/news/weather.shtml
Grocery Bonus Forms Still Needed

As the holidays approach and you start thinking about all the food shopping you have to do, please make sure that you turn in your grocery bonus form or submit your grocery card numbers online. You can use the form attached or submit online at www.springhillpto.org. Remember, signing up costs you nothing and Spring Hill earns a portion of everything you spend at Giant or Harris Teeter. Last year we collected almost $15,000...let's try to beat that this year!

Book Fair Ice Cream Social TONIGHT 6-8 PM

Come to the cafeteria at 6:00pm tonight to have free ice cream sundaes scooped by our own Spring Hill teachers! When you’ve finished your ice cream, come shop at the Book Fair. You’ll find games and books for all ages ready to read today or be a gift for the holidays. These are not games you’ll find at most big box stores and many have been specially recommended by Advanced Academic Resource teachers as challenging and interesting. Cash and checks are recommended but we can take credit cards.

The Book Fair team is still looking for a few volunteers for the rest of the week. Please take a look and see if you can help: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545aeac2aa20-book

Tiny Prints/Shutterfly Offer = Free Money for SHES

Spring Hill PTO will earn a portion of any purchases you make through Tiny Prints or Shutterfly, two of the most popular online sites for cards, invitations and photos. Click through this link or paste it into your browser, then shop as normal. You must click through this link for us to get credit for your order: http://www.tinyprints.com/storefront/springhillelementary

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Colonial Day Costume Exchange

If you have a Colonial Day costume that you no longer need, please consider passing it along to another Spring Hill family. All 4th graders participate in Colonial Day! There is a box to collect CLEAN costumes in the office (please include hats or mob caps if you have them). Please put the costumes in a bag labeled for a boy or girl and about what size (S, M, L). For those looking for a costume, they will be in the box for first come-first served to claim.

Four On Friday: November 14th

Four exciting PTO events are coming up on Friday, November 14th! We hope you can join us for these fun happenings:

- 8:30am - Coffee and socializing in the cafeteria
- 8:45am - our FINAL PTO meeting of 2014
- 9:00am - Parent University speaker Tiffany Washington “Is this Normal?” Common behavioral challenges in school-age children and strategies to cope with them.
- 10:15am – browse the Book Fair one last time before it closes at 11:00am
NEW! Spring Hill Bids for Kids Online Auction
This is a new fundraising online auction to replace Class Baskets and the Silent Auction during Fun Fair. We are looking for donations from our families – sports event tickets, vacation home time, restaurant connections, services such as organizing or design time, etc. We will also accept cash donations to offset the fees of running the online auction. Please contact Stephanie Short at skleger@gmail.com or Paula Mosby at PaulaCMosby@live.com.

No Bus Notes on Friday, December 19th
Please note there will be NO Bus Notes on Friday, December 19th. All after school play dates are cancelled since this is an early release day.

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

Leslie Speidel, Clare Bradshaw, Jessica McMichael, Stephanie Stayin and Maria Kelly for all their efforts for the Book Fair, Wimpy Kid pre-orders and art poster contest.

Calli Harris for preparing for the Ice Cream Social.

The Bao family, the Isler family and many 8th grade volunteers for planting shrubs and bulbs on November 4th.

Kathleen Vargas for doing Bus Notes last Friday.

Save the Date

Book Fair: November 11-14th (Large Pod)

Family Ice Cream Social: November 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ice cream is scooped by our own Spring Hill teachers!

Parent University Speaker: Friday, November 14th, 9:00 am (Coffee 8:30am,) Tiffany Washington will be the speaker about “Is this Normal?” Common behavioral challenges in school-age children and strategies to cope with them.

PTO Meeting: Friday Nov. 14 starting at 8:45 a.m., Cafeteria.

Early Dismissal Wednesday, November 26th at 1:20 p.m.

No School on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving holidays.

First Organizational Fun Fair Meeting: December 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Chili Lunch for Staff: December 10th

December 19th – NO BUS NOTES. All after school play dates cancelled due to early release.
Go WILD for Books

at the

Spring Hill Elementary School
PTO Book Fair!

Come shop our tremendous selection of books, games, craft kits and gifts for all ages.

Tuesday through Friday
November 11th-14th

Please join us for the very popular
Family Night Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, November 12th
Featuring FREE ICE CREAM & evening shopping hours
Go WILD for Books
and Ice Cream
at the PTO Book Fair
Family Night
Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, November 12th
6pm-8pm

Please join us for
FREE ICE CREAM &
evening shopping hours!

Ice Cream will be supplied by the PTO
and scooped by your favorite teachers & staff
but please consider donating NUT-FREE toppings
(sprinkles, sauces, Oreos, extra Halloween candy, etc.)
to the front office. Thank you!
Please help us earn FREE MONEY for our school!

Every time you shop at Giant 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 more than $15,000!

Signing up is easy and now you can do it online at the PTO website! Simply go to www.springhillpto.org and enter your information. You must designate Spring Hill to receive the funds every year, so if you leave or graduate, Spring Hill will not continue to be your designated school year after year.

Or fill out the form below and return it to the Spring Hill office or your child’s teacher.

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Giant Bonus Cards (need all info - please print)

Cardholder Last Name: ____________________________

Card #: 4 4 0 __ __ __ __ __ __ __

(MUST be 12 digits total)

Not sure of your card number since you use your phone number at checkout? You can call the following phone number and they will tell you your card number.

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

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? GREAT! Just provide additional information on the back of this sheet for each store. This form is also available on the Spring Hill PTO website (springhillpto.org).

Questions? Please contact Susan Dooley at susan.dooley@verizon.net or Jennifer Jackson at jejackson97@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

More Free Money News!

TARGET has a REDcard program called Take Charge of Education. Please link your Target REDcard to Spring Hill Elementary for us to receive this free education money!

1-800-316-6142 https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home
The holidays are fast approaching! Order your HoneyBaked Ham, Turkey or side dishes and dessert today! Gift cards are also available for order. The HoneyBaked Ham Company is supporting the Langley Orchestra by donating 15% of every dollar sold online.

Place your order online at www.langleyorchestra.org by November 19, 2014.

Pick up your order in the front lobby at Spring Hill ES between 3:45PM – 6:00PM on Friday, November 21st.

or

Pick up your order in front of the Auditorium at Langley High School between 2:30PM – 4:30PM on Monday, November 24th.

The Langley High School Orchestras wishes a very Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Thank you for your support!
Please join the fun this Thurs., Fri. and/or Sat.!

Langley High School’s
Saxon Stage Presents:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
November 13, 14, and 15 @ 7:00 PM

Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of music and laughter!

Place:  McLean Bible Church
8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182
Date:  November 13, 14 and/or 15!
Time:  7:00 PM

Discounted tickets are available online at:
http://www.lhsputnam.brownpapertickets.com/ . Online now- Student and FCPS Employee tickets are $8, plus service fee; Adult tickets are $12, plus service fee.

The Great Falls Connection: