YABE FRIENDSHIP STUDENT EXCHANGE - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND WE NEED CHILDREN/FAMILIES WHO MAY WISH TO EXCHANGE WITH OUR JAPANESE FRIENDS!

As many of you know, we established a wonderful sister school relationship with our friends at Yabe School in Totsuka, Japan over four years ago. Since our sister-school relationship began, we have sent two school groups to Japan and I personally have travelled to Nippon, twice. In addition, the Yabe ES children have visited in October 2012 and the second group visited us last spring at the end of April.

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This year, we intend to go on exchange to Japan mostly likely leaving soon after June 20\textsuperscript{th} and staying for approximately 8-10 days. So far we have a small number of Spring Hill ES children who have expressed a keen interest in going.

To that end, we are looking for a maximum of 6 more children, hopefully some will be girls, as we have no girls currently slotted to go to Japan.

If you and/or your child are interested in knowing more about our exchange program please come to our informational meeting scheduled for Friday, October 24\textsuperscript{th} (U.N. Day) from 8-9 AM in our library. Your children do not have to attend this meeting, as we will provide basic information and do lots of Q & A. Please let me know if you will be attending so we will save you a seat. You may reach me at roger.vanderhye@fcps.edu.

Please, join us in support of our Yabe/Spring Hill exchange program. We have positively changed the lives of dozens of children and families forever by this person to person, country to country, culture to culture exchange. Please contact me, or one of the parents of a child who has gone to Japan, if you are interested in your child becoming a part of this wonderful opportunity.

Best regards,
Roger Vanderhye, Principal
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 2 pm. 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.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

If you need to pick up your child early from school, you must do so before 3:00 pm. Please schedule appointments accordingly. There will be no early pick-ups after 3:00 pm. After this time, you will need to wait until dismissal @ 3:20 pm.
Come See Artwork by our students at MPAartfest—McLean’s only outdoor arts festival!

- Stroll along the Children’s ArtWalk to experience the work of budding young artists from our school and other McLean area schools.

- Check out the mini-galleries in McLean Central Park filled with paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, photography and fine crafts by more than 50 regional artists, offered for sale.

- Visit the new Hands-On Art Studio, where you will be immersed in the MPA ArtReach experience. Create your own artwork and add it to the Community Art “Quilt.”

- Keep the beat with live musical performances by local professional musicians and community groups at the Gazebo all day long.

- Treat yourself to delicious snacks from Lebanese Taverna, J. Gilbert's, Greenberry’s, Mama’s Donut Bites, Nourish Market, Naked Pizza and more!

Enjoy a great day with your family outdoors!
Enterovirus D68 Information

Several states throughout the country are reporting higher rates of severe respiratory illnesses, especially in children. Enterovirus D68 has been reported to cause mild to severe respiratory illness, such as low-grade fever, cough, runny nose, sneezing and body/muscle aches. Some people also may have a rash. Infants, children, and teenagers are most likely to get infected with enteroviruses and become sick. The Fairfax County Health Department is monitoring the situation and has helpful information about the virus [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/enterovirus.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/enterovirus.htm)

The Fairfax County Health Department encourages parents, children and all members of our community to take the same prevention steps listed below that help to prevent colds, the flu, and other common illnesses.

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (touching and shaking hands) with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the upper sleeve of your shirt.
- Stay home from school or work when sick. This is the season for respiratory illnesses and in general it is important to stay home when sick, particular if you or your child has a fever. (Fairfax County Public Schools policy states that students stay home until 24 hours after fever resolves.)
- In addition, the CDC recommends that **everyone 6 months of age and older receive an annual flu vaccine**. The flu vaccine won’t prevent EV-D68, but it will help to prevent influenza, another potentially severe respiratory illness. This is important because during the initial stages of a respiratory illness, it is difficult to tell what caused it. Getting a flu vaccine will help avoid flu symptoms from coinciding with the symptoms of EV-D68 or another respiratory illness.

**Visiting Classrooms**

Please visit classrooms only by pre-arranged invitation of the teacher. Unexpected visits interrupt quality time between children and their teachers. **You must sign in at the front office and wear a badge while in the building.**

Any forgotten lunches, homework, or music instruments must be left in the front office. By request, the office will e-mail the teacher to let them know the item is waiting for your child to pick up.

Please remember our teachers’ first priority is attention to your children and classroom instruction rather than checking e-mail. Encourage your children to check the office for forgotten items. Thank you!
Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors are working together to administer the Fairfax County Youth Survey. This survey for sixth grade students is used to assess the effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs offered in schools and communities. It is also used to identify changing trends and areas of need. The survey will be given during a time selected by the classroom teacher.

The survey focuses on risky behaviors such as alcohol, tobacco and drug use, as well as delinquency and violence. It also measures specific protective factors concerning health and safety that help youth refrain from high-risk behaviors. It will also include questions related to personal health, including eating disorders and obesity. Fairfax County officials will analyze the information for use at the local level; however, no student is identified by name on the survey.

If a student is uncomfortable with any question on the survey, the student does not have to answer that question or may elect to discontinue the survey. Additionally, while it is hoped that as many students as possible will participate, you have the option of declining permission for your child to participate in the survey.

The survey will be administered between November 10-14, 2014. A copy of the actual survey, as well as the survey fact sheet, will be available to parents and/or guardians and community members online at [http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/ssaw/youthsurvey/](http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/ssaw/youthsurvey/) and in the school counseling office of your child’s school beginning October 7, 2014.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child’s school counselor no later than November 5, 2014.

If you have questions about the survey, contact Clarence Jones, coordinator, Student Safety and Wellness Office, at 571-423-4270.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Garza, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

KKO/jb
Attachment

cc: School Board
   Leadership Team
   Clarence Jones
Complete this form only if you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey. Return it to your child’s school counselor no later than November 5, 2014.

I do not give permission for my child to participate in the confidential 2014 Fairfax County Youth Survey. I understand that my child will be assigned to an alternative activity during the administration of the survey.

Student’s Name (please print): ________________________________

Student’s School (please print): _____________________________ Grade: _________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ________________________________

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey, please return NO LATER THAN November 5, 2014, to:

Your Child’s School Counselor
AAP LEVEL III SERVICES

Advanced Academic school-based services are provided for eligible students in grades 3-6 through a collaborative model that supports a continuum of advanced academic services.

The model is designed to strengthen direct services for advanced learners and to enhance the quality of instruction offered to all students.

Students identified for school-based (level III) services receive direct services from the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher either in a pull-out program or through small-group interaction within the general education classroom.

We currently have a pull-out group at each grade level, 3-6, at Spring Hill. Each group meets for 1 hour per week.

A local committee screens all students in grades 3-6 for possible participation in advanced academic Level III services. The committee looks at multiple pieces of information to determine if a student needs to be included in Level III services.

These sources are reviewed:
- Progress report
- Ability scores
- SOL scores
- Gifted Behavior Rating Scale score
- Student work samples

Our process here at Spring Hill is flexible; a student may be invited as a guest for a period of time, usually one quarter.

The AART and the classroom teacher discuss the student’s progress in the Level III program as well as the progress made with the content / assignments in the classroom. If the student is doing well in both programs, he/she may be considered for permanent placement.

Some examples have been units on poetry, goals and expectations, Socratic Seminar, and Latin.

Please check this site for more curriculum details: [http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/gradelevel.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/gradelevel.shtml)

AAP Important Dates:

**October 7, 2014:** You are invited to an AAP Information Meeting for All Parents, Grades K-6. Mr. Vanderhye will provide details about Spring Hill AAP programs, the testing and screening process, and answer questions 7:30 AM in the school library.

**October 15-16-17, 2014:** Testing dates for CogAT for students in grade 2, those new to FCPS, and for retesting. Students in grades 3-6 can be retested one time after grade 2. Parents need to contact Mr. Casey for this additional testing session.

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.shtml](https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml)
- AAP Parent Information Packet: [https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/package/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf](https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/package/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf)

CHANGE, GROWTH, MOVING ON...

Change is a simple word with many meanings and interpretations. Change has been a fact of life for me as I’ve taught in 15 schools, starting in New South Wales, Australia and finishing here at Spring Hill.

**I will retire on Sept. 30th after 32 years of teaching.**

I always knew I would be a teacher and the choice has provided me with the best life experiences with children, parents, teachers, and administrators.

I am so fortunate to have spent my last 4 years here at Spring Hill.

AWESOME!

Barbara Ross
Food and Nutrition Services has developed monthly Energy Zone Wellness articles that schools are welcome to use in monthly parent newsletters.

9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health

To encourage student wellness, FCPS Elementary Schools are promoting 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health the week of October 6 – 10, 2014. Students will learn about healthy eating and exercise through this daily message. This program is a partnership with the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition. Teachers are invited to highlight the daily message in the classroom.

What’s on the Menu Today? Healthy Choices!

Parents - did you know? Today’s school lunch includes:

- Fresh fruits and veggies
- More whole grains
- Less sodium and fat
- Nonfat or low-fat milk

EZ MENU APP

Interactive monthly school menus are accessible on the FCPS website and is called the EZ Menu App. The website and mobile option provide quick access to menu options and nutrition information, making it easy for parents and students to learn more about the variety of healthy food choices available. It also features quick links to ingredient and allergen information, as well as resources and services provided by FNS.

The official FCPS mobile app is available in the iTunes Store and on Google Play at no cost. Features also include a link to MyLunchMoney.com to add money to student lunch accounts.
Please join us in learning about all of the technology resources available at Spring Hill and how to access them.

Where: Spring Hill Cafeteria
When: Friday October 17th at 9am

Presented by: Amy McFarlin (School-Based Technology Specialist)
Mark Your Calendar!

Parent University: October 3rd

Join us for Parent University in the Cafeteria on Friday, October 3rd. Fatima Nascone is the speaker and her presentation is "Raising 'I Can' Kids." Coffee is at 8:30 a.m. and speaker begins at 9 a.m.

After School Activities Registration: Ends Oct. 3rd

This is a reminder that Friday October 3rd is the last day to register for After School Activities. Don’t miss out on the opportunity for your child to participate in these fun and educational activities. Drama, Basketball and Indoor Games have very few slots left. Rubik’s Cube, Dance and Running Club have low registration and may be cancelled so register today! Sign up at www.springhillpto.org.

FLEX Language Registration: Begins Today, Oct. 1st

FLEX language registration begins today, October 1st. Please go to: https://aceclasses.fcps.edu and choose World Languages (K-6), then choose FLEX. The menu of classes will come up – you will need to choose the specific class to register (for example, Chinese Level 1 (20 hours)). Classes will run for 20 weeks so there will be no spring registration for FLEX. The exact website is:

https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryID=10377&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+%28PreK-6%29&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10486&AreaName=FLEX

There is also a Quick Link to the county registration page through www.springhillPTO.org. Please contact Gray Mosby at mosbywine@msn.com with any questions.

International Walk To School Day: Oct. 8th

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. For the fourth consecutive year, Spring Hill will celebrate the day as a way to promote physical activity while reducing traffic congestion and pollution near schools. How does it work?

- Walk to school on Wednesday, October 8th with neighborhood friends and parents OR
- Walk to your bus stop and ride your bus if you usually get a ride to school (this cuts down on traffic and is better for the environment)
- All students arriving on foot (or bike or scooter) should enter school through Door 7. They’ll be cheered on by teachers and parents, and will receive a token of appreciation for participating.
Box Tops Contest: Ends October 22nd

**Let's have a contest!** Have you been collecting your box tops? Are they taking up room in a drawer or bag somewhere? Well now is your chance to send them in and win!

**How do you win?**

- **Turn in** your Box Tops (Box Tops should be turned in groups of 25, either in a baggie or on paper)
- Make sure you include your teacher’s name.
- Get **everyone** in your class involved...the more involved, the more the Box Tops!
- The class with the most box tops will win an **ice cream party! Contest ends October 22!**

Kuerig Coffee Pod Donations Needed

The PTO purchased a Keurig coffee machine to keep in the Teachers' Lounge and would LOVE donations of coffee pods both regular and decaf so the teachers can treat themselves every day. Donations can be left in the teachers' lounge. Question? Contact Lynne Emmanuel at evanangelineemanuel1014@gmail.com.

6th Annual Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive

Spring Hill families continue to join and support the Spring Hill PTO Membership Drive and Fundraiser – thank you! If you haven’t yet, there is still time to join us. As you know, every dollar donated through our annual PTO Fundraiser directly benefits our Spring Hill teachers and students. Families support annual programs at Spring Hill for all grades, including field trips, teacher enrichment and classroom supplies. Over the last three years, your PTO funds have purchased technology, including student laptops, ceiling projectors, sound fields and SmartBoards, as well as refurbished the courtyard and installed whiteboards in classrooms.

This year, the suggested donation is $100 per student, which is in line with requests at other local elementary schools. We also encourage you to join the PTO for just $10 per family. Benefits of membership include a free printed directory and the ability to register for Chess PRINTED SCHOOL DIRECTORIES ARE A KEY BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. BE SURE TO JOIN THE PTO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR FREE PRINTED DIRECTORY THIS YEAR.

We’re only half way to meeting our goal of 100% participation – so let’s keep those memberships rolling in! Please join us in support of our school! To contribute to our fundraiser and join the PTO, fill out the form and return it to school in your child’s backpack. You can also contribute online at www.springhillpto.org. Either LOGIN or REGISTER (if first time user), then look for the Fundraiser/Membership button the left of the page.

FREE Money = Grocery Bonus Plan

**PLEASE SUBMIT GROCERY BONUS FORMS**

Thanks to the families that have already turned in their yellow grocery bonus forms or submitted information online. All families should have received these forms through the mail. If you did not, you can sign up online at www.springhillpto.org or contact Susan Dooley (susan.dooley@verizon.net) or Jennifer Jackson (ejackson97@gmail.com) if you need a paper form. Remember, **signing up costs you nothing** and Spring Hill earns a portion of everything you spend at Giant or Harris Teeter. Last year, we earned more than $15,000!
Your Help Is Needed!

Volunteers Needed: Bus Notes Begin Friday, Oct. 3rd

The matching note system that allows students to ride each other’s buses will only be allowed on Fridays. BOTH parents who have arranged a play date MUST send in two copies of the current Bus Note form, found on the PTO website (www.springhillpto.org/ptodocs.php) or available in a pad for purchase for $3 in the office. If only one parent sends in a note, both parents will be called to confirm the play date. If it can’t be confirmed before 11am, the play date may not occur.

You can still have play dates Monday to Thursday, but those play dates should originate from home after the students have returned from school. No communication with the school is needed for those play dates; you simply need to communicate with the other family to make sure the scheduled play date occurs.

• Bus Notes are no longer needed for an after-school activity, including Chess. Instead, the ASA or Chess Club teacher will take attendance at the beginning of the activity. If your child will be absent, you simply need to notify the ASA teacher (not homeroom teacher) directly via email by 11am on the day of the absence.

• Bus Notes are no longer needed to arrange an Early Pick-up from school. Instead, parents will come into the school and sign their children out on the front office computer at the appropriate time.

• SACC transportation changes should be emailed directly to the SACC teachers.

Volunteers are needed to match the notes around 9:30am on Fridays. Please contact Sherri Nik-Aeen at sh_nikaeen@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed: Art Appreciation

Sign up for Art Appreciation and bring art into your child’s classroom!

The Spring Hill PTO Art Appreciation Program is designed to give our children the opportunity to examine, explore, discuss and learn to appreciate a wide variety of art. Volunteers will have the opportunity to present an Art Appreciation lesson to their child’s class. Materials are provided. Sign-ups are available through the Room Parents. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Murphy (christina.l.murphy@gmail.com) or Jamie Loving (jamie.loving@verizon.net).

Volunteers Needed: Hearing and Vision Screening

All Kindergarten children and third graders as well as any students new to Spring Hill are screened for hearing and vision. No experience is necessary. Our clinic aide, Karen Larkin, provides training.

There are two sessions on October 23, 2014:

• 1st Session: 8:15 a.m.-10:30 p.m. (estimate)
• 2nd Session: 11:10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (estimate)

Contact Karen Larkin at 703.506.2410 or KALarkin2@fcps.edu to sign up.
Save the Date

After School Activities registration ends Friday, October 4th. Log on to www.springhillpto.org to sign up. NOTE: FLEX language classes will begin enrolling through FCPS in early October.

No School: Columbus Day Holiday, October 13.

Parent University (Cafeteria): October 3 at 8:30 a.m. Fatima Nascone: “Raising ‘I Can’ Kids”.

International Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 8th

Next PTO Meeting (Large Pod): Wednesday, October 8th at 9:15 a.m. Our speaker will be Tanya La Force, Chairman of the Board at the Children’s Science Center. Come learn about the new hands-on children’s science museum taking shape in Northern Virginia and catch up on the latest activities at Spring Hill!

Family Movie Night (Gym): Please note this event has been postponed until the spring. More information to come as the event date gets closer.

Children's Science Center Mobile Labs Family Science Night (Large Pod and Cafeteria): Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m.

Technology Resources at Spring Hill (Cafeteria): Friday, October 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Thank You!

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

Kathy Carey, Kayleen Widdifield and Betsy Vrankovich for their excellent Room Parent Presentation on Friday.

Jamie Loving and Christina Murphy for their marvelous Art Appreciation Orientation Meeting yesterday.

Jen Dzwonczyk, Cristina Tallent and Betsy Vrankovich for their efforts to get our directory ready to publish.

Kristen Bone, John Mealey and Amy O’Quinn for completing our Chess Club registration.

Lynne Emanuel, Sue Cardenas and Miriam Smith for hosting Back to School Night dinners for our teachers.

Amelia Steiner and Rania Razek for volunteering to help organize the students on fall picture day.

Roseanne Siegel and Gray Mosby for organizing and coordinating the After School Activities and FLEX language program.
DIRECTORY REGISTRATION

**October 1-10**

It’s that time of year again – time to confirm and/or update your family’s profile on the PTO Website. This information will be published in the Spring Hill PTO’s Directory, provided at no cost to PTO members. To help us make the Directory a useful product, please be sure to take 3 minutes and check that your family information is accurate. Please make any necessary changes and verify the information is correct and ready for publication to our Directory by scrolling to the bottom of the webpage and reviewing how your information will appear. Please pay special attention to email addresses, which may be carryovers from previous years.

If you wish to opt out of inclusion of your family in the Directory, please send an email by October 10 to Jen Dzwonczyk (jendz@verizon.net) or uncheck the box next to each student’s name (“In Directory?”) in your Family Profile.

**IF YOU HAVE A USERNAME AND PASSWORD:**

1. Login to the website, www.springhillpto.org, and enter your username and password. Once logged in, click on Update Directory Info or Family Profile on the left-hand side of the screen. Review and update all family information, and scroll to the bottom and confirm the information is accurate and ready for publication as shown on the page. Please note that if you wish for your information not to be published, you must notify Jen Dzwonczyk (jendz@verizon.net) or uncheck the box (“In Directory?”) next to each student’s name to opt out of the Directory.

2. If you have forgotten your username or password, click on “If you forgot your User Name and/or Password, please click here” link, and upon entry of the requested data, a temporary password or username will be sent to the email address(es) associated with your profile. If those email addresses are no longer valid, please send an email to webadmin@springhillpto.org with your name, your child’s name(s), teacher name(s), and home and mobile phone numbers.

**TO CREATE A USERNAME AND PASSWORD:**

1. Go to www.springhillpto.org, and click on the “If you have never registered for the PTO website and need to create your username/password, click here” link. Enter your home phone number or home address, exactly as listed by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to locate your record. You will be allowed to enter an email address, username and password for each parent that would like a username. Please review and update all family information, and check the box to let us know the information is accurate and ready for publication.

2. If the system cannot locate your record, your data may not yet have been downloaded to the PTO database from the FCPS database. Please click “Help” on the upper right corner of the website to contact our web administrators for assistance.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS UPDATED AND CONFIRMED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 FOR US TO MEET OUR DIRECTORY DEADLINE. THANK YOU!!**

Special thanks to Betsy Vrankovich and Becky Abbott for their tireless efforts working with the massive database to prepare the foundation for our Directory.
Children’s Science Center Mobile Labs Family Science Night
Coming soon to Spring Hill Elementary!
Tuesday, October 14 from 6pm – 8pm

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun, discovery and science learning!
Lots of fun hands-on science exhibits to check out!
Plus, see a 3D Printer in action!

The Children’s Science Center Museum, an interactive hands-on museum being planned for Northern Virginia, is bringing their Mobile Labs Family Science Night Program to Spring Hill. The Children’s Science Center’s Museum Without Walls program brings hands-on activities to thousands of children each year. Mobile Labs Family Science Night offers a variety of engaging, hands-on science activities such as:

- Balloon Rocket Cars: Demonstrating Newton’s Laws of Motion
- Aviation: Engineering and Flight
- Sink or Swim: Investigating Density
- And many more!

These experiments are specially designed to help encourage students to take interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects, as well as to encourage students to develop curiosity in everyday life situations. Young children are natural scientists, rationally making observations, testing hypotheses, analyzing data and reaching conclusions, according to a study in Science. Unfortunately, 80% of students lose interest in science by 8th grade, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Join us on October 14th to make sure that your child is not one of them.

Volunteers are needed from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to set up, assist students with activities, and clean up. We hope to see you there! Contact Ann Shankroff at the_shankroffs@verizon.net if you have any questions.

The Children's Science Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more: www.TheChildrensScienceCenter.org.
To: Spring Hill Parents and Students

From: After-School Activities (ASA) Committee, PTO

ASA registration, September 15th – October 3rd

Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) registration, October 1st – October 10th

The PTO is proud to offer a variety of after-school activities taught by our talented Spring Hill teachers.

We are also pleased to provide information on the Foreign Language Experience (FLEX), a language enrichment program offered by FCPS for grades K-6 with an emphasis on listening and speaking skills of the target language. Basic vocabulary of the language is taught through games, songs and activities that provide children with opportunities to learn about the associated culture.

Please carefully review the following class policies and procedures:

Class Times, Dates, and Locations
1. ASA classes will meet for 9 weeks between October 6, 2014 and December 12, 2014, unless otherwise indicated. FLEX classes will meet for 20 weeks beginning mid-October through March, unless otherwise indicated. Since class size is limited, we kindly ask you to carefully consider your child's schedule before registering to be sure they will be able to attend the specific class dates listed below.
2. All classes will be held 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. after school Tuesdays - Fridays, unless otherwise noted.
3. There are no activities on days that school is closed or when there is early dismissal. Classes skip weeks for holidays or school events such as Book Fair.
4. All aspects of class offerings (locations, fees, dates, times, grade requirements, maximum/minimum enrollment and/or instructors) are subject to change.

Registration and Payment
1. Registration is open only to active Spring Hill PTO members. Non-PTO members of the Spring Hill community may register for an additional $8 fee per session. If you are not an active PTO member, you may join the PTO as a part of the registration process. (Families must re-join the PTO each and every school year to be active members.)
2. ASA registration is on-line only at the PTO website www.springhillpto.org. FLEX registration is also on-line only but will not begin until October 1st at www.fcps.edu.
3. Children are not permitted to attend class without advance registration and payment. Any unregistered child who arrives for a class will be sent to the school office to wait for their parents.
4. Once a class reaches maximum capacity, students may elect to be added to a wait list. Openings, if any, will be filled from the wait list on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Withdrawals and Refunds
1. Please consider class choices carefully as refunds will NOT be given beyond the registration period.
2. To withdraw from a class during the registration period, send an email to ASASpringhill@gmail.com.
3. Requests to withdraw received prior to the close of the registration period will be refunded, less a processing fee of $10.
4. Requests to withdraw received after the close of registration will not be refunded.
Class Cancellation
1. In the event that a class is cancelled for a particular day, we will do our best to offer a make-up class, however a make-up class is not guaranteed.
2. In the event that your child misses class on a day that the class is held, no make-up class will be offered.
3. No refunds will be given for missed or cancelled classes.

Pick Up/Late Pick Up/Behavior
1. **Children MUST be picked up at the class location** after each class by their parents or other designated adult. Children will not be permitted to meet parents outside school or at kiss and ride or walk home from classes.
2. Parents must park in a legal parking spot while picking up their child(ren) and may not park or stand in the bus circle.
3. Children may be removed from participating in their class(es) and future participation may be denied if they are picked up late from class two times.
4. Children may be removed from participating in their class(es) and future participation may be denied if they exhibit persistent behavior problems before, during or after their classes.

Foreign Language Experience (FLEX)
Classes are held at Spring Hill Elementary School and taught by FCPS instructors. Registration will take place on FCPS website and we are told by the County that the classes will be posted and ready for registration, Wednesday, October 1st. There is a possibility that these classes will fill up completely so please do not delay registering.

You do not need to be a member of the PTO to register for FLEX classes. Here is the link to the page for signing up. [https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryId=10377&ProgramId=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(PreK-6)&IsCourse=1&SubjectId=10486&AreaName=FLEX](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryId=10377&ProgramId=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(PreK-6)&IsCourse=1&SubjectId=10486&AreaName=FLEX)
Alternately, go to [www.aceclasses.fcps.edu](http://www.aceclasses.fcps.edu). Choose World Languages (K-6), then choose FLEX. You must click on the class you wish to take (Spanish Level 1 for 20 hours, for example). The fee for the 20 week class is only $225 (works out to $11.25/1hr class!)

If the class you are interested in is full or not offered for your child's grade level, please email PTO FLEX coordinator, Gray Mosby at mosbywine@msn.com. It may be possible to schedule more classes.

Here is more information on the FLEX program.
The Foreign Language Experience program (FLEX) refers to the Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) reputable and well established (K – 6) FLEX language enrichment classes. These after school language classes, are designed to be an enrichment experience for grades K - 6 with an emphasis on the listening and speaking skills of the target language. Basic vocabulary of the language is taught through games, songs and activities and also provides an opportunity for children to learn about the associated culture. This program offers continuation so students who complete level I this school year will be able to take levels II and III in coming years.

Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Adult and Community Education, and are provided with a curriculum guide and other teaching materials that support
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classroom instruction. All instructors are given the same screening process required for FCPS full time teachers. Parents must provide after-school transportation arrangements. Per FCPS policy, students are not permitted to walk home from an after-school program run by the county. Students must be picked up promptly at 4:30, the end of the afternoon class. Repeated violations of this policy will result in the child being withdrawn from the program, with no refund of registration fees. Children who attend SACC I will be escorted there after class. The class size will be a maximum of 15 students. There is also a minimum class size of 8 students that must be met or the class will be canceled.

Classes will be held on AFTERNOONS from 3:30 - 4:30 for 20 weeks beginning in the middle of October and running through March. Since class size is so limited, we kindly ask you to carefully consider your child's schedule through the end of March before registration to be sure they will be able to attend ALL 20 CLASSES. Online registration, program cost and payment will be handled by Fairfax County. Registration for these classes will begin on October 1st. The Spring Hill parent coordinator for this program is Gray Mosby, and he may be contacted at mosbywine@msn.com.

FLEX is committed to non-discrimination in its program, services, and activities. For special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the FLEX program office at 703.658.1215 at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline. FLEX staff will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations; however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified timeframe may limit the ability to fulfill this request.

Questions?
ASA classes: contact Roseanne Siegel at roseanne.siegel@cox.net
FLEX classes: contact Gray Mosby at mosbywine@msn.com

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<td>4th - 6th</td>
<td>Mrs. Shaheen</td>
<td>Learn the fundamentals of basketball. Please have PE attire/sneakers to participate.</td>
<td>Class: $135  9 weeks</td>
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| Tues | 3:30-4:30 Large Pod | Girls Run & Fun | 3rd & 4th | Ms. Ciullo Ms. Gerike | A fitness club for girls. A portion of the class will be spent discussing a healthy lifestyle, boosting self-esteem and supporting one another. The remainder of the class will be dedicated to fitness including stretching, group fitness, and running to build stamina. No running experience is necessary, just the will to try! A healthy snack will be included during the discussion time. Please have PE attire/sneakers to participate. | Class $135 
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<td>Cafeteria</td>
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<td>Ms. James, Ms. Fowler, and Ms. Devylder</td>
<td>This class aims to instill a deeper appreciation for drama and a passion for performance. The program covers a range of skills including: voice, movement, improvisation and staging. Students’ performance skills are improved through various methods including: improvisation, short skits, and a full length performance at the end of the class session. <strong>Note this class runs for the whole school year and will NOT accept new registrations in the Spring.</strong></td>
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<td>Rubik's Cube - Beginners</td>
<td>3rd &amp; 4th</td>
<td>Ms. Bulford, Ms. Iesue</td>
<td>Holding the Rubik’s Cube, twisting and turning the parts, can help children of all ages grasp important math concepts including area, perimeter, volume, angles, algorithms and enumeration, among many other geometry and algebraic topics. The Rubik’s Cube also teaches life lessons and 21st century skills such as focus, following directions, memorization, sequencing, problem solving, critical thinking, and perseverance. Doesn’t matter if you are a beginner new to solving or an expert wanting to increase your speed and join our competitive team, we have the group that is right for you.</td>
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<td>Rubik's Cube - Intermediate</td>
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<td>Ms. Bulford, Ms. Iesue</td>
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<td>Ms. Greene</td>
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<td>Mr. and Mrs. Minutoli</td>
<td>Come and have fun playing activities such as gaga-ball, wiffle ball, kickball, cricket, Frisbee and steal the bacon, speed ball, handball, and other exciting indoor games. Please have PE attire/sneakers to participate.</td>
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ONE AND DONE!
Fall Fundraiser and PTO Membership Drive

Please join in support of our Spring Hill community! The Spring Hill Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is again combining our annual Fall Fundraiser with our PTO membership drive so that each family can write ONE CHECK AND BE DONE.

Your donations directly benefit our Spring Hill teachers and students. The PTO supports a variety of programs at Spring Hill each year for all grades, including technology purchases such as computers, sound fields and SMART boards, field trips, teacher development, cultural arts assemblies, art appreciation program materials, music education, classroom supplies and more.

The $100 per student suggested donation is consistent with what other schools in our area request from parents to fund annual needs, but any amount is appreciated.

Your $10 PTO membership includes a printed directory and the ability to register for After School Activities without paying a separate registration fee.

Help us meet our goal of 100% participation by our Spring Hill families. There are two ways to contribute to our Spring Hill PTO Fall Fundraiser and join the PTO:

1. Fill out the form below, place it in an envelope with a check payable to Spring Hill PTO and return it to school in your child’s backpack or to the school office. Or,

2. Contribute online by going to www.springhillpto.org. LOGIN (or REGISTER if a new family) then look for the FUNDRAISER / MEMBERSHIP button on the left.

All donations are 100% tax deductible and will be acknowledged. If you have any questions, contact Alicia Bond at aliciabond@aol.com or Kitty Gonzalez at kittygonzalez@verizon.net. Thank you for your generous support of our PTO and our school!

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ONE AND DONE! ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER AND PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Parents’
Names__________________________________________________________

Email Address (for tax receipt and other PTO purposes)________________________________________

Phone Number (We may need to reach you if we have a question) _________________________________

Eldest Student + Teacher’s Name___________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed

1. Membership ($10 per family) $10________________________

2. Fundraiser Donation ($100 per Spring Hill student suggested):

   _______ # of Spring Hill students x $100 per student = _________________________

TOTAL of Lines 1+2 (Please make check payable to Spring Hill PTO) ________________________________

Please return your completed form & payment at SHES’s Open House (8/28 from 2-3pm) in the LOBBY.
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.

Student Name(s) | Teacher | Grade
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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!

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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