FCPS Safety and Security visited Spring Hill last week. They have asked us to make several changes to improve safety for all our students. While they were here they made several observations that concerned them about traffic on school grounds. In order to assist us and parents to provide a safer school environment they created several signs to help with directing traffic flow and asked that we implement these changes immediately.

The bus lane in front of school is for buses only 8:00-8:45 and 2:45-3:45. This lane is one-way only. We will place a sign at the entrance to the bus lane that states “BUSES ONLY” and the specific times. There will be another sign placed at the bus lane exit that states “DO NOT ENTER” sign on a post and the “one way arrow” on the pavement.

In October of 2012 we opened our new “Kiss n’ Ride” line at the end of our new addition. At that time we stopped our “Kiss n’ Ride” line by the cafeteria and the new traffic light. While “FCPS Safety and Security” were here they observed a large number of students being dropped off by the “old SACC” entrance. They told us we need to stop allowing students to be dropped off at this entrance due to numerous safety concerns for all students.

A gate has been ordered and will be put in place at the entrance to our school by the traffic light to block vehicles from entering this side of the building. The gate will be closed during student arrival and dismissal each day. We understand this will inconvenience many of our Spring Hill Families. If you feel you must walk your child to and from school, please use the parking lot across from the school and use the crosswalk at the traffic light.

For our families that use our designated “Kiss n’ Ride” area, you will notice in the coming weeks new signs will be placed. This is to facilitate safe and efficient traffic flow for all who drive their children to and from school.

We ask that all adults follow the rules while here at Spring Hill. You as the parents are your child’s first teacher. Your children look to you for guidance and direction. Together we can all create a safe and nurturing environment in which all children will enjoy learning and will achieve at the high standards we have set for all students.

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Please review the map below illustrating our traffic pattern for Kiss n' Drop. All Kiss n’ Ride students and SACC students will enter the school at DOOR #9. Please understand that it is up to each driver to insure the effectiveness of our system. Traffic is eased when you pull your vehicle up to where our staff member on duty waves you to stop, deliver your children out of the passenger doors quickly and depart safely.

The Admin Team
Roger, Rick and Mike
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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 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.

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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.

**Week of October 13:**

*Thursday, October 16:* 5th GR FT (Fitzsimmons), Library of Congress, 9 am-1 pm, 4th GR FT (All), Kennedy Center, 9:15-11:15 am

*Friday, October 17th:* Parent University, (Spring Hill Tech Resources), Cafeteria, 9-10:30 am

**Week of October 20:**

*Tuesday, October 21:* Colonial Day Parent Training, 11am-Noon, Room 210

*Thursday, October 23:* Hearing & Vision Screening (K, 3rd & New to County), Gym

*Friday, October 24:* Yabe Information Meeting, 8-9 am, Library

**Week of October 27:**

*Wednesday, October 29:* 5th GR Author Visit (Mary Downing Hahn), Lg Pod, 9 am-1pm

*Thursday, October 30:* Cultural Arts, 8:50-10 am, 2:05-2:50 pm, Cafeteria

*Friday, October 31:* Fall Parade, Lower Field, 9:15-10:15 am

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

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**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.
VISION AND HEARING SCREENING
NOTICE:

The annual vision and hearing screening will be held in the gym on Thursday, October 23rd for all kindergarteners, third graders, and “new to county” students. Please contact Karen Larkin, in the clinic, 703-506-3410 to sign up for one of the sessions listed below, parent volunteers are still needed. Also be sure to arrive promptly for screening instructions. I thank you in advance for your help with this event.

1st - AM session:  8:15am until 11:00am (estimate)

Lunch break=  11:00 until 12:45pm

2nd - PM session:  12:45pm until 2:30pm (estimate)

Friday, October 31
Fall Festival Parade

On Friday, October 31 at 9:15 a.m. there will be a fall festival parade. Children may wear costumes in the parade.

If children would like to wear costumes, please send them to school dressed in their costumes. We ask that students carry their masks to school and wear them in the parade. If a mask is part of your child’s costume, please ensure it is not worn on the way to school, as this can impede vision and cause falls.

The parade, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. is for grades K-6. Please do not wear weapons, fake knives, swords, hatchets, gory/bloody costumes or masks.

For security reasons, parents/adults in costume may not cover their faces. Classroom celebrations will take place after the parade.

Class Parties
Food Orders

When placing food delivery orders for class parties, please place the order in the name of the classroom teacher so the office can find you. We receive a large number of delivery orders in the office on class party days and any name other than a classroom teacher will often not be recognized. We don’t want your order to get cold while we are trying to find you! Pre-paid orders with tip included are appreciated.
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Many communicable diseases may present at this time of the year including, but not limited to:

- Common cold, coughs, and sore throats
- Enterovirus D68 [http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/ev-d68.html]
- Flu, or flu-like illness [http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/healthservices/influenza.shtml]
- Viral gastroenteritis such as norovirus

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT EBOLA

Ebola is not spread by simply being in the same room with someone who is infected with the virus. Transmission requires direct contact with an infected person’s bodily fluids, such as blood or secretions, or from exposure to contaminated objects, such as needles.

- You can’t get Ebola through air.
- You can’t get Ebola through water.
- You can’t get Ebola through food.

FCPS Resource for Ebola:
[http://www.fcps.edu/news/ebola.shtml]

Hand washing and good hygiene practices are imperative year round in the control of communicable diseases. Remind students to wash their hands frequently, cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue, and don’t share drinks or food with any of their classmates.

Parents and guardians are reminded that students may not attend school with a fever and they should seek medical attention for their child if their child’s symptoms do not improve.

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!

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.
Would you like to be a part of the Spring Hill’s award-winning Science Olympiad team?

Science Olympiad is a nation wide science competition that is conducted at regional, state and national levels. Spring Hill Elementary participates in the Division B level with 5th and 6th graders on its team.

Parent volunteers have coached many award winning teams at Spring Hill and you too can do it!! Volunteers should commit to coaching a few hours every week.

We will hold an information session for 5\textsuperscript{th} and 6\textsuperscript{th} grade students and their parents/guardians soon. We’ll announce a date shortly.


For further questions please contact Nikki Singh at niki.singh96@gmail.com
Disability Awareness Day: October 17th

As a reminder from the PTO Special Education Committee, please save the date for Disability Awareness Day on October 17, 2014. The time will be 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 100 and Room 108. There will be two workshops, resources, door prizes, lunch and more! Please visit the FCPS Parent Resource Center at www.fcps.edu/prc for more information.

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!

Book Fair: November 10th Through November 14th

Book Fair is coming soon to Spring Hill! Mark your calendars for the week of November 10th through November 14th with a special Ice Cream Social on Wed., November 12th, 6-8 p.m. See the attached flyer to preorder Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 9: The Long Haul. When you order this book, 25 percent of sales go to our school. All preorder forms due Monday, October 20th.

Chess Club

Chess Club won’t meet on early release days. These include October 31st and November 19th.
FLEX Language Program Seeks Additional Students for Chinese, French and Spanish

Attention parents:

Due to low enrollment, some of the after school FLEX language courses are in jeopardy of being canceled. Rather than cancel these classes, we are going to ask the county to extend the registration period and postpone the start date of these classes. We have consulted with the teachers and they are happy to teach a greater age range and we hope that this flexibility will allow more parents to enroll their children.

We are seeking additional students for the following classes:

- **Chinese Level I** - 20 weeks Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30----**new first class date November 6th.** This class was for grades 4 - 6 but will now accept grade 1 - 3 as well. Four more students are needed for this class to run.

- **French Level I** - 20 weeks Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30----**new first class date November 5th.** This class was for grades 4 - 6 but will now accept grades 1 - 3 as well. Seven more students are needed for this class to run.

- **Spanish Level I** - 20 weeks Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30----**new first class date November 6th.** This class was for grades 4 - 6 but will now accept grades 1 - 3 as well. Five more students are needed for this class to run.

A word about the program:

These classes are taught by language professionals, hired and screened by Fairfax County Schools Adult and Continuing Education. The correlation between early language learning and academic success has been demonstrated in many studies. Fairfax County realizes this and is beginning to implement foreign language in elementary schools during the school day but the plan is roll it out slowly; too slowly to benefit my child. When I found that this program was available I asked how to start it at Spring Hill because I wanted my child to start foreign language learning earlier than middle school.

When you average the $225 cost over 20 hours you realize that you are getting language education, taught in the safety of the school for $11.25/hour. This is a chance for your child to begin or increase their language learning in a safe, inexpensive and fun way. Please kindly consider one of the above classes.

**We hope to have the enrollment site updated and ready for registration by Thursday of this week.**

If you would like to take advantage of these classes, you can enroll your child online using this link starting Thursday:

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

If you have any questions, please kindly email me at mosbywine@msn.com.
Thank You Children’s Science Center!

Thank you to the Children’s Science Center and all of the volunteers who made our Mobile Labs Family Science Night possible! We hope our Spring Hill students and families had a great time and learned something new. At the back of the Panther Press, there is a science experiment to try at home.

Stay involved or find out about other programs at the Children’s Science Center: www.childsci.org.

International Walk To School Day A Huge Success

Outstanding participation in International Walk to School Day! Many thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who participated in this event on October 8th. There were parent-led groups who came from the Rotunda, teacher-led groups that came from within the Hamlet and down Lewinsville Road, and other groups that came from beyond that! An astonishing 400 tokens were given out to participants! What a fantastic way to be kind to the environment and to get some healthy exercise.

6th Annual Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive

FREE PRINTED SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are a key benefit of membership in the PTO. BE SURE TO JOIN THE PTO in order to receive your free printed directory this year!

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 to the fundraiser 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.

We’re only half way to meeting our goal of 100% participation – so please keep those memberships rolling in! 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 (jejackson97@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
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.sprinhillpto.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.

- 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 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 for around one hour to match the notes around 9:30am on Fridays. Please contact Sherri Nik-Aeen at sh_nikaeen@yahoo.com.

Real Food For Kids
Real Food For Kids works in collaborative ways to increase the quantities of healthy foods in Fairfax County Public Schools and supports programs that educate our students and their families on making healthier lifestyle choices. Find out more at www.realfoodforkids.org.

RFFK is looking for a liaison at Spring Hill. Some duties would include:
- Posting news to the PTO Website
- Writing a blurb for the Panther Press
- Sharing ideas about great things SHES may be doing so other FCPS schools may replicate
- Forward questions from SHES to RFFK so we can address individual inquiry and needs
Send your inquiries to rffknews@verizon.net

Keurig 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 evangalineemanuel1014@gmail.com.
Fun Fair Needs YOU!

Spring Hill has had Fun Fair for over 30 years. It is an annual tradition that the children look forward to every year that brings out our entire school in a day of fun, exciting foods, old fashioned games, inflatable bounce houses and activities for all ages. It is set to take place on Saturday, March 21st from 10am – 3pm.

Everything the PTO does is 100% volunteer driven. If we do not have volunteers, we can’t do the activities that provide so much joy for the students and sense of community for the school. Every year, many experienced parent leaders “graduate” and we need new volunteer leaders to take their places. We need to have volunteers in place by the end of this month or FUN FAIR MAY BE CANCELLED OR REDUCED.

Committee chairs: There are a few positions open or needing someone to shadow an experienced chair in place. A Google doc compiled by last year’s chairs contains all the information you need to run your event successfully. In addition, many of the materials and props for Fun Fair were repainted, refreshed or rebuilt last year, so everything is in great shape! If you would like information about which positions need help, please contact Amy Prewett. You are welcome to do this with a friend! K-2 parents are encouraged to try it out.

Fun Fair was getting too large for two people to manage, so we are splitting the responsibilities to make it easier to balance for a few people. Please see if one of these areas would work for you!

Food and Beverage Chair: We are looking for someone to oversee the food and beverage aspects of Fun Fair including International Foods, Cafeteria and Popcorn/Cotton Candy. This would be a great position for a K, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade parent or someone with a preschooler at home – most of the arrangements can be made at home on your own time and then you would supervise these areas at Fun Fair.

Behind the Scenes Chair(s): We need 1-2 people who are great organizers to oversee several committees that help Fun Fair run. Security, Tickets, Treasurers, T Shirts, Maps and Publicity, and others will have committee chairs in place, but need someone to touch base and offer help, bring up issues, etc. Our Google doc will help provide direction.

Fun Fair Chair(s): As you can see, most of Fun Fair is about delegation! We have a very detailed timeline to guide you when things need to take place. Many of the returning chairs are very familiar already with their positions and we have detailed instructions to guide new chairs. This is busiest in January, February and March.
Save the Date

**Technology Resources at Spring Hill (Cafeteria):** Friday, October 17\(^\text{th}\) at 9:00 a.m.

**Hearing and Vision Screening:** October 23\(^{rd}\)

**Early Dismissal:** October 31\(^{st}\)

**No School:** November 3\(^{rd}\) and 4\(^{th}\)

**Book Fair (Large Pod):** November 11\(^{th}\)-14\(^{th}\)

**Ice Cream Social:** November 12\(^{th}\) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Parent University Speaker:** November 14\(^{th}\) at 9:00 a.m. (Coffee at 8:30 a.m., PTO Meeting at 8:45). Tiffany Washington will the speaker about “Is this Normal?” Common behavioral challenges in school-age children and strategies to cope with them.

Thank You!

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

- **Cindy Sullivan, Michelle Blanton** and Jill Holloman for all their help on Walk to School Day.

- **Ann Shankroff** for all her hard work to bring Spring Hill the Children’s Science Center Mobile Labs Family Science Night!

- **Jammie Parise** for updating the outside sign.

- **Leslie Young** for hosting the Special Education Committee’s Coffee.

- **Holly Piper** for doing the Bus Notes on Friday.

- **Mendy Crews** for organizing our Scoop section for the Panther Press every week, organizing the Agenda and Flyer for the PTO Meeting last week and preparing the Minutes from the meeting.

- **Jen Dzwoncezyk, Cristina Tallent** and **Betsy Vrankovich** for getting the Directory ready to print.

- **Leslie Speidel, Clare Bradshaw, Jessica McMichael, Stephanie Stayin**, and **Maria Kelly** for all their preparations for the Book Fair!
International Walk to School Day
The Book Fair is coming to Spring Hill!

November 11 – 14, 2014

But you don’t have to wait for the Book Fair to buy our featured title:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid #9: The Long Haul

(When you order in advance, 25% of sales will go back to our school!)

Complete the form below and either have your child give it with a check to his/her teacher; or place it in the box in the school office no later than Monday October 20.

The book will be distributed to your child on Wednesday, November 5.

Questions?  Contact Leslie Speidel at lrspeidel@me.com

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___ Teacher:____________
Phone #: _________________________________
Email: _________________________________
I would like to order _____ copies of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Long Haul” at $13.95 per copy. A check is attached (made out to Spring Hill PTO) in the amount of $ _____.
Take Home Science Challenge

Bubbling Lava Lamp

YOU WILL NEED:
- A clean, clear soda bottle with cap
- Water
- Vegetable oil
- Fizzing tables (such as Alka Seltzer)
- Food coloring

WHAT TO DO:
1. Use a measuring cup or funnel to slowly pour the vegetable oil into the bottle until it's about 3/4 full.
2. Fill the rest of the bottle with water (almost to the top but not overflowing).
3. Add about 10 drops of food coloring to the bottle (we like red, but any color will do). Notice that the food coloring only colors the water and not the oil.
4. Break a seltzer tablet into 8 pieces. Drop one of the seltzer tablet pieces into the bottle. Watch what happens. When the bubbling stops, add another tablet piece. It's just like a lava lamp!
5. For a true lava lamp effect, shine a flashlight through the bottom of the bottle and turn off the room lights.
6. When you have used up all of the seltzer tablets and the bubbling has completely stopped, screw on the soda bottle cap. Tip the bottle back and forth and watch a wave appear. The tiny droplets of liquid join together to make one big lava-like blob.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
First of all, you confirmed what you already knew... oil and water do not mix. The molecules of water do not like to mix with the molecules of oil. Even if you try to shake up the bottle, the oil breaks up into small little drops, but the oil doesn’t mix with the water. Also, food coloring only mixes with water. It does not color the oil.

When you pour the water into the bottle with the oil, the water sinks to the bottom and the oil floats to the top. This is the same as when oil from a ship spills in the ocean. The oil floats on top of the water. Oil floats on the surface because water is heavier than oil. Scientists say that the water is more dense than the oil.

Here’s the surprising part... The Alka-Seltzer tablet reacts with the water to make tiny bubbles of carbon dioxide gas. These bubbles attach themselves to the blobs of colored water and cause them to float to the surface. When the bubbles pop, the gas escaped and the color blobs sink back to the bottom of the bottle. Now that’s a burst of color!

MAKE IT AN EXPERIMENT
This is a demonstration. To make it a true experiment, you can try to answer these questions:
1. Does the temperature of the water affect the reaction?
2. Does the size of the bottle affect how many blobs are produced?
3. Does the effect still work if the cap is put on the bottle?
4. Does the size of the tablet pieces affect the number of blobs

Sources: StevenSpanglerScience.com and ScienceBob.com

Sign up for our newsletter to get more experiments!
The Children’s Science Center is an interactive museum for children being planned for Northern Virginia that will offer hands-on exhibits, activities and programs focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Currently in our first phase, Museum Without Walls, we bring hands-on science activities to thousands of children in our area, allowing us to fulfill our mission before our doors open, to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create, and be inspired. Phase II is The Lab, a 5,400-square-foot hands-on, interactive exploration center, located at the Fair Oaks Mall, followed by phase III, a 53,000-square-foot world-class children’s science museum located at the Kincora development in Dulles, Virginia.

Support our effort to create the Children’s Science Center!

Learn More
Hear our vision and progress first-hand at one of our virtual tours.

Volunteer
Share your time and expertise as a volunteer!

Evangelize
Spread the word about the plans for the Children’s Science Center. Introduce us to people and organizations that might want to get involved.

Donate
Your financial and in-kind contributions are critical to the project. We are a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Follow us
www.childsci.org
TEAMS ARE FORMING NOW!

Spring Hill is still looking for students and parents to take an Odyssey of the Mind!

What is the Odyssey of the Mind?

• Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.
• Kids apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.
  • For more info, check out this video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvkAB7OhBtl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvkAB7OhBtl)

Benefits of the Odyssey of the Mind

• The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process.
• By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems — great and small — for a lifetime.

Who can Participate?

• Students from kindergarten through 6th Grade; teams are limited to seven students. Each team needs two coaches and other adult volunteers to support practices and participation in the tournament. Volunteers are not limited to parents. Volunteers can be high school students, school employees or other adults. Contact the school coordinator (see below) if you’re interested.

How often should each team meet?

• Varies for each team but suggested meeting time is minimum of 2 hours per week.

How much does it cost?

• Registration fees will be based on the amount of students that join

If you and your children are interested in participating or you simply want more information about Odyssey of the Mind, please email the Spring Hill Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, Joseph Montie at jmontie167@aol.com.

Teams will be starting shortly

Odyssey of the Mind culminates in a Regional tournament at Oakton High School on 7 Mar 2015