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Dear Spring Hill Families,

The back path from the Hamlet will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, November 3 & 4 (Student Holidays) due to a drainage project. Please keep this in mind if you need to visit the school on those days and take an alternate route.

Important reminder about 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.

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.

Best Regards,

Roger Vanderhye

Roger Vanderhye, Principal
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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.

Spring Hill landscaping needs your help. The PTO has bought some plants, the SCA has bought some signs and now we need your help to install them. Come meet us in the back of door 6 Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Wear clothes that can get dirty, gloves if needed and a shovel. All children must come with an adult. All adults do not need to come with a child.

Any questions? Contact Alison Bauer at ambauer@fcps.edu or Carolyn Ferek at crferek@fcps.edu

Calendar

Please schedule your family vacations during FCPS designated holidays / breaks, which you can see at this link: http://www.fcps.edu/cal.shtml Be aware that missing school for extended periods of time negatively impacts your child and your child's teacher.

Week of October 27:
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
2 Hr Early Release

November 3-21: SCA Spirit Song Competition

Week of November 3:
Monday & Tuesday, November 3rd & 4th Student Holidays

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, 9:30 am
Friday, November 14: SCA College Spirit Parent University / PTO Meeting, Cafeteria, 8:30-10:30 am


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.
McLean High School Theatre Company is proud to present *The Addams Family*, a new musical, opening Halloween night with evening shows and matinees through November 9th. This family-friendly, kooky (not spooky) musical evokes the nostalgia for this classic family with a modern twist. Advance-seating tickets available at [www.mcleandrama.com](http://www.mcleandrama.com) or at the door.

**October 31st** - 11:00pm  
**November 1st** - 7pm  
**November 2nd** - 2pm  
**November 6th** - 7pm  
**November 7th** - 7pm  
**November 8th** - 2pm

Shows at McLean High School Buks Theatre 1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA. Costumes encouraged at any show. Questions? [mcleandrama@gmail.com](mailto:mcleandrama@gmail.com) Hope to see you there!

**See pg 8 for flier**

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**SCA/SHARE**

**Food Drive**

Please donate to this worthy cause. All items collected will be donated to SHARE of McLean. Items are to be sent to your child’s classroom teacher.

**Breakfast Items Needed:**

- Oatmeal  
- Cereal  
- Granola  
- Bars  
- Orange Juice

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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**.
The Strolling Strings of Spring Hill Elementary School is an elite performing group of Sixth Graders. Violinists and violists stroll while playing; cellists and bassists remain in place. These musicians performed a Halloween concert on October 21st; over the course of the year, they play for every grade level (Kindergarteners through Sixth Graders) at least once. Normally, they perform in Orchestra uniforms (white top/dark skirt/pants, nice shoes, medals). The medals are earned for practicing a minimum number of minutes each week. A question and answer period is included at the end of the performance. Younger audience members learned that a violin bow generally contains 150 to 200 horse hairs, that stringed instruments are usually made of maple and spruce, and that one must practice to sound good!

Musicians of Spring Hill Elementary School’s Silver Strings performed at McLean’s Sunrise Retirement Community on October 17th, and will continue to perform for the residents throughout the school year on a monthly basis. These 5th and 6th graders played several pieces and produced scary sound effects on their instruments to the Halloween poem, “The Dance of the Thirteen Skeletons.” The residents especially enjoyed the theme from Pachelbel’s “Canon in D.” Several people in the audience said they recognized it and one lady even hummed along. This ensemble is one of many conducted by Orchestra Director Mrs. Ruth Donahue.
Spanish Coffee
Spring Hill Spanish parents are invited!

Please join us for conversation over coffee and refreshments.

When: Thursday, October 30th, 10:30am
Where: room 913

For questions, please contact
Michelle Garcia, pactumfactum@yahoo.com
Spring Hill Korean Seminar
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When:  Friday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m.
Where: room 913

Speaker: Eunryung Kim,
Professor of EIH in Ewha Woman's Univ., South Korea

Topic: Korean Cultural Translation in Multicultural Society
   1. Brief History of Korean Immigrants in US
   2. Cultural integration and assimilation of Korean Immigrants in US.
   3. Diaspora and Citizenship in Global Society.
   4. Cultural Dynamics from Ethnic Cultures in US
   5. Various Voices of Korean Americans through Literature
   6. Cultural Translation and Hybridity beyond the Citizenship

For questions, please contact Aejin Lee, aejin.lee1@fcps.edu.
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 17, 2014

Pick up your order in the front lobby at Spring Hill ES between 12PM – 2:30PM on Friday, November 19

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

Thank you for your support!

For questions about your orders delivery, please contact Christina Nazarian at 703-589-7047. All other product related questions should be addressed to HoneyBaked Ham of Reston at 703-733-3860.
McLean High School Theatre Company Presents

The Addams Family

Special Halloween Showing 11pm
November 1st, 7th, 8th at 7pm
November 2nd, 9th at 2pm

www.McLeanDrama.com
Join the PTO Today To Get A Printed Directory!

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! Directories are coming soon!

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 just over halfway 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.

Calling All Shutterbugs

The Spring Hill Yearbook Staff is looking for photographers for school-wide events such as last week’s Mobile Labs Science Night and the upcoming Book Fair Ice Cream Social. If you like taking pictures or have some to submit, please email sonyabearson@yahoo.com for more information on how to get involved.

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!

Bus Notes and Chess Club Cancelled for October 31st

Bus Notes are canceled for Friday, October 31st (Halloween Day) due to early parade time and early release. Chess Club won’t meet on early release days: October 31st and November 19th.
FUN FAIR 2015 – Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

The 31st annual Fun Fair will take place on Saturday, March 21st from 10am – 3pm. We are excited to announce that Sue Cardenas will be chairing Fun Fair this year, with help from many volunteers and committee chairs. Stay tuned for announcements about themes, raffle items and other exciting news as we get closer to the event.

One BIG change for this year: Fun Fair will return to its roots as a fun event for the Spring Hill community focused on our kids! We will still have the games, the bounce houses, karaoke, the delicious international foods, popcorn and cotton candy, cake decorating contest and cake walk, sporty spa and arts and crafts that you have come to know and love. But something will be missing…

The Silent Auction is moving ONLINE!!! Think E-Bay or Bidding for Good. The timing will also change - dates and times TBD at this point. This fundraising event was always for our parents, and makes much more sense as its own event separate from Fun Fair. We will have sporting event tickets, spa services, restaurant packages, wine tasting events, etc. Look for more information as it gets closer to the event.

For now, the auction committee needs your help. If anyone is interested in helping write thank you notes, solicit for donated items, or otherwise assist, we welcome new members. This is new for Spring Hill, and we would also love for anyone who has experience with online auctions to provide guidance! Contact Stephanie Short (skleger@gmail.com) or Paula Mosby (paulacmosby@live.com) if you are interested.

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. Questions? Contact Lynne Emmanuel at evangelineemanuell014@gmail.com.

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 an Ice Cream Social on Wed., November 12th, 6-8 p.m. See the attached flyers for details about the Book Fair, Ice Cream Social and the Art Poster Contest.

FLEX Language Registration: Ongoing

FLEX language registration is ongoing. 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 questions.
Save the Date

**Fall Festival Parade (Soccer Fields):** October 31st at 9:15 a.m.

**Early Dismissal:** October 31st, Quarter End

**No School:** November 3rd and 4th

**Book Fair Art Poster Contest Deadline:** November 5th

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

**Ice Cream Social:** November 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Parent University Speaker:** November 14th at 9:00 a.m. (Coffee at 8:30 a.m., PTO Meeting at 8:45). 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 (Cafeteria):** Friday, November 14th starting at 8:45 a.m.

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Thank You!

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

Jennifer Jackson for her dedicated efforts over the years to set later start times for high school students under SLEEP.

Pamela Fox, Maile Ramzi, Linda Smith, Maryam Malik, Margaret Smith, Stacy Kerzner, Ame Trouve, Hulya Dogan and Samira Isber for doing the Hearing and Vision screening, and especially Julie DeLong for helping set up the continental breakfast beforehand and staying most of the day to help.

Razia Razek and Miriam Smith for doing Bus Notes last Friday.

Miriam Smith and Stephanie Short for distributing the Spirit Wear on Friday.

Leslie Speidel, Clare Bradshaw, Jessica McMichael, Stephanie Stayin and Maria Kelly for all their preparations for the Book Fair.

Betsy Vrankovich for her incomparable assistance getting the Directory information updated in the PTO website and ready to print.

Jen Dzwonczyk and Cristina Tallent for preparing the Directory for printing.
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 aliciajbond@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.

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**Giant Bonus Cards** (need all info - please print)

Cardholder Last Name: __________________________

Card #: 4 4 0 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
(MUST be 12 digits total)

**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
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, Oreo's, extra Halloween candy, etc.) to the front office. Thank you!
Book Fair Art Poster Contest!

Enter an original poster for a chance to win a gift certificate to spend at Book Fair!

Deadline for entry: Wednesday, November 5

Contest Rules:

1. Posters include original artwork created with paints or markers. They must be flat and be no larger than 14” x 22” (half a sheet of a poster board) and no smaller than 8.5” x 11”. Students must supply their own paper. 3-D Posters are not allowed.

2. Posters must include this year’s theme, **Go WILD for Books** and **Spring Hill Book Fair 2014**.

3. Students may not write their name anywhere on the front of the poster. On the back of the poster, please write: Student’s name, teacher, and grade level.

4. 1 entry per student.

There will be a Grand Prize Winner as well as a 1st place prize awarded for each grade level. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a $10 gift certificate and the grade level winners will receive $5 gift certificates to spend at the Book Fair. Winners will be announced on the morning show on Friday, November 7. All entries will be displayed at the Book Fair. The judges’ decisions are final.

For questions, please contact: Jessica McMichael ([jessicamcmichael1@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicamcmichael1@hotmail.com)) or Stefanie Stayin ([stefniestayin@earthlink.net](mailto:stefniestayin@earthlink.net))
CULTURAL ARTS

Is pleased to present

Music Technology with Brent Daniels!

Brent will use his keyboard, recording microphone, and digital sampler to teach students how music is composed using technology for albums, movie soundtracks, television shows and video games.

Students will participate in the program to help Brent create a one-of-a-kind, on-the-spot sound creation and song composition that will raise the roof!

You will be amazed at how Brent relates to the students and brings out the EAGER MUSICIAN in each of them!

On the Cafeteria stage Thursday October 30, 2014

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades 8:50-9:20 a.m.
3rd & 4th grades 9:30-10:00 a.m.
5th & 6th grades 2:05-2:50 p.m.