Dear Parents and Community Members:

What a great start we have had to the school year! From day one at Spring Hill School we have taken time to get reacquainted, to make new friends and already have had lots of purposeful learning take place. Thank you for helping us with such a smooth transition to get back into the groove of learning!

Recently, many of you may have heard through the media or have been part of discussions over the last couple of years regarding the rigorous student testing taking place in the State of Virginia in grades 3-6. And as a result, many schools in Virginia are in danger of no longer being accredited due to the added rigor of the new examinations. Several years ago Virginia opted out of the Common Core (a national initiative to have all states give similar exams assessing standard curricula) mainly because it was deemed not challenging enough. Rest assured that our Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments are second to none in their level of challenging rigor. In addition, virtually all testing is now done via computer, even for 3rd graders, so the entire realm and protocols of testing has been modified to meet these changes. Critical thinking, problem solving and multi-stepped solutions are now expected of children as young as 8 years old.

To that end, let me give you some data recently released by the Virginia Department of Education chronicling the fantastic achievements of over 1,700 Spring Hill School students taking more than 5,000 SOL exams over the last three school years:

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This is a remarkable achievement as virtually all Spring Hill children are included in the testing without regard for those youngsters with significant learning issues, children who are still learning English or children in poverty. Congratulations Team Spring Hill!

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The two upcoming Monday evenings will be dedicated to our Back To School Nights (BTSN); that rite of passage where parents get to meet their child’s teachers and learn about the curriculum, expectations and nuances of the grade level. Many things have changed regarding the curriculum and expectations over the last year or two so even if you have had other children matriculate through Spring Hill, and you have attended previous BTS Nights, we highly encourage you to attend this year as you will learn many new things.

The event schedule for each evening is listed below with names of specialist teachers who will be in attendance for each evening. Please note that the BTSN evenings are designed for parents, not children, so no daycare or babysitting is available and you are asked to keep your children at home for the evening.

**Grades KG-3rd:** **Monday, September 15**

6:00-6:25 PM  Meet & Greet in Cafeteria, Meet Specialist Teachers in Library, Sign-Up Outside Teacher Classrooms, Sign-Up for PTO and other organizations

6:25-6:30 PM  Intercom Call for Parents to Move to Grade Level Classrooms

6:30-7:30 PM  Kindergarten parents go to child’s classroom

6:30-7:00 PM  First grade parents go to child’s classroom

7:00-7:30 PM  First grade parents move to large pod

6:30-7:00 PM  Second grade parents go to child’s classroom

7:00-7:30 PM  Second grade parents go to cafeteria

6:30-7:00 PM  Third grade parents go to child’s classroom

6:30-7:30 PM  Third grade AAP will stay in classroom entire time

7:00-7:30 PM  Third grade parents go to gymnasium

6:00-7:30 PM  Specialist Teachers In Library (Gore Ashe-Art, Harwood-Music, Shaheen-PE, Hugger-Library, K-3 SPED, McCaffrey-ELL, Lefcourt-Reading, McPeak-Speech)

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**Grades 4-6:** **Monday, September 22**

6:00-6:25 PM  Meet & Greet in Cafeteria, Meet Specialist Teachers in Library, Sign-Up outside Teacher Classrooms, Sign-Up for PTO and other organizations

6:25-6:30 PM  Intercom Call for Parents to Move to Grade Level Classrooms

6:30-7:30 PM  Fourth grade parents go to child’s classroom

6:30-7:00 PM  Fifth grade Regular ED parents go to child’s classroom, AAP parents go to small pod

7:00-7:30 PM  Regular ED Fifth grade parents move to the large pod, AAP parents go to child’s classroom

6:30-7:30 PM  Sixth grade parents go to child’s classroom

6:00-7:30 PM  Specialist Teachers In Library (Moon-Art, Rudd-Music, Donahue-Orchestra, Freeman-Band, Minutoli-PE, 4-6 SPED, Seidman-ELL)

Best regards,

Roger Vanderhye
 Roger Vanderhye, Principal
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- **2014-15 School Year Dates**
  - **Monday, September 15:** Back to School Night, K-3rd grades, 6-8 pm
  - **Monday, September 22:** Back to School Night, 4th-6th grades, 6-8 pm
  - **Thursday, September 25:** Fall Individual Photos
  - **Friday, October 3:** Parent University, Cafeteria, 9:15 am, Coffee, 8:30
  - **Thanksgiving Break:** November 27-28
  - **Winter Break:** December 22-January 2
  - **Spring Break:** March 30-April 3
  - **Last Day of School 2014:** June 19


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**Yearbooks And Class Photos**
(Last School Yr 13/14)

We have a few yearbooks ($13) and class photos ($10) from last year. CASH ONLY
If you have any questions or would like to purchase either, please contact Nelda Hirji @ 703-506-3400 or email nelda.hirji@fcps.edu

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**Teacher’s lounge, clinic and upstairs workroom need a refrigerator**

If anyone is remodeling and/or upgrading their kitchen please consider donating your old refrigerator.
Please contact the front office at **(703) 506-3400** for this donation.

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**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!
Welcome to the
2014-15 School Year!

School Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:40 AM – 3:20 PM.

Since teachers need to prepare lessons and materials, supervision is not provided before 8:10 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m. All students grades K – 6 will report to the Cafeteria if they arrive before 8:25 AM. Students arriving after 8:25 AM should report directly to their classroom. Any child arriving after 8:40 AM (after the bell rings) must report to the front office to gain a tardy pass.

If your child rides the bus, we highly encourage you to put him/her on the bus beginning with the first day of school!

Dr. Brad Sachs
Presents
Building Resiliency:
Working Toward Authentic Success For Our Youth

Dr. Brad Sachs, psychologist, educator, consultant, and best-selling author, will teach parents how to attain a healthier family dynamic resulting in more resilient children with an eye toward attaining authentic success. He’ll offer hands-on exercises that guide parents to a greater understanding of how they can be good enough — rather than perfect — parents. Dr. Sachs is the author of Emptying The Nest: Launching Your Young Adult Toward Success and Self-Reliance, and The Good Enough Child: How to Have an Imperfect Family and Be Perfectly Satisfied, which was the Amazon Best Seller of the Year, featured on The Today Show and excerpted in Family Circle Magazine.

September 30, 2014
7-9 p.m.
Alden Theatre
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean

Tickets are FREE and available on a first come, first served basis at www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

Consider reading one of Dr. Sachs’ books before the event (available at a discount at Books-A-Million in McLean): The Good Enough Child: How to Have an Imperfect Family and Be Perfectly Satisfied * Emptying The Nest: Launching Your Young Adult Toward Success and Self-Reliance * The Good Enough Teen: Raising Adolescents with Love and Acceptance (Despite How Impossible They Can Be)

This event is sponsored by the Safe Community Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and well-being of McLean area youth, in collaboration with The Alden and McLean Community Center. Donations are needed and welcome. www.SafeCommunityCoalition.net
School Picture Day
Thursday September 25

School pictures are provided as a service to our families and are also a valuable fundraiser for the school. These portraits will also be used in the school yearbook. Picture Order Envelopes will go home with your children in mid September. If you would like to place an order, please complete the envelope, with payment enclosed and have your child bring it to his or her teacher before picture day.

Fall photos are pre-order only.

Early Pick-Up Policy

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.

Physical Education

In Physical Education, we would like to welcome every one to a new school year. In addition to welcoming everyone back, we would like to make sure that all students are able to participate in Physical education. The students must wear athletic shoes, tennis shoes or sneakers for Physical Education classes. For safety purposes, these shoes may not be slip-on or backless styles.

A Fairfax County policy states that a note from home will excuse a student from Physical Education for one week. A student who will miss more than one week of Physical Education must have a doctor’s note.

We look forward to working with all students and having a great year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you-Linda Shaheen, Mickey Minutoli and Dennis Michaels, PE Department

Clinic Help Wanted

Our school health aide, Karen Larkin, would like some assistance this fall. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact her at 703-506-3410. The following is needed:

1. There is a continuous opportunity for parents to volunteer as a substitute in the clinic when we are unable to get a Health Department substitute. Volunteers would need to take a 3-4 hour class but no prior medical experience is necessary.

2. Administrative assistance in September alphabetizing and filing.

3. Help coordinate the Hearing and Vision screenings of Kindergartners and 3rd graders plus any new students to FCPS later in the fall.
International Coffee

Please join us for conversation over coffee and refreshments.

Spanish Coffee:  Friday, September 12th, 10:00am
Korean Coffee:  Friday, September 19th, 10:00am
Room 913

For questions, please contact
Michelle Garcia (Spanish), pactumfactum@yahoo.com
Aejin Lee (Korean), aejin.lee1@fcps.edu
Help design our logo for Spring Hill!

Spring Hill needs your help with designing a Panther logo

**Contest Guidelines:**
- Your picture may be drawn in Black & White or Color using marker on 8½” x 11” paper. No other sizes or materials will be accepted.
- Your drawing should be of a **head of a panther**
- Your picture should be neatly drawn
- Include your name, teacher’s name and grade level on the back of your picture. Do not put your name on the front.

*Please submit your drawing to your classroom teacher by Wednesday, September 17th 2014*

We need YOU to design a cool panther logo for Spring Hill!
Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Advanced Academic Programs provide challenging learning experiences that are designed to meet the unique learning profile of a broad range of advanced learners.

Through a continuum of opportunities, students engage in complex subject matter, preparing them for more challenging and rigorous classes as they advance in grade level. Children identified for FCPS advanced academic services exhibit exceptional performance capability in academic, intellectual, and creative endeavors. In order to meet their needs and develop to their potential, these learners require a differentiated curriculum.

There are four levels of service:

**Level I:** In kindergarten through grade six, the critical and creative thinking lessons are designed to elicit a higher level thinking response.

**Level II:** Differentiated Services are offered to students who have specific academic strengths. The Advanced Academic resource teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to support differentiated instruction and to provide additional challenges within the general education program.

**Level III:** Each year a local committee screens all students in grades 3-6 for possible participation in advanced academics. The Advanced Academic resource teacher provides direct services for these students with weekly 1 hour pull-out sessions.

**Level IV:** This is a full time program for students in grades 3 through 8 that offers identified students a highly challenging instructional program that follows the FCPS Program of Studies. There is a strong emphasis on critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making.

Details about each level will be featured in the upcoming newsletters.

The Advanced Academic mind teacher provides direct services for these students with weekly 1 hour pull-out sessions.

**THE ORGANIZED MIND by Daniel Levitin: Part 2**

"Too much information, too many decisions..." ...Daniel Levitin

Everyday, we make dozens of decisions... what to eat, where to shop, which color shirt to wear. Having to process so much information can lead to feelings of being overwhelmed, disconnected, and frustrated. Levitin proposes distinct areas that need to be considered:

**Memory:** Effective techniques to use

**Attention:** Mind-wandering! and attentiveness

**Categorization:** Active sorting, sifting, and classifying of information

How can we improve and organize our thinking? More to come...

**AAP Important Dates:**

**October 15-24, 2014:** Testing window 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 the AART for this additional testing session.

**February 2-13, 2015:** Testing window for any student new to FCPS since November 2014 who is missing an ability test score and will be screened for AAP Level IV services.

**March 9-13, 2015:** Testing window for NNAT for students in grade 1. The test will administered online this year.

**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

- AAP Parent Information Packet: https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf
Non profit flyers may be sent home in Thursday folders on the following days this school year: September 25, 2014, January 29 and May 14, 2015. In the interest of saving paper, we encourage electronic flyers which may be included in our weekly newsletter on these dates.

During the 2014-2015 school year and according to regulation 1367.3, the following will be in effect.

**Newsletters** will announce events or activities sponsored by the school, P.T.O. and governmental agencies only.

**Fliers for Non-Profit Organizations:**
Flyers can be displayed in the front foyer literature rack for community review and pick up.

Flyers may be distributed at Back-to-School Night via a non-profit organization’s staffed table.

Flyers can be distributed via student take home folders **three times per year:** September 25, 2014, May 14, and January 29, 2015.

**Directions for non-profit flyer distribution on designated weeks in September, January and May:**

All fliers must be submitted in advance to the principal for review.

All non-profits are treated the same, regardless of the view they express.

Fliers and other community materials must be related to the school’s educational mission, be directed to students, not be harmful to children, be age-appropriate, and not be violations of the current versions of Regulations 2601 and 2612 (Student Responsibilities & Rights).

At least 48 hours must be allowed for the principal to review the flier.

**All fliers must contain the following disclaimer:** “These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.”

Fliers must be collated into 36 sets of 30 fliers.

Fliers must be delivered to the school office by 10 a.m. Monday, September 22, January 26 or May 11 for inclusion in these take-home folders.
Volunteers Needed: Library

- Primary responsibilities include checking out books to students & shelving returned books
- Weekly or bi-weekly 1-2-hour shifts are available
- Choose the schedule that works for you
- Orientation and training provided
- Personal check-out privileges
- A great way to learn the names of your child's classmates!

For more information, please contact the library co-chairs, Irene Lewis (tymjlewis@hotmail.com) or Amy Minton (amy.minton@gmail.com).

Volunteers Needed: Green Initiatives

Spring Hill is currently running a successful recycling program and an outdoor classroom program and we need your help to ensure these continue in the long term.

The recycling program is student led and involves mainly food and materials from the cafeteria being recycled, upcycled and donated to the SHARE food pantry in McLean. We are planning some add-ons to this during the school year that will extend upcycling into the classrooms too.

The Outdoor classroom program involves planting lessons for K-2 grades that are led by parent volunteers. There is co-ordination and preparation beyond that which needs parent involvement.

We are in urgent need of a couple of volunteers to help us keep this running. This is a fabulous area of school life where there is the opportunity to do more than we currently do and to make a real difference. If either or both of these areas interest you please contact Kristin Mears (kamears@hotmail.co.uk) or Nancy Bao (nihao100@hotmail.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 along with a volunteer information session. Volunteer Orientation will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 30th at 9:15 AM. Sign-ups available at Back to School Night!

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Murphy (christina.l.murphy@gmail.com) or Jamie Loving (jamie.loving@verizon.net).
Room Parent Meeting

For all room parents K-6th, there will be an important meeting on Friday, September 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Coffee and donuts will be served! No need to hire a sitter; younger children are welcome! During the meeting, we will let you know of the changes being made this year as well as helpful tips to have a great year! If all the members of your classroom’s room parent committee can’t attend, please make sure there are at least two room parents from each classroom present. The more the merrier! See you on September 26th!

Kathy Carey (kathy10md@hotmail.com) and Kayleen Widdifield (kjwiddifield@gmail.com). Spring Hill PTO Room Parent Co-Chairs

Chess Club Registration

Chess Club registration began on September 8 and ends September 25.

Students from 2nd through 6th grades may register. The first day of the fall session is Friday September 26 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The registration cost is $95 per student per session. Registration began September 8th and is online at www.springhillpto.org.

Register early! There are limited spaces available for the fall session. For questions, please email springhillchessclub@gmail.com.

Bus Notes

This year the PTO will be doing matching notes for play dates on Fridays only beginning in October. All other transportation needs will be handled through the office. Your child must come with two notes to school. One is for your child’s teacher and the other will be sent to the office. It is important to send two notes.

Spring Hill has over 900 students who must get home from school safely for 180 schools days. When your child has a change from their normal transportation routine, we need to make sure that information is communicated to the teacher and the office. We understand how difficult it is getting children ready for school each morning. Please understand the notes are for the safety of your child. Volunteers are needed to match notes on Friday mornings for an hour or two. Contact Sherri Nik-Aeen at sh_nikaeen@yahoo.com.

Mobile Labs Family Science Night

Join us for Mobile Labs Family Science Night on October 14th, brought to you by the Children’s Science Center. Activities include: wind power, autumn leaves, balloon rocket cars, chemical reactions, engineer a lunar lander, fossils and strong bubbles among others. Students will be participating in these hands-on experiments, specially designed to provoke interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects. Volunteers are needed from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to set up, assist students with activities, and clean up. See the attached flyer for more information. We hope to see you there!
2014/15 Directory Advertisement Spots Available

Each year the PTO publishes a Directory that is an invaluable resource for all Spring Hill families. We will be working again this year with A to Z Directories to produce our printed Directories (8.5” x 5.5” size). As you may know, A to Z is able to provide printed directories to the PTO for no charge by including advertisements from area businesses in the directory.

Spring Hill families have the opportunity to purchase advertising spots in this year’s directory (target publication date of late October 2014). Parents interested in purchasing an advertisement should contact Monica Christensen at monica@atozdirectories.com or 703.470.0657. Along with premium advertising spots, there are also full page, half page, and business card advertising opportunities available for as little as $125. The deadline for advertisements is Monday, September 22, 2014. This is a great way to show your support for the school, and also gives all who receive a directory a chance to support your business or service after seeing your advertisement.

Look for information in upcoming editions of the Panther Press on the timing for checking the accuracy of your family’s information for submission to the directory.

PTO Help Wanted

**Fun Fair**
Looking for two energetic people to coordinate the Fun Fair school carnival in March. Many committee chairs are returning and materials were updated last year. All preparations are updated into one Good doc so we know what has been done previously.

**After School Activities**
Our ASA volunteer will be graduating from Spring Hill this year! We need someone to shadow her through the fall process and be willing to take it over next year. This is a fairly complex position, but *if we don’t have a volunteer, ASA will not be able to continue next year.*

Save the Date

**After School Activities Registration** begins September 15th. Log on to www.springhillpto.org to sign up. Make sure you have a valid account several days prior to registration!

**Back-to-School Nights (parents only in classrooms):** K-3rd grades Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m. and 4th-6th grades Sept. 22, 6-8 p.m. Sign up to volunteer in your child(ren)’s classroom, meet other parents and learn about the grade-level curriculum.

**Chess Club Registration** started September 8th. Log on to www.springhillpto.org to sign up. Make sure you have a valid account several days prior to the start of registration!

**Room Parent Meeting (Cafeteria):** September 26th at 9 a.m.

**No School:** Strategic Planning Day on Monday, Sept. 29 and Columbus Day Holiday Monday, Oct. 13.

**Parent University (Cafeteria):** October 3 at 8:30 a.m. Lisa Bennet: “There’s No I In Team,” working together as a team to build independence, integrity and a strong work ethic.

**Family Movie Night (Gym):** Target date, October 10th at 7 p.m.

**Mobile Labs Family Science Night (Large Pod and Cafeteria):** Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. No experience necessary! Sign up to volunteer (basic training provided) or bring your entire family to explore science and STEM concepts with fun hands-on activities!
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!

6th Annual Fall Fundraiser

We send a heartfelt thank you to the more than 160 families who have joined the PTO so far! 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. Benefits of membership include a free printed directory and the ability to register for Chess Club and After School Activities without a separate registration fee, as well as the joy of directly participating in your child’s education at school.

We still have a long way to go toward meeting our goal of 100% participation. 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.

Thank You!

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

All the Kindergarten volunteers who have jumped in to make the first week run smoothly!

Kristin Mears, Ann Maclean, Nancy Bao, Pamela Fox, and Yashi Verma for caring for the raised garden beds over the summer.
Mobile Labs Family Science Night

We are thrilled to announce that Spring Hill Elementary has been selected by the Children's Science Center to host a Mobile Family Science Night!

What is the Children’s Science Center?
The Children’s Science Center is an interactive hands-on museum being planned for Northern Virginia. Its mission is to install a love of learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create, and be inspired. The Children's Science Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more: www.childsci.org.

What is a Mobile Labs Family Science Night?
Mobile Labs is a two-hour evening program that combines science learning and family bonding. Hands-on activities demonstrate a variety of scientific principles and make STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning fun and accessible. The program is designed for parents and teachers to self-guide their students through each station, thereby supporting family-learning experiences that encourage children to continue pursuing STEM subjects through higher academic levels. And best of all, the Children’s Science Center provides all of the supplies for the hands-on science activities.

How can Spring Hill Parents/Teachers get involved?
We need 15 volunteers to help out on October 14th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Volunteers will run each of the hands-on, science based activities. Training will be provided by staff from the Children's Science Center. If you are interested, please contact Ann Shankroff at the_shankroffs@verizon.net no later than September 20, 2014.

Save the Date!
Tuesday, October 14
Mobile Labs: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Volunteer Shifts: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: In the Cafeteria/Large Pod

Stay tuned for more information, as the Mobile Labs Family Night gets closer!
To: Spring Hill Parents and Students  
From: After-School Activities (ASA) Committee, PTO  

ASA registration, September 15th – October 3rd  

Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) registration, Early October  

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 you with 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 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.

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>3:30-4:30 Gym</td>
<td>Basketball</td>
<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>
<td>October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 18, 25 December 2, 9, 16</td>
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<td>Tues</td>
<td>3:30-4:30 Large Pod</td>
<td>Girls Run &amp; Fun</td>
<td>3rd &amp; 4th</td>
<td>Ms. Ciullo Ms. Gerike</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Class $135 &amp;5 activity fee for snacks 9 weeks</td>
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<td>FLEX Spanish I</td>
<td>1st – 3rd</td>
<td>FCPS certified teacher</td>
<td>Learn the fundamentals of understanding and speaking Spanish. Basic Spanish vocabulary is taught through games, songs and cultural activities. No prior experience needed.</td>
<td>Class: $225 20 weeks</td>
<td>October 14, 21, 28 November 18, 25 December 2, 9, 16 January 6, 13, 29, 27 Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10, 17, 24</td>
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<td>FLEX Spanish II</td>
<td>1st – 3rd</td>
<td>FCPS certified teacher</td>
<td>For students who want to build on the fundamentals learned in Spanish I or have commensurate prior experience. More advanced vocabulary is taught through games, songs and cultural activities.</td>
<td>Class: $225 20 weeks</td>
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<td>FLEX Chinese I</td>
<td>4th - 6th</td>
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<td>Learn the fundamentals of understanding and speaking Chinese. Basic Chinese vocabulary is taught through games, songs and cultural activities. No prior experience needed.</td>
<td>Class: $225 20 weeks</td>
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<td>Wed</td>
<td>3:30-4:30 Cafeteria</td>
<td>Drama</td>
<td>4th – 6th</td>
<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. Note this class runs for the whole school year and will NOT accept new registrations in the Spring.</td>
<td>Class: $325 $10 activity fee 26 weeks</td>
<td>October 8, 15, 22, 29 November 5, 19 December 3, 10, 17 Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 April 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6</td>
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<td>Learn the fundamentals of understanding and speaking French. Basic French vocabulary is taught through games, songs and cultural activities. No prior experience needed.</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>
<td>5th &amp; 6th</td>
<td>Ms. Bulford Ms. Iesue</td>
<td>Students will learn dance basics including stretching and basic vocabulary. By the end of class, they will completely learn a choreographed dance.</td>
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<td>Thurs</td>
<td>3:30-4:30</td>
<td>Movin’ and Groovin’ Dance</td>
<td>4th-6th</td>
<td>Ms. Greene</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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<td>Indoor Games</td>
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<td>Mr. and Mrs. Minutoli</td>
<td>Learn the fundamentals of understanding and speaking Spanish. Basic Spanish vocabulary is taught through games, songs and cultural activities. No prior experience needed.</td>
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<td>U.S. Chess Center</td>
<td>Organized by Chess Club. Please see their registration for fees, dates and details.</td>
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Please help us earn FREE MONEY for our school!

Every time you shop at Giant or Harris Teeter and use your grocery card, these companies will donate a portion of your grocery total to Spring Hill! It costs you nothing. Last year we earned more than $15,000!

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

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

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Giant Bonus Cards (need all info - please print)

Cardholder Last Name: ______________________________

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

Not sure of your card number since you use your phone number at checkout? You can call the following phone number and they will tell you your card number. Giant- 1-877-366-2668 option 2 (Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm).

Harris Teeter VIC Cards (need Last Name plus phone number OR card number – please print)

Cardholder Last Name: ______________________________

Phone Number: (_____) ______________________________

VIC Card #: ______________________________________ (FIRST 11 digits only)

Do you wish to include other family, friends or neighbors? GREAT! Just provide additional information on the back of this sheet for each store. This form is also available on the Spring Hill PTO website (springhillpto.org).

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

More Free Money News!
TARGET has a REDcard program called Take Charge of Education. Please link your Target REDcard to Spring Hill Elementary for us to receive this free education money! 1-800-316-6142 https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home
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](http://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!

**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____________________________________

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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.*