Please take a moment today to thank the men and women who have served.

Important Notice

We are required by law to submit a completed Student-Parent Survey form for every child at Spring Hill. This form was sent home last Thursday, November 5, 2015. Please complete, date and sign it. The form was due back Friday, November 6. If you have not returned your child’s form, please return it immediately. If you need a new form, please let the office know and we will send another one home.

Thank you
Spring Hill ES Office

Thanksgiving has been a traditional time of gathering for close to 400 years. Friends and families come together to celebrate their lives and what has happened to them over the years since the last Thanksgiving celebration. Traditionally, or at least since 1863 when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise”, we have celebrated this day on the fourth Thursday of November. In that same desire to bring family and friends together, we have sent forth our proclamation to have family and friends join Spring Hill for lunch Wednesday and Thursday, November 18th & 19th.

See times below:

Wednesday the 18th of November:
Kindergarten will eat lunch from…………..10:15-11:10
Second Grade will eat lunch from………….11:15-12:10
First Grade will eat lunch from…………….12:15-1:10

Thursday the 19th of November:
Third Grade will eat lunch from…………..10:10-11:05
Fifth Grade will eat lunch from…………….11:10-12:05
Sixth Grade will eat lunch from…………….12:10-12:55
Fourth Grade will eat lunch from…………1:00-1:55
Calendar

**Time Out of School**

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 Nov 9:**

PTO Book Fair Nov 10-13, Lg Pod  
Wednesday, Nov 11: 2nd GR FT (Sergi, James & Margeson), Huntley Meadows Park, 9:15 am-1:45 pm  
Ice Cream Social, 6-8 pm  
Thursday, Nov 12: 2nd GR FT (Romeo, Coleman & DeVylder), Huntley Meadows Park, 9:15 am-1:45 pm  
Friday, Nov 13: PTO Meeting, Cafeteria, 8:45-10:15 am

**Week of Nov 23:**

Tuesday, Nov 24th: Kindergarten Play and Feast  
Classrooms, 9-11 am  
2nd GR Thanksgiving Feast, Lg Pod, 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
Wednesday, Nov 25: 2HR Early Release: (1:35)  
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26 & 27, Thanksgiving Break

**Plan Ahead Dates:**

Friday, Dec 18: 2HR Early Release: (1:35)  
Winter Break: December 21-January 1

**Full 2015-2016 calendar:** click here: [http://www.fcps.edu/about/15-16cal.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/about/15-16cal.shtml)

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**Reminder to Parents**

For safety and privacy reasons, parents are reminded that you are not allowed to take photos of any kind in the school of children other than your own.

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**Plan Ahead for Children Coming Home Early Wednesday, November 25**

Students will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 25, so that families may prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. Dismissal is at 1:35 p.m. To avoid hazardous traffic congestion, if you are picking up your child early, please do so before 1:15 pm that day. School will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27. Please call the SHES 24-hour attendance line at 703-506-3434 if your student will be absent additional days for Thanksgiving.

Thank you!

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**Early Pick-Up Procedure**

If you need to pick up your child early from school, you must do so before 3:15 pm. Please schedule appointments accordingly. There will be no early pick-ups after 3:15 pm. After this time, you will need to wait until dismissal @3:35 pm.

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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.
Square 1 Art catalogs are coming to Spring Hill!
Coming home: 11/12 Thursday
Orders due: 11/20 Friday
Checks made out to: Square 1 Art

Dear Families,

We have partnered with your child’s school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school. Coming home soon will be your child’s custom catalog featuring their artwork. Won’t you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The Art Department earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE! Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child’s custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child’s self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child’s artistic achievements.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

1. The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.
2. Online at www.square1art.com/shop.
3. Phone Customer Care 888-332-3294.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, faculty and volunteers for their help in creating this meaningful fundraiser.

Hamlet Turkey Trot - Thanksgiving Morning, 10am

Join Spring Hill friends & neighbors for this years’ Hamlet Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Morning. If you’re home, it’s a terrific way to start this day, and by 10am it’s usually warm enough to enjoy being outside and get some fresh air (+ walk the dog, + the kids let off steam!) all before the serious business of turkey eating and football watching kicks in! Bring the family!

All are welcome including dogs, strollers and bikes. (Parents must supervise their own children) For more information and to sign up please go to: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aaba72eab9-10th

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

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

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather. These are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of children and FCPS staff who are walking, driving, or riding buses to schools. These schedules are:

(1) Keep schools closed. (2) Open two hours late. (3) Close two hours early.

As soon as a decision is made to implement one of these changes, we post the information on:

- FCPS cable Channel 21
- www.fcps.edu
- Facebook and Twitter.
- Email notifications will be made through our Keep in Touch (KIT) system.
- Called in to local radio and television stations.

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

For more information, go to http://www.fcps.edu/news/weather.shtml
Create a BUZZ about BOOKS at the 
Spring Hill Elementary School PTO Book Fair

November 10th
8:00 – 4:00

November 11th
8:00 – 4:00
Free Ice Cream Social: 6:00 – 8:00

November 12th
8:00 – 4:00

November 13th
8:00 – 11:00

There will only be one Book Fair this year! Stock up now with the tremendous selection of books, games, and gifts – all tax-free. Proceeds will be used to support classroom needs.

Questions? Contact Clare Bradshaw (crbradshaw@verizon.net) or Julie DeLong (jdelong@hotmail.com)