Ms. Jan Funk
Principal
Spring Hill Elementary School
8201 Lewinsville Road
McLean, VA 22102-2605

Dear Ms. Funk,

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the faculty, staff, and students of Spring Hill Elementary School upon earning the fourth highest average SOL score of all elementary schools in Virginia.

This accomplishment demonstrates your school's efforts to encourage all students to achieve at high levels. As educators, you have made a substantial difference in the lives of our young people; there are few endeavors more demanding or more rewarding. You have inspired students to strive for excellence and helped to create an environment where students are engaged in their studies and are encouraged to learn. For students, this recognition serves as a tribute to your outstanding academic achievements. I commend all of you for your hard work and dedication.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your school, friends, and community in saluting Spring Hill Elementary School's accomplishments and wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Warner
United States Senator
**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 Oct 26:**

**Wednesday, Oct 28:** Author Visit: Mary Downing Hahn, Lg Pod, 11 am-3 pm

**Friday, Oct 30:** Fall Parade, 9:15 am

2 HR Early Release: (1:35)

**Week of Nov 2:**

**Monday & Tuesday, Nov 2 & 3:** Student Holidays

**Wednesday, Nov 4:** 4th GR FT (Mosher & Lee), Gunston Hall, 9:15 am-1:15 pm

**Thursday, Nov 5:** Photo Make-up Day, Back Hallway, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

4th GR FT (Swiers & Ginsberg), Gunston Hall, 9:15 am-1:15 pm

6th GR FT (Minutoli, Papathanassiou & Burns), National Portrait Gallery, 10 am - 12:10 pm

**Friday, Nov 6:** 4th GR FT (Fowler & Brooks), Gunston Hall, 9:15 am-1:15 pm

6th GR FT (Smith & Seagraves), National Portrait Gallery, 10 am-12:10 pm

**Plan Ahead Dates:**

November 2-3: Student Holidays

November 25: 2HR Early Release: (1:35)

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 26 & 27

**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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**Important Reminder:**

**Two hour early dismissal on Friday, October 30**

**Student Holidays on Monday and Tuesday, November 2 & 3**

**Picture Make-up Day**

Thursday November 5 for re-takes and for those absent on September 28. For retakes, bring your original picture package to the photographer. Order forms are in the office.

**Lost and Found Policy**

Unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity at the end of every month. See the cafeteria coat rack for clothing and the office for small items.

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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.
On Friday, October 30th 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.
School dismisses 2hrs early @ 1:35.

SCA
Spirit Day
Breast Cancer Awareness
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 by Noon. 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.

Attention Parents:

Due to safety and supervision concerns students may not be dropped off in the mornings before 8:20. There are no staff members here before that time to supervise them. At 8:20, students may go to the cafeteria to await dismissal to their classrooms at 8:35.

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.

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!
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
Spanish Coffee
Friday, November 6th, 10:00am

Spring Hill Spanish parents are invited!
Please join us for conversation over coffee and refreshments.

For questions, please contact
Michelle Garcia, pactumfactum@yahoo.com
Coming soon to a computer near you.

Stay tuned for more specifics about the auction on www.springhillpto.org. Tell your neighbors, coworkers, and relatives about the auction: the more money we raise, the more we can support SHES classrooms!

Our annual event will feature donations from more than 200 local and national businesses, and more than 30 Spring Hill families and family-owned businesses. There’s something for everyone and just in time for the holidays.

Everyone wins! Anyone who bids will receive a special Bidder’s Bundle which includes coupons to our business donors including things like $20 Uber rides, $50 gift cards to area spas, discounts for fine art, and more!

There’s still time to donate! Email Stephanie Leger Short or Paula Mosby: skleger@gmail.com or paulacmosby@live.com.
Create a BUZZ about BOOKS
with the
Book Fair Poster Contest

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

Deadline for Entry: Wednesday, November 4th

Contest Rules:
1. Posters must include original artwork created with paint, markers, crayons, etc. 3D posters are not allowed.
2. Posters must be no larger than 14” x 22” (half a sheet of poster board) and no smaller than 8.5” x 11.” Students must supply their own paper.
3. Posters must include this year’s theme, Create a BUZZ about BOOKS, and Spring Hill Book Fair 2015.
4. Students must not write their name anywhere on the front of the poster. On the back of the poster, please write the student’s name, grade, and teacher.
5. Only one entry per student is allowed.
6. Posters must be placed in the box in the office no later than November 4th.

There will be one Grand Prize Winner and a winner from each grade level. Prizes include a $10 Book Fair gift certificate for the Grand Prize Winner and $5 Book Fair gift certificates for each of the grade level winners. Winners will be announced on the morning show on Monday, November 9th. The judges’ decisions are final. All entries will be displayed at the Book Fair.

If you have questions, please contact Julianna DeLong at jldelong@hotmail.com.
Create a BUZZ about BOOKS and
ICE CREAM
At the PTO Book Fair
FAMILY NIGHT
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Wednesday, November 11th
6:00 to 8:00

Please join us for FREE ICE CREAM and evening shopping hours.

Ice Cream supplied by the PTO will be scooped by your favorite teachers and staff members. Please consider donating NUT-FREE toppings such as sprinkles, sauces, Oreos, or extra Halloween candy to the box in the office. THANK YOU!
Forestville PTA
INDOOR STREET MARKET
SAT | NOV 14 | 9AM - 4PM

FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1085 UTTERBACK STORE RD. | GREAT FALLS, VA 22066

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POINSETTIA SALES

www.forestvillepta.org
Don't let the holidays catch you off guard!

Order your Poinsettias today!

Staring on Oct. 19th through Nov. 1st, Forestville Elementary PTA invites you to decorate for the holidays! We have partnered with Great Falls State Gardens, to bring you the most beautiful plant to brighten your season. Once you receive your voucher via email or mail you can pick your own special plant at Great Falls State Garden between Nov. 27st and December 13th, located at 10106 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA.

Thank you! Proceeds from this purchase will be used to purchase computers for our school.

To order please mail the form below

Name: __________________________  Phone Number:_____________________
Email: __________________________  Child’s Name:_______________________
Address:____________________________________________________________
City: ______________________  State:_____________ Zip:_____________

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Make Checks payable to Forestville PTA
Mail to :Forestville Elementary, attn: Poinsettia Sales
1085 Utterback Store Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066
For information contact: Kim Young sascomm@aol.com