

# SPRINGER SPIEL

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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

I continue to be so proud of our students and their accomplishments! Christopher D. is Springfield Park's spelling bee winner! He will compete at the county spelling bee on January 23rd.

Congratulations also to Alana D. who is our "Light of Hope" representative. Alana was honored at a recent commemoration ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Alana was selected because of her leadership and community service.

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity with our recent service projects. This includes the canned goods for the Food Bank and the donations to Children's Hospital. We presented Children's Hospital with a check for over \$700.00!

We are very fortunate to have Ms. ViLinda Hill at Springfield Park as our school counselor. Ms. Hill wears "many hats" each day as she works with students, teaches lessons, assists teachers and parents, and implements different programs that support our school. One of these includes the Peer Ambassadors program. I know you will join me in thanking her for what she does each day at our school. The week of February 6<sup>th</sup> is School Counseling Week.

Springfield Park has a faculty "that rocks"! Our teachers are committed to excellence. Please consider nominating a teacher for the prestigious REB award. Winners of this award receive grant money to pursue studies in a particular location within Virginia, the United States, or other countries. We have details and forms in the office, and the deadline is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nomination forms are also available at [www.tcfrichmond.org](http://www.tcfrichmond.org)

We have over 200 students who are dropped off each morning in front of the school. Please be reminded that:

- Students can only be dropped off in the car rider circle.
- Students must wait until an adult is standing in front of the school on duty before getting out of the car. (7:20 a.m.)
- Students need to get out of the car on the side facing the school.
- Students need to be at school by 7:50.

If your child is able to ride the bus, I would encourage this. I appreciate your help with keeping our children safe.

It is hard to believe that we will soon be starting the third grading period. Thank you for your support of education at home. Continue to address problems and concerns as they arise and let us know when we can assist you.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Jones

## A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

We are still in need of people to serve on our nominating committee. This committee will present a slate of PTA officers for the 2012-2013 school year to the general membership at the March meeting. This short-term committee ensures that our leadership is a well-balanced representation of our school population. There is flexibility in meeting times, so please consider serving in this important position. Contact me with any questions you might have at [president@springerpta.com](mailto:president@springerpta.com).

Two exciting upcoming events are our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Show and Pastries with Parents. The Talent Show will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pastries with Parents will be the week of Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a flyer in your child's folder with details about these special, favorite events. We are combining the Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom into one event this year. For our planning purposes, it is important that the rsvp is returned in a timely fashion.

If you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, please consider helping us save paper by reading online! By sharing your email address you will receive an email notice when the newsletter posts on the website, as well as weekly reminders of PTA updates. Go online to the newsletter page on [www.springerpta.com](http://www.springerpta.com) and subscribe today!

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Our second graders are hard at work practicing for their big performance that night!

Hope to see you then!

Beth Strader  
PTA President

## KIDS CLUB IS BACK!

The Winter 2012 Kids Club session will begin on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and will run through Thursday, March 22, 2012. Classes are held each Thursday from 2:15-3:30pm.

There will be a Sign-Up NIGHT on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm and a Sign-Up MORNING on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30am. All parents are **strongly encouraged** to sign up during these times. Classes have a limited size so don't wait to register!

**KIDS CLUB PACKETS** will be sent home on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012** and will include the following: parent information letter, kids club class descriptions/cost, kids club registration form, and parent volunteer form.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

Tara Hasenstab  
[kidsclub@springerpta.com](mailto:kidsclub@springerpta.com)



## LIBRARY LINKS

Excitement is in the air at the Park! We are anxiously awaiting our visit from author and illustrator Kevin O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley will be visiting Springfield Park on Friday, January 27th. He has authored and/or illustrated numerous books such as *Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates*, the *Miss Malarkey* series, and *Straight to the Pole*. If students own a personal copy of one of his books and would like to bring it in, he will do book signings.

Thank you for a terrific turnout at the Barnes and Noble book fair. It was a huge success. We have already purchased some of the hottest titles for our students with the profits!

Michelle Grubbs, School Librarian



## SPRINGERS HAVE TALENT!

Please join us at the Talent Show on February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Admission is just \$1 or 1 canned good, and there will be bake sale items available for donations. All students attending the talent show must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You will be amazed at all of the talent our Springers have!

Casey Carlton  
talentshow@springerpta.com



## PASTRIES WITH PARENTS

This year we will be combining "Doughnuts with Dads" and "Munchies with Moms" into a one week "Pastries with Parents". The dates are Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Moms, Dads and even grandparents can come have a breakfast treat with their Springer!

The schedule is 7:15 AM-7:45 AM

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Kg and First Grade  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Second and Third Grade  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Fourth and Fifth Grade

Watch for a flyer with RSVP information coming home in the next few weeks!

Julie Wolford  
pastrieswithparents@springerpta.com



## SPIRIT WEAR!

Attention Springers! Within the next few weeks, you will receive a Spirit Wear order form. This will be your last opportunity to order Spirit Wear for the school year. We have a selection of t-shirts and sweatshirts that will be perfect as the weather gets warmer. Be on the lookout for the order form so that you can order your spring Spirit Wear!

Kathy Dalla Valle and Jodi Bauer  
waysandmeans@springerpta.com

## SCA NEWS

Thanks to everyone for the pennies! Guess what? We collected \$700.00 for the Children's Hospital! Cool, huh?

Mark your calendars...the Talent Show is February 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Your cost for a ticket is \$1.00 or 1 can of food.

Once again, thanks to everyone.

- Thomas Cosio, SCA Reporter



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **1/23 – PTA Spirit Night at 5 Guys Burgers and Fries, 4-10pm**
- **1/27 – Visit by author Kevin O'Malley**
- **1/30 – School Holiday**
- **2/2 – Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **2/3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PTA Talent Show, 7pm**
- **2/6 – Kids Club Registration, 6-7pm**
- **2/7 – Kids Club Registration, 7:30-8:30am**
- **2/13 – Pastries with Parents – Kg & 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 7:15-7:45am**
- **2/16 – Pastries with Parents – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 7:15-7:45am**
- **2/16 through 3/22 – Kids Club, Thursdays Only**
- **2/17 – Pastries with Parents – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7:15-7:45am**
- **2/20 – Student Holiday**
- **2/21 – PTA Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade performs, 7pm**
- **2/23 – Spirit Night at Panera Bread**