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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

I hope everyone had a restful and wonderful holiday. We are all ready and focused for a new year!

Please join us for Family Math Night on January 17th. Following the PTA meeting which will begin at 6:30, you and your child will rotate to various places within our school to participate in math activities. Our CAVE (collaborative and virtual experiences) lab will be open that evening as well! You can also visit the library and see our new books that connect literature to math. These were purchased with money obtained from a grant. Please look for information coming home regarding this event. We look forward to this being a fun and also informative evening for you and your student!

A letter regarding evening parent conferences (Feb. 2nd) will be coming home during the week of January 17th.

Thank you, parents, in advance, for completing the survey that was sent home on January 4th. Upon completion, I appreciate your sending them back to Springfield Park. We value your input and would like to get 100% participation.

Thank you, PTA, for the delicious pies and the cookie exchange. We also appreciate all of our parents who planned and worked the Winter Parties. May 2012 bring you and your family good health, much joy, and success!

Sincerely,

Tammy Jones
Principal



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FUNdraising News

Thank you for a great turnout at Chuck E Cheese's Spirit Night in December! I am so excited about all the Springer participation in our Spirit Nights so far this year! Mark your calendars for January 23rd, our next Spirit Night at 5 Guys Burgers and Fries from 4-10pm.

Tanya Cauthorne
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A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and spent some well-deserved time with their children. I wanted to thank our many volunteers who have helped with some recent events such as the Thanksgiving pies, holiday cookie exchange and most importantly, the Giving Tree. Janann Hossaini took on this project as she saw there was a need. It is wonderful to be able to help people within our own community when they need help. Our 'Springer family' provided gifts for many families in need last month. Thank you all!

One of the first orders of business for our new year as a PTA is to form a Nominating Committee for the 2012-2013 school year. The primary responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to develop a list of candidates willing to serve on next year's PTA Executive Board. This committee will consist of five individuals who will present a list of candidates for each office at the March PTA meeting to be considered for election to office in April. If you are a current member of the Springfield Park PTA you are qualified to serve on this committee. We need your help to ensure we provide a well-balanced slate of candidates for election consideration. If you are willing to serve on this year's Nominating Committee, or have any questions at all, please let me know at president@springerpta.com.

We are excited to enjoy Family Math Night at our January 17th PTA meeting! It will start immediately after our 6:30 meeting. Hope to see you and your Springers there!

Beth Strader

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1/16 – School Holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **1/17 – PTA Meeting and Family Math Night, 6:30pm**
- **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 – 2nd Annual PTA Talent Show**



THE CAVE IS COMPLETE!

The school is so EXCITED to have our science/math/engineering lab completed! The CAVE (Collaborative and Virtual Experiences) Lab was made possible with funds from the Henrico Education Foundation and our PTA. Our lab will be a place for hands on activities that promote problem solving, creative thinking and teamwork. We do need your help with supplies that we will continually use in the lab. Below is the list of items that we are collecting. We will have a box in the school's lobby for these items to be placed. Thanks for your help and support!

Ms. Clifford
Resource Teacher

CAVE Supplies needed:

Tissue Paper – different colors

Toilet Paper Rolls

Pipe Cleaners

Straws

Marbles

Toothpicks

White/Brown paper bags

Feathers

Felt

Construction Paper

Cups – paper and plastic, different sizes

Paper Plates

Googly Eyes

Pie Tins

Ribbons

Wrapping Paper

Yarn

Cereal and other small boxes (not broken down)

Clean plastic containers from yogurts, sour cream, butter or margarine, etc. (no empty peanut butter jars because of allergy concerns)

Egg cartons



FAMILY MATH NIGHT!

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 for our Springfield Park Family Math Night which will follow the PTA meeting. All students and their families are invited to come out for a night of math fun! We will rotate to various math stations throughout the building. Come and see what fun we have with math at Springfield Park!

Ms. Heiberg
Math Teacher in Residence

TALENT SHOW TIME!

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual PTA Talent Show! All 3rd through 5th grade students are invited to try out. More information will be coming home over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, or would like to help out with the show, please contact me at 270-1075 or huntbunt@verizon.net.

Thanks!

Casey Carlton
PTA Talent Show Coordinator



HOSPITALITY SUITE

The Hospitality Committee did it again! The teachers and staff were able to enjoy a cookie exchange thanks to all the great bakers we have. There were literally hundreds of cookies and treats for them to choose from. The culinary creativity and skill was wonderful to see spread out in the lounge. More than one teacher commented that they “love this event” and “look forward all year to the cookie exchange”!

Thank you Hospitality Committee! Hope you had a fabulous and much deserved Holiday break.

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