

SPRINGER SPIEL

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

November was a busy month for our school. I continue to be very proud of our students when I do classroom walkthroughs and visits. They are focused and working hard.

Here are two upcoming events:

Our Book Bowl team will be competing against other elementary schools on Wednesday, November 30th.

The fifth grade chorus will be performing on Thursday, December 15th, at 8:15 and 9:00am.

The WATCHDOG program continues to go well. Please know how much we appreciate our dads and granddads who are taking their time to serve as a WATCHDOG. If it is not possible to devote an entire day to being a WATCHDOG, a half-day is perfectly fine as well!

On behalf of our school, I would like to thank our PTA for purchasing a Promethean Board for our new room- the CAVE. The CAVE stands for collaborative and virtual experiences. Lessons taught in the CAVE will focus primarily on twenty-first century learning skills. Just recently, a first grade class was working on a children's engineering project in this new classroom.

Our school is also in the process of creating a Guided Reading Room. We will keep you posted on its status.

As always, please let me know whenever you have a question or a concern. I wish each of you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tammy Jones

Kangaroo Kitchen

Information about the upcoming Kangaroo Kitchen SPES PTA Cookbook was sent home on November 21st. We hope that you will consider providing us with a recipe or two! We will be collecting recipes from November 21st until December 16th. Recipes can be submitted by turning in the form sent home or by emailing it to chance_5@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing all of the delicious and internationally diverse recipes that our school family provides!

Jennifer Chance
secretary@springerpta.com



A Note from our PTA President

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving break. It is so important to take the time to slow down and relax with family! I am thankful for our awesome school, teachers, administration and students! It is an honor to be the President of such a supportive PTA. We are entering such a busy time of year and I appreciate all of your involvement with SPES on a PTA level.

Congratulations to all of our Reflections participants and winners. It is great to see so many students getting involved and expressing themselves so creatively. The reception was a fun way to honor all of our students who participated.

Thank you all so much for helping us reach our Springer FUND Drive goal. These funds will help us support the teachers and students throughout the year.

REMINDER- There is no December PTA meeting. We hope to see you all in January for Family Math Night.

Beth Strader
PTA President
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Art Announcements!

Congratulations to Grace H. whose art work is on display at VCU in Oliver Hall for the "VCU Metro Student Art Show" from now through the summer of 2012. Also, congratulations to Lauren W. whose artwork is on display at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in the Robins Visitor Center Gallery for the "Elementary Botanical Art Exhibit" from now through February 3, 2012. I am very proud of these two students for representing our school so beautifully!

Don't miss the new "Mummy: Secrets of the Tomb" exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts from now through April 15, 2012. What a wonderful way for second graders and their families to experience Ancient Egypt and support the curriculum.

Please consider donating a box of baby wipes to the art room to help keep little hands clean. Thank you Watch D.O.G.S. for your assistance in the classroom and with displaying art in the hallways.



Ashley V. Cogbill
Art Teacher

Calling All Readers!

Congratulations to all the Accelerated Reader (AR) program participants who achieved prizes last month. We are off to a great start! There are many great rewards, so if you have not started reading and earning points yet, please join in the fun. Check out the information at www.springerpta.com/id35.html. The next round of prizes will be awarded based on points earned through December 2nd. Keep up the great reading!

Tracy Henry
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Student Council Scoop!

Hello Springers! I've got a few reminders for you. First of all, we will be collecting pennies for the Children's Hospital in December. This will be a big help to the kids there, so please try to send in as many pennies as you can! Second, be sure to start getting your performance ready so you are prepared for January's Annual Talent Show! Imagine the fun!! Thank you.

-Your SCA Reporter, Thomas C.

FUNdraising News

Thank you Springers for your support with this year's Springer FUNd Drive! We made our goal, and I am so proud of all the Springers for their hard work!

Each week that we met our goal, the whole school earned prizes. The prizes earned were: an outside lunch with their class, a school wide Pajama Day and seeing Mrs. Jones dress up in a surprise costume, which will be on Tuesday, November 29th!

I also want to thank you for the great attendance each month at our Spirit Nights! Be sure to mark your calendar for Chuck E Cheese on Thursday, 12/8 from 3pm -10pm! This was a ton of fun for the Springers last year! I look forward to seeing you at Chuck E Cheese!

Tanya Cauthorne
VP Fundraising
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UPCOMING EVENTS

**11/29 - BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR,
5-8PM**

**12/1 THROUGH 12/14 - SCA COLLECTS
PENNIES FOR CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL**

12/2 - SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

**12/8 - SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHUCK E. CHEESE,
3-10PM**

**12/16 - DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING
RECIPES FOR THE KANGAROO
KITCHEN COOKBOOK**

12/17 THROUGH 1/1 - WINTER BREAK!



Hospitality Suite

Many thanks to everyone on the Hospitality Committee. This great group of volunteers continues to provide support to our teachers and staff in wonderful ways. To date the teachers and staff have enjoyed an eternal bowl of chocolates for the quick “pick me up” and desserts for the lunch to recognize World Teachers Day.

The annual Thanksgiving Pie event was a collaboration with the SPES community. Thank you to all who participated in giving our “Thanks” to the teachers and staff. Everyone appreciated the time and talent shared.

Next up for the Hospitality Committee is another baking event - the Annual Cookie Exchange coming in December.

If you missed the sign up for this great committee and want to get in on the fun, please email hospitality@springerpta.com and we will get you hooked up!

Lisa Taguchi
Liz Leitch
Co-Chairs Hospitality Committee



2011 Reflections Contest Winners!

The 2011 Reflections awards night was held on November 15th, and we announced the following award recipients:

Music (3-5) - 1st place - Joshua S.

Film (3-5) - 1st place - Jordan G.

Literature (K-2) - 1st place - Harish K.

Literature (3-5) - 1st place - Katie T., 2nd place - Sarah R., 3rd place - Srista T.,
Honorable Mention - Stephen I.

Photography (K-2) - 1st place - Carter K., 2nd place - Meredith S., 3rd place - Maggie R.

Photography (3-5) - 1st place - Kira H., 2nd place - Christina D., 3rd place - Akhil S.,
Honorable Mention - Styles M.

Visual Arts (K-2) - 1st place - Harish K., 2nd place - Carter K., 3rd place - Emmy G.,
Honorable Mention - Meredith S.

Visual Arts (3-5) - 1st place - Atharva S., 2nd place - Katie T., 3rd place - Ashwin S.,
Honorable Mention - Michelle M.

Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you and all of the participants!

Tom Hogan
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