



Spring Creek Elementary

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We are proud to be an A+ - Five Star - Title-I school.



Mark Your Calendar

11/16 - 11/20
Book Fair

11/16 - 12/4
Animal Refuge Center
Food Collection

11/16 Parent Workshop
Topic: Multiplication
Mania, Presented in
English & Spanish
Grades 3 - 5 6 PM

11/18 Art League
Grades 3-5

PTO Meeting 6 PM

11/19 Thanksgiving Din-
ner Grades 1, 2 & 4

History on Parade
5th Grade
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Health Screenings
1st & 3rd Grade

11/20 Storybook
Character Parade
9:30 AM

11/25 - 11/27
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

12/1 SAC Meeting 6 PM
PTO Cookie Day

12/3 2nd Grade
Math Mania Night
6:00 - 7:30 PM

12/7 - 12-11
PTO Holiday House

Karen Leonardi
Principal

Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Due to the number of announcements and special recognitions in this week's newsletter, I will be very brief with my column. Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the cooler weather...encourage your children to have a hot chocolate and curl up with a good book.

PTO: KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

- Chick-Fil-A Night** - Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed Chick-Fil-A Spirit night. PTO was able to raise \$246.00 which will go towards fieldtrips. Thanks for everyone's support.
- Yard Sale** - The PTO Yard sale was a success thanks to donations, families renting tables and families that came to shop. Some very special families who spent their entire Saturday at the event Mrs. Leonardi, Mrs. Sheckler. The PTO would like to give a special thanks and much appreciation to Mrs. Arango, Mrs. Rivera, and the Shein-D'Jamoos family. Mrs. Borchers displayed masks that had been created by children which made a beautiful art gallery. Mrs. Whitmire was an angel and arranged for the Salvation Army to pick-up the left over treasures. A thank you to Costco for their continued partnership and support and to the Estero Chick-Fil-A and the Cow. The Cow played spin the chicken wheel with the children who won meals, brownies and treats from Chick-Fil-A. The PTO raised \$852.95.
- Volunteers Needed** - Volunteers are needed for the Holiday House. Holiday House is 12/7 - 12/11. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the office or send your name and contact information into the office and we will get in touch with you.

STUDENT NEWS

The Bonita Springs Public Library recently held a contest to design a library bookmark. There were over 250 entries. Jacob Hunter Sayers, a 4th grade student, had the winning design. His bookmark will be printed and be available at the Bonita Springs Public Library. Hunter received a framed copy and will also be recognized at the Fort Myers, Barnes and Noble Book Store at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 13th, 2009.



NOTE WORTHY NEWS

We wish to inform you of a great honor that was recently bestowed upon our very own Spring Creek Elementary. On November 5th, it was announced that the proposal to have our school designated as a School for Instrumental Music was accepted.

Thank you to all families who completed a special survey, as 99% of all surveys returned were overwhelming supportive of our initiative.

Beginning with the school year in August, 2010; we will be able to offer all students in Third through Fifth Grade the opportunity to enroll in band or orchestra classes, which include a weekly small group lesson and an ensemble rehearsal. Band or Orchestra class will be a graded class and students will receive a letter grade. Thank you for your unwavering support for our Music Department.

Our music programs will present several concerts throughout the year; both at Spring Creek and at various locations throughout the community. Please consider attending one or more of our performances; especially if your child is interested in one of our programs in the future.

Animal Refuge Center Food Collection

Spring Creek Elementary would like to help the homeless dogs and cats at the Animal Refuge Center (ARC), in Ft. Myers. We will be collecting canned and dry food for dogs and cats from November 16, through December 4, 2009. The classroom that brings the most cans will win a pizza party. Your donations to our furry friends will mean so much. Thank you for your kindness to all these animals that have been left behind by their owners and who have no home of their own.

DEFINING MOMENTS

These are the enrichment words for the week. Please work with your child so he/she can become familiar with them and expand his/her vocabulary.

- Utter** - to speak or say
- Congregate** - together or crowd together
- Lenient** - not strict; relaxed about rules

HISTORY ON PARADE

The Fifth grade classes present: History on Parade. Fifth Grade Families are invited to attend the program on Thursday, Nov. 19th, 2009, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Fifth Grade Families will be able to take part in Colonial crafts and participate in a Turkey Dinner Raffle that will feed four families. We look forward to seeing you.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Our school's annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held on Thursday, November 12th, at the school. Parents were invited to attend as we honored the brave men and women who have or are now serving in the Armed Forces. The Estero High School JROTC Wildcat Battalion led us in the Flag Raising Ceremony. Selected students recited poems acknowledging those who have served this great country of ours. The Spring Creek Choir sang a medley of patriotic songs, led by Mrs. Fliss and Shannon O'Neil played a solo on the trumpet. Thank you to Dr. Lott and Mrs. Ross for organizing such a special event.

FREE PHOTO ID'S FOR CHILDREN

Bonita Springs Assistance Office in partnership with Spanish Wells Cares Foundation and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children are glad to offer a FREE child ID to the families of Bonita Springs. The event will take place on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, 10322 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bonita Springs, FL.

THE CENSUS IS COMING!

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted - people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When: Census Day is April 1, 2010.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

H1N1 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Day/Date Dia/ Fecha	Hrs of Operation Horas	Location #1 Lugar # 1	Location #2 Lugar # 2
Mon./ Lun - Nov. 16	4 - 9 p.m.	Lehigh Senior High	
Tues./ Mar - Nov. 17	4 - 9 p.m.	Island Coast High	Riverdale High
Wed. / Mié - Nov. 18	4 - 9 p.m.	Fort Myers High	
Thur. / Jue - Nov. 19	4 - 9 p.m.	Estero High	Lehigh Senior High
Sat. / Sáb - Nov. 21	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	South Fort Myers High	

Thanksgiving Dinner Free to everyone! A

Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by The Salvation Army will be held at 2400 Edison Ave. Ft. Myers, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th.

Breakfast Menu Served Daily 8:45 - 9:05 a.m.

Monday:
Cinnamon French
Toast Sticks, Cereal
of choice, Fruit of
choice or juice, milk

Tuesday:
Poptart, Cereal of
choice, Fruit of choice
or juice, milk

Wednesday:
Gilardi Max Stick,
Cereal of choice,
Fruit of choice or
juice, milk

Thursday:
Superbakery Proball,
Cereal of choice,
Fruit of choice or
juice, milk

Friday:
Cereal bar, Fruit of
choice or juice, milk