



Spring Creek Elementary

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Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This week all children were able to select a special book of their choice provided through a federally funded program, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF). Please take the time to have your child share his/her book with you. Sharing stories together is fun and provides quality time for reading.

Also, our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students were treated to a wonderful presentation of art work featuring masks painted onto palm fronds. Local artist, Bradford Hermann, shared his art and answered many questions about his craft with our curious students. Many thanks to Mrs. Borchers for organizing this special event.

Have a wonderful weekend!

TITLE - I SIPS TIPS

Did you know?

- Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school.
- Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.
- Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them to achieve better grades in school.
- Children love to spend time with their parents!

(Facts from Harvard Family Research Project, www.hfrp.org)

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

The program is designed to review and reinforce reading and writing skills for selected children in grades 3 through 5. It will be held from 3:35 pm until 5:05 on Tuesday and Thursday beginning October 22 and ending on April 29. Snacks and transportation are provided. If your child received an invitation and you have not yet returned it, please sign and return it to the school Monday, Oct. 19th. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child.

RESPECT

Showing regard for the value of persons or things through courteous consideration and appreciation.

Don't hurt anyone or anything on the outside or the inside.

SEASONAL FLU SHOTS

Seasonal Flu Shots for adults and children will be available at the school on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Roaring Readers Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Over 200 people attended our second Roaring Readers event of the 09-10 school year. Ms. Griselda Torres, the Marketing Coordinator from Telemundo Television was one of our guest readers at this event. She read *La Cucaracha Martina* in English along with Mrs. Hernandez, a 5th grade teacher, who read it in Spanish. Ms. Graziani read *Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones* and Mrs. Smith read *Good-night Goon*. T-shirts, hats, key chains and playing cards that were donated by Telemundo Television were handed out to the children and parents throughout the evening. At the end of the evening, 1 piñata filled with candy and 2 adorable stuffed animals with candy corn were given away as door prizes. Every child left with a free book and a delicious Mexican pastry from the El Sarape Bakery. It was an exciting event for all who attended!

5K FOOD DRIVE

Thank you Spring Creek students and staff, for all your donations. We collected over 300 items and \$10 in cash. This all goes to the South Fort Myers Food Bank to help the less fortunate. Thank you again, for your participation. From Shannon O'Neil, 4th grade.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Everyone says, "Parents need to get involved in their children's education." But what does "being involved" really mean?

Much of what teachers are hoping for has to do with communication, such as:

- Introduce yourself to your child's teacher(s).
- Ask your child questions about schoolwork and homework.
- Contact the teacher if you see your child is having problems.
- Attend school events and help out if possible.
- Talk with your child about school everyday and look at their books.

READ to or with your child everyday.

Teachers want you to get involved this school year!



Bus Safety Week

In recognition of bus safety week, please share with your child the importance of safe behavior on the bus and at their assigned bus stop. Some points to remember are:

- Students should remain seated while riding the bus.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
- Students should use 'indoor' voices on the bus.
- Students should be silent at a railroad crossing.
- Stand away from the street when waiting.

Students should use safe behavior when waiting for the bus. Horseplay and fooling around may result in a child being injured.

For more information regarding bus safety rules, please review the Student Handbook pages 9 - 10 with your child. The safety of students is a priority at Spring Creek.



RED RIBBON WEEK

Wear Red Socks on Friday, Oct. 23 to kick off Red Ribbon Week!

More special "Red Days" to follow. During Red Ribbon Week, we want to remind all children of the importance of being drug free and also tobacco free. We want our children to always make healthy choices.

Entertainment Books to Benefit

The Foundation for Lee County Schools

Entertainment Books are available for purchase in the school office. The cost this year is \$30 each. There are many additional coupons this year. All proceeds go to the Foundation which funds grants for our teachers for classroom enhancement.

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.

1. **Blunder** - a silly or careless mistake
2. **Cuisine** - a style or type of food
3. **Allege** - to accuse without showing proof

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 19 - 23
National School Bus Safety Week

Oct. 23 - 31
Red Ribbon Week

10/26 Parent Workshop
Topic: Writing 6 PM

10/28 End of 1st Quarter

10/29 Professional Duty Day - No School

10/30 Hurricane Make-Up Day - No School

10/31 Halloween

11/1 Daylight Savings Time - "Fall Back"

11/3 SAC 8:00 AM PTO Cookie Day & Denim Day

11/5 3rd Grade Parent Conferences

11/6 Report Cards Go Home

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



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