



Spring Creek Elementary

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Principal

Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

Dear Parents,

September is a great month to set expectations for your child. Please be sure:

1. The agenda book (1-5) is signed each evening.
2. Homework is completed, reviewed with you, and tucked away to bring back to school the next day.
3. 20 - 30 minutes of reading time is provided - either independently or with you if the child is a younger student.

Real time, real involvement with you at the helm will help establish good study habits for your child.

Together, the home - school partnership is a strong force for children's academic achievement.

Have a safe and happy weekend. See you at Roaring Readers!

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Our Food Service department is so conscious of providing meals which are healthy and well-balanced. String potatoes are now cut from sweet potatoes and are delicious. Hash brown patties are baked, not fried. There are other examples too.

For those students who bring their lunches, healthy foods are needed as well. We ask parents to please do not send candy bars or sugary food items. Sandwiches, salads, fruit....and perhaps a cookie all make a great and nutritious lunch.

HAND SANITIZERS

Your child may bring an alcohol based GEL hand sanitizer to school. It may only be used in class under adult supervision. Please do not send in sprays. **Only GELS are acceptable.**

SURVEY

Our school is requesting all parents to please take a moment to complete the brief survey from the Music Department and return it to school on Monday via your child's teacher. Thank you very much.

ROARING READERS

Kick off the year with a celebration of reading at Roaring Readers on Monday, September 14th. The Roaring Readers Program will take place in our media center from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This program is an open invitation to parents and their families to come with their children to experience the joys of reading. The mayor of Bonita Springs, Mr. Ben Nelson, will be here to read-aloud one of his favorite stories, as well as Mrs. Gratton and Mrs. Arango with daughter, Carolina Arango. Parents will also be able to read with their children, listen to books on tape and play reading games. A younger readers program will be offered to children of pre-school age. At the end of the evening, every child will receive a free book and a scrumptious apple. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC PROGRAMS

All music extracurricular ensembles begin rehearsal next week.

- **Beginning Band** – Monday after school until 5:00
- **Beginning Band** – Wednesday after school until 5:00
- **Advanced Band** – Tuesday morning before school at 8:00
- **Advanced Orchestra** – Thursday after school until 5:00
- **Chorus** – Tuesday after school until 5:00

"KIDS GET A PLAN"

With the peak of the 2009 Hurricane Season approaching and the tropics remaining active, it is important that all Floridians prepare their families, homes and businesses for natural or man-made disasters. Preparedness is the key to success. Please take time to learn about what happens in your community during a disaster and find ways to help your neighbors, family members and friends be better prepared. The state has Web-based tools where adults and kids can go to build and customize their own personal or business disaster plans. For more information on preparedness and how you can GET A PLAN! please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org or www.KidsGetAPlan.com.

FLU SEASON

Flu season is here.

Prevention is the key to staying "Flu Free".

1. Wash Hands - thoroughly and often
2. With Fever - keep your child home. Do not send your child to school with a fever. A child must be fever free for 24 hours!
3. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing by using your arm or a tissue.
4. Avoid sharing sodas, bottled water, etc.
5. Oh, and wash hands, wash hands, wash hands!

Parents, for the health and welfare of all students, if your child is ill or has a fever, please keep your child home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

According to the Lee County District Policy and the Spring Creek Enrichment Program, it is mandatory for children to be signed in every morning by pre-approved adults. It is necessary for an adult to sign them in due to safety issues. Failure to comply with this can lead to possible dismissal from the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the program director Crystal Salazar at 947-3430 or Mrs. Leonardi at 947-0001. Thank you for your understanding of this important procedure.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION BREAKFAST

Thank you to all those who attended our Volunteer Orientation Breakfast. We had a good turn out and saw some familiar faces, as well as met some new faces. Thank you to Costco and our very own cafeteria for the delicious continental style breakfast. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jennifer Shaffer in the office for more information.

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. **Pilfer** – to steal
2. **Abode** – a home
3. **Punctual** – on time; prompt

Mark Your Calendar

- 9/14 Roaring Readers
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 9/15 5th Grade T-Shirt
Sales Begin
- 9/17 Constitution Day!
- 9/19 Rosh Hashanah
9/15 - 10/15
Hispanic Heritage
Month
- 9/22 Curriculum Night
- 9/24 Interims Go Home
- 9/25 Hurricane
Make-up No School
- 9/28 Yom Kippur
No School
- 9/29 Parent Workshop

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



REMEMBERING.....

Flags are flying at half mast today, as we all take a moment to remember those who lost their lives on that fateful day eight years ago.



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