



Spring Creek Elementary

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

Karen Leonardi
Principal

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Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the families who attended Curriculum Night. The 2nd grade teachers and students celebrated the grand opening of Kids Town, USA. The Kinder team presented lessons using interactive software with children... amazing technology at their "fingertips". The 4th grade gave an overview of FCAT expectations and Florida Writes. Power point presentations were given in 1st and 3rd where parents could see an overview of the curriculum, and the 5th grade ended their session with the annual "old fashion ice cream social". The heavy rains ended before the first session and attendance for both schedules was tremendous.

Interims go home today. These brief updates are a signpost to your child's achievement so far. Please review the interim carefully. If there is a concern or an area of poor performance... Don't Wait! Schedule a conference with your child's teacher immediately. The home and school working together can bring about positive change.

Keep your child reading. Ask your child to use the "Defining Moments" words in sentences. Remember, you were your child's first teacher and continue to be a teacher every day. Have a wonderful weekend.

TITLE - I SIPS TIPS

Parents can help their children do well in school by being involved in their child's school. Even if you may not have a lot of free time or you can not attend every school event, there are still many ways you can be involved in your child's school. You can:

- Talk with your child's teacher and other school staff
- Be ready for and attend parent-teacher conferences
- Attend open house and special school events
- Volunteer in the school setting when possible
- When possible, eat lunch with your child during his/her scheduled lunch time

You don't need to do it all! Remember, the most important thing is that you get involved. It's up to you to decide how to do it.

BUS STOP SAFETY

If your child rides a bus, Please remind him/her to stand away from the street when waiting. Running and playing around at the bus stop is dangerous.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Please help your child complete a nomination form for his/her special teacher and have your child sign his/her name. If you as a parent wish to nominate someone, more forms are available at the office. Any teacher on staff may be nominated including classroom and ESE teachers, reading, math, science, resource teachers, music teacher and media specialist. Forms are due Friday, October 2, 2009. You may turn the completed form into the office or place a stamp on them and mail them yourself.

Faculty Members Continue Education

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teacher at Spring Creek Elementary is certified, but has been assigned one or more classes outside her area of endorsement and is required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation: Deborah Whitmire.

In addition, the following faculty members are engaged in training to add the endorsement English as a Second Language (ESOL) to their current certificate: Candace Cooney, Kimberly Donnelly, Kelly Farrison, Leah Hall, Mary Herman, Tera Knapp, Dana Long, Cynthia Lott, Kristina Mintz, Christopher Parfitt, Catherine Radu, Crystal Salazar, Renee Walsh, Nicole Westerlund.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOPS

Our Parent Involvement workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. The topic is Good Readers Think and will be presented by Bonnie Roddis, Reading Specialist. This is appropriate for 3rd through 5th grade students. Two separate sessions will be offered, one in English and one in Spanish. We hope to see you there!

**NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
Friday, Sept. 25th**

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Would you like to learn more about our Odyssey of the Mind program? Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition which fosters creativity, problem solving, and teambuilding skills for children of all ages. Students who join a team are required to meet for practice one or two times per week, before or after school. It is necessary for them to be available for competition on three dates: January 30, 2010, March 6, 2010 and April 10, 2010. All interested students in grades K through 5 and their parents are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009, in the Media Center. We will begin our meeting at 5:30 PM. If you need more information, please contact Mrs. Graziani by calling the school.

FREE / REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Last year's "carry over grace period" is coming to an end on **Sept. 30, 2009.**

Each year a new application must be filled out for each family. Applications are available in the office or you can also complete this application online at <https://rocketscan.leeschools.net/>

Our nation's families are going through difficult economic times... please do not hesitate to fill out this application.

BONITA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY KIDS K- 5 PROGRAM

Saturday, Sept. 26th at 10 a.m. Puppeteer and storyteller Katie Adams weaves the story of Johnny Appleseed from the early days of the United States. Puppets crafted like old fashion toys, a story quilt, and traditional music are all part of the show. **Registration is required.** Phone (239) 992-0101 to register!

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. **Ornate** - fancy
2. **Ponder** - to think about deeply; to study
3. **Ravenous** - extremely hungry

Mark Your Calendar

- 9/24 Interims
Go Home
- 9/25 Hurricane
Make-up No School
- 9/28 Yom Kippur
No School
- 9/29 SAC Meeting 8 AM
Parent Workshop 6 PM
- 10/6 SAC 8 AM
PTO Cookie Day
- 10/7 Individual Pictures
(Uniforms as Usual)
Oct. 4 - Oct. 10
Fire Prevention Week
- 10/12 PTO Pizza Night
Roaring Readers 6 PM
Columbus Day
- 10/15 1st & 3rd Gr.
Vision Screenings

Breakfast Menu

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

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

