

SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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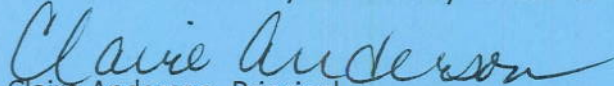
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to head into our season of FCAT testing, please know that our teachers are working hard every day to make sure that your children are ready! Rather than "teaching to the test", teachers strive all year long to ensure that your children are learning the necessary skills, both for FCAT and for life!

I would like to remind you that possession of a cell phone during FCAT will invalidate your child's exam per test guidelines.

Remember that our school hours are 8:30 to 2:50. Tardies and/or early departures impact your child's learning. We appreciate your support by making sure that your children are present throughout the entire day. The district's automated attendance calls are made daily starting at 6:00 p.m. for unexcused absences.

We continue to focus on safety. Our safety committee meets monthly to address safety issues. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.


Claire Anderson, Principal
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Important Dates

- 2/1 – Student Council Meeting – 7:30 a.m.
- 2/6 – Progress Reports go home
- 2/6 - Black History Read-In
- 2/7 – SAC Meeting – 12:00 – Guidance Hallway
- 2/7 – PTO Meeting – 6:00p.m. – Media Center
- 2/10 – Valentine's Dance – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
- 2/11 – Math Mini Mu – 8:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Cobb Middle School
- 2/15 – Student Council Meeting – 7:30 a.m.
- 2/15 – Spirit Night @ McDonalds on N. Monroe and Crowder Rd. – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 2/21 - 8:00 - 9:00 - Business Partner Breakfast
- 2/21 - 6:00 - Appreciation Event - Volunteers & Mentors
- 2/24 – Black History Program – 9:00 a.m.
- 2/28 – 4th Grade Writes Upon Request

SAC (School Advisory Council)

(Shedric Triplett-Chairperson)

As we look to the bright future of Springwood Owls, we pause to give our condolences to the family of past Principal Mrs. Brita Darling. Without her leadership, we would not be where we are today.

Springwood Vision Statement

"We all will learn to see through the eyes, hearts, and minds of others and enjoy life-long learning."

Springwood Mission Statement

The Mission of Springwood Elementary School is to provide all students with a safe, positive and challenging learning environment that enables all learners to become well-prepared, productive and contributing citizens in the 21st century. It is our objective to recognize and develop individuality, self-growth and responsibility using a variety of strategies and cooperative efforts throughout the school, home and community.

Upcoming Fundraisers (Tina Sweeney)

February 10th – Valentine's Dance - 6-8pm (cafeteria)

Tickets are on sale now through Feb. 9th. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

February 15th - Spirit Night at McDonalds - 5-8pm
(McDonalds on N. Monroe and Crowder.)

PTO News (Brenda Blair, President)

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends of Springwood, Well...we're gearing up in this new year and there are so many wonderful events on the horizon, so be on the look out! To all of our wonderful parents, guardians and community partners who have participated, volunteered and been "on-call" when needed...THANK YOU! It truly makes a difference here at Springwood. It also means a great deal when we have so many who are willing to donate of their time and talent to our school community! Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for February 7th and this will be our first meeting in the new year, so we encourage all to come out and experience what PTO has to offer and find out ways to get involved. If you would like to contact PTO, please call the front office at 488-6225, or e-mail us at Springwood.pto@gmail.com. As always, we would love to have your input and ideas! PTO continues to look for valuable ways to work with our parents and students. Remember... "Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM)!

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Possession of beepers, MP3 players, IPODS, recording devices, headphones, radios, video game machines, and CD players are **NOT** allowed on campus. These items will be confiscated, and will be returned only to parents. Cell phones may be on campus but must be turned to "silent" and kept in backpacks at all times while on school property. There is a phone in the front office that students may use in the event of an emergency.



Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling all dads, brothers, grandfathers and uncles! If you are interested in joining the Watch D.O.G. group please call Paul Sweeney @ 536-5898 or Tina Sweeney @ 488-6225.

IMAX (LeeAnn Hewett)

Second Grade will be going to the IMAX on February 16th. We will be viewing "Under the Sea". This film goes along with our Unit 4 "Look Again" and really well with our story "How to find an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures."

Reading Buddies (Danielle Rioux)

Second and fifth grade classes recently teamed up for Literacy Week. Second grade students had the opportunity to pick a reading buddy from fifth grade classes and partnered up to practice reading several stories from their Imagine It! Book. Mrs. Rioux's class partnered with Ms. Crowley's, Mrs. Turner's with Mrs. Morris', Ms. Sperling's with Mrs. Harvey's, and Mrs. E. Baker's with Ms. J. Baker's. All classes thoroughly enjoyed getting to partner read with other students and hope to do it again soon!


Challenger Learning Center (Christin Yori)

On February 16th 3rd grade is going to the Challenger Learning Center to view the amazing story of "orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue and raise them" -- saving endangered species one life at a time -- in Born to be Wild 3D. With New Horizons, a planetarium show, we will experience breathtaking landscapes to violent volcanic eruptions to the sheer beauty of Saturn's rings, explore the planets and moons of the solar system in a majestic journey through our celestial neighborhood.

PBS (Positive Behavior Support) (Becky Wert)

The Springwood PBS Reward store is now open and is located in the Guidance Hallway! There are items available for students to purchase using the **blue tickets** they receive from teachers and staff at school. The blue tickets are given out to students for good behavior and for following the school rules and expectations. Students come with their class to purchase items at the store once every other week. Remind your child to keep earning those blue tickets for good behavior so they can purchase something special at the PBS Reward Store!

Tornado Drill

 We had a tornado drill and a fire drill this past Tuesday. Ask your child to demonstrate the "duck and cover" position! Thanks for working with us to keep our little owls safe!

Visitor's Pass

Parents arriving on campus at any time who wish to go beyond the gates for any reason must report to the office for a visitor's pass. No exceptions, please!

Labels for Education (Rick Smith)

Please remember to bring in your labels! Our goal this year is to collect 10,000 points; please see the website LabelsForEducation.com for a list of participating products. You can drop off labels in your child's classroom or the front office. If you'd like to help, please contact Rick Smith at 562-5096 or via email at pebco2009@live.com.

BoxTops (Jonnie Ganus)

REMEMBER BOXTOPS!!! 😊

I collect them from the office each Wednesday by 11 am. Please turn them in prior to that time. We need 40% to meet our goal. **If each person would submit 2 boxtops per month we would make/pass the goal!**

End-of-Year Attendance - Students who have 5 or more unexcused absences and/or tardies for any grading period (includes leaving early), will have **NO** marked on their report card for the overall status.

FETC

We are excited that the following teachers and staff members were able to attend the Florida Educational Technology Conference in Orlando this past Wednesday and Thursday:

Betsy Bruggner
Mignette Aker
Amy Fletcher
Katie Dlugokienski
Tara Lynch
Kaitlyn Seller
Laura Snyder
Tina Austin

They had the opportunity to preview new technology as well as learn new ways to utilize the technology which we currently have in place at Springwood!

Fred George Road - Traffic Safety

We are having reports of some parents pulling off the right hand side of the road past the crossing guard and letting the children out to go to the crossing guard. Please pull in to the drop off lanes in order to keep your child safe. We also have parents who are using the bus entrance as a turn-around. We have asked our SRO to help us monitor both areas.

Springwood Parent Listserv

If you are interested in receiving school news (regular and emergency notices) via e-mail, please visit our web page at <http://www.springwood.leon.k12.fl.us> and sign up!

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