



LINTON SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

February 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Linton Springs Families,

Congratulations to our **Thinkin Robot Stars** for their teamwork, energy and enthusiasm as they competed on Saturday, January 28th in the state finals of the First Lego League at UMBC. We were one of five teams representing Carroll County and were in competition with middle school students as well as other elementary school aged students. Over 70 teams from across the state competed to see who would represent Maryland in the national competition. What a great group of students! This was the first year our school sponsored a team. Students and their coaches worked hard as a team supporting each other and focusing on doing their best. Thank you to the parents, coaches and Mr. Litzau for their time working with such a great group of students. We are proud of our team!!

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to the PTA meeting combined with the Common Core presentation. We were pleased to see 46 parents in attendance. We want to thank Mr. Bill Barnes for his expertise in providing current Common Core information and answering some really good questions posed by parents at the meeting. We recorded that meeting on video and are working towards making it available if anyone would like to see it again. Thanks also go out to Mrs. Laura Hunovice, Math Resource Teacher and Mrs. Terry Fischer, ELA Specialist for their work in preparing and presenting valuable information. At the end of the meeting, I asked for some feedback about our next steps. Most responses preferred evening workshops (19 votes), but using technology such as a wiki space or webinar was only 2 points behind with 17 votes. After school workshops with daycare provided received only 5 votes and school day workshops received 6 votes. I know that this is a small sampling of our school, but it's a start in opening doors in communication. I hope to put together a parent survey online to gather more information in the near future. We will continue to move forward with technology. I welcome anyone with expertise or interest in helping to start a wiki page to contact me at school. I will also soon be activating the Principal's Page on our school website to talk about specific topics or issues. Please send me an email with a question or topic idea for that first posting. I look forward to utilizing technology to help support our school community. I will let you know once the wiki is up and running.

Please note that the Maryland State Assessments-MSA- will be administered in March. Please put these dates on your calendar: Grades 3-5 MSA **March 14,15,20,21** and Grade 5 Science

MSA April 16- May 4. We ask that you try not to schedule doctors' appointments or plan vacations during this time. More information about these tests will be included in our March newsletter.

Our next PTA meeting and presentation will be on **March 15th at 7 P.M.** The topic is STEM. We will be having another interactive presentation to communicate with our school community. We will be sharing what STEM looks like in an elementary school classroom. Please mark **March 29th** on your calendar also. On that date, we will be hosting a **Family STEM/Math Night** where families will come and participate together in fun hands on learning opportunities. We encourage you and your children to come out and enjoy the opportunity to work together to solve a problem/challenge.

February is jumping at Linton Springs this month, first with the Jump Rope Challenge on February 17th and then with the Jump Rope for the Heart on February 29th. Jump Rope for the Heart is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. We are only doing the online portion of the fundraiser. We will not be collecting money at school. All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association. As part of this fundraiser we earn soccer balls and jump ropes. These will be donated to a school in Baltimore whose students participate in the fundraiser, but they never raise enough money to win prizes. We would like to share our prizes with them. Paperwork was sent home in early January to participate in the fundraiser. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Thank you to those of you who are participating.

We are looking for some parents interested in helping to support our computer labs. We have a need for volunteers to monitor students who will be using the computer lab in small groups. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know. We appreciate all that our parents do to support our school.

Thank you for your support!

Pat Reed
Principal

Kay Hayes
Assistant Principal

Refrigerator Page

Early Dismissal Days - Early dismissal days are planned days throughout the school year. Don't let them creep up on you and find your self at a loss for daycare or for someone to meet your child at the bus stop. Put these dates on your calendar now, and also let your daycare provider know.

February 6th - Parent/Teacher Conference Night - 2:50 - 6:30pm

February 10th - Early Dismissal

February 17th - Jump Rope Challenge - all grades during Specials

February 20th - Schools closed for students and staff

February 21st - Schools closed for students

February 24th - Career Day for 5th Grade

February 27th - March 2nd - Book Fair

February 29th - Jump Rope for Heart - all grades during Specials

March 1st - Family Book Fair Night

2011 - 1012 Early Dismissal Days:

Friday, February 10, 2012

Monday, March 5, 2012

Friday, May 11, 2012

Thursday, June 14, 2012



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are divided into two groups:

Level I Volunteers:

Description – Activity takes place under direct supervision of a CCPS staff member and/or involves no solitary student contact. Activity takes place with a large group of students (twenty or more) at one time for a short period of time. Examples include, but are not limited to: guest speakers/presenter/readers, event ticket collectors and concession stand operators. Requirement Checklist: 1) Annually register by completing a Volunteer Information form (only one per school year). 2) Sign in when you arrive to volunteer so your service will be credited to our location, and sign out before leaving. #) Wear volunteer identification lanyard with badge.

Level II Volunteers:

Description – Activity takes place under direct or limited supervision of a CCPS staff member or there is unsupervised time with students. Examples include, but are not limited to: classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, and mentors. Requirement Checklist: 1) Attend annual volunteer training at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering to allow time for the screening process and data entry. School days are defined as days when schools are open for students. Additional school days may be required to complete the screening process. 2) Complete a volunteer information form (both sides) 3) Sign in when you arrive to volunteer so your service will be credited to our location and sign out before leaving to avoid difficulties when volunteering at the same site or at other schools. 4) Wear a volunteer lanyard and badge.

Volunteer Training obtained during the 2010-2011 school year is valid through September 30, 2011.

If you would like to be a volunteer, you can attend any training session offered for Carroll County Public Schools. The CCPS website (www.carrollk12.org) has a complete listing of Volunteer Training Sessions.

Upcoming Volunteer Trainings:

February 1st – Winfield Elementary – 6:30pm

February 8th – Piney Ridge Elementary – 6:30pm

February 9th – Oklahoma Road Middle – 9:00am

February 9th – Carrolltowne Elementary – 7:00pm



Please contact the school office at 410-751-3280 before 8:30am to request homework. Absences are considered unexcused if a note is not received within 5 days. When sending in a note, please have the child's first and last name, teachers name and dates absent, and the reason for the absence.

Kindergarten Registration – Registration for kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year will be held the week of March 26-30, 2012 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1st, 2012. Parents will need to present the following at the time of registration:

- ❖ **A copy of your child's birth certificate or other legal document to verify your child's legal name and birth date**
 - ❖ **Verification of residence such as a public utility bill or a lease agreement**
 - ❖ **Specific address from which the child will be transported to and from school**
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Inclement Weather Policy – In the event that it becomes necessary to close schools for the entire day because of inclement weather (snow or heat), the announcement will be made no later than 6:00AM through the following media sources: WTTR, Channel 21 and Channel 3 (Westminister), as well as the major network TV stations (Channels 2, 11 and 13). (For other areas and stations, please check your school calendar, page 24.) If necessary to close all schools early, the notification will be made through the same stations as for the closing of schools.

Pupils and parents are urged **NOT to call the school**, radio stations or the Pupil Transportation Office to inquire about school closing and bus service since calling handicaps the handling of announcements.

Please Note! When schools are closed all day or closed early, there will be no after school or evening events. This includes tutoring, meetings, planned special events, performances, and Use of Facility arrangements.

Weather Reminders - As the weather turns cooler, please label your child's coats and jackets! Remind your child to check the lost and found during lunch. At the end of each month the clothes will be donated. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess & PE classes.



As we settle into the New Year we are looking forward to having the opportunity to meet YOU and YOUR FAMILY!

Hot Spots Extended Care Programs of Linton Springs Elementary School is excited to share that we are **currently accepting enrollments** for the 2011-2012 school year! Please reach out to your Director, **Ms. Ashley Marchowsky** at pdhslintonsprings@hsecp.com or by phone at **443-375-1760** to schedule your tour of the program **TODAY!**

During the month of **February**, Hot Spots Students are diving deep into the curriculum and challenging themselves! Students will be creating their own sets and props in Studio of Design to utilize, while shooting their own Hot Spots stop-motion film during the **Film Directors week!** In Newsroom, students will identify characters and a plot as they write their own stories during **Authors Week!** They will have the opportunity to illustrate their stories from the previous week during **Illustrators Week.** Hot Spots Students will also explore and learn about the foreign country of their choice during **Travel Agents Week!**

We thank you in advance for your time and look forward to speaking with you! Please refer to www.HSECP.com for further information!

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section 1 of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of the students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on December 5, 2011. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.

The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2012-2013 school year is February 1, 2012. Completed applications must be postmarked or personally delivered by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of February 1, 2012 will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER AT 410-751-3106.



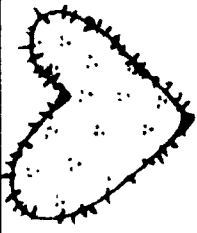
Winfield Fire Dept.
Safety Message

Please remember to test your smoke alarms monthly, change the batteries twice a year when time changes “Change your Clocks, Change your Batteries”, and to replace smoke alarms every 10 years or when the manufacturer suggests. You should have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home including the basement and garage. In new construction, a smoke alarm should be located inside of each bedroom. If you are deaf or hard of hearing there are special smoke alarms with a bright strobe light to warn you of a hazardous situation. You may request one of these alarms through the Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland. Their website is www.fabscom.org and actually all requests for the entire State of Maryland are being handled by the Winfield FD at this time.

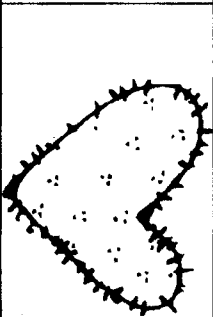
Be Safe!

Debbie Gartrell-Kemp
Prevention & Life Safety Chair
WCVFD

FEBRUARY 2012 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Grilled Cheese Pizza Soup or Chicken Salad Sandwich Corn Fruit	2 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Dinner roll or Chicken Patty Green Beans Fruit	3 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Or Hot Dog French Fries Fruit
6 Pizzas or Tuna Sandwich Seasoned French Fries Fruit	7 Hard or Soft Taco or Corn Dog Mexican Rice Corn Fruit	8 Cheeseburger or Hamburger Or Hot Dog Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Fruit	9 Chicken Nuggets or Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fruit	10 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Biscuit Hasbrown Baked Apples Juice
13 Mexican Pizza or Cheesesticks Hot Vegetable Fruit	14 Heart Shape Nuggets or Chicken Salad Sandwich Tator Tots Fruit Sugar Cookie	15 Soft or Hard Shell Taco or Hot Dog Mexican Rice Corn Fruit	16 Spaghetti w/meatballs or Chicken Tenders Dinner roll Green Beans Fruit	17 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Hot Dog French Fries Fruit
20 SCHOOLS CLOSED	21 SCHOOLS CLOSED	22 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla or Popcorn Chicken Seasoned French Fries Fruit	23 Chicken Patty or Chicken Salad Sandwich Green Beans Fruit	24 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Hot Dog Salad Fruit
27 Stuffed Crust Pizza or Tuna Sandwich French Fries Fruit	28 Meatball Sub or Taco Rice Pilaf Fruit	29 Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dog Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Fruit		Student Lunch ...2.00 Student Breakfast ...1.25 Adult Lunch ...3.25 Milk/Juice ...50 ½ pint of milk served with each menu. Peanut Butter Sandwich is available daily

FEBRUARY 2012 BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	7 French toast sticks w/syrup or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	1 Sausage, egg & cheese Bagel or Plain Bagel or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Breakfast Pocket or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Pancake w/syrup or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk
13 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	14 French toast sticks w/syrup or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Sausage, egg & cheese bagel or Plain Bagel Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Breakfast Pocket or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	10 No Breakfast Early Dismissal
20 SCHOOLS CLOSED	21 SCHOOLS CLOSED	15 Sausage, egg & cheese bagel or Plain Bagel Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Breakfast Pocket or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	17 Donut or Yogurt w/Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
27 Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	28 French toast sticks w/syrup or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	22 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Pocket or Yogurt w/toast Fruit or Juice Milk	24 Sausage, egg & cheese bagel or Plain Bagel Fruit or Juice Milk
29 Sausage, egg & cheese bagel or Plain Bagel Fruit or Juice Milk				Breakfast with Milk \$1.25 Milk only .50