



October 22, 2009



Springbrook School

I'm looking forward to walking to school tomorrow with Yui Watanabe. What a great way to encourage the healthy habits of daily exercise. Please join us for **Walk To School Day** on Friday, October 23rd. Also mark your calendars for a Movie Night on Thursday, October 29th; more details to follow.

Next week is **Red Ribbon Week**. Our students will participate in a number of activities that promote positive and healthy choices. We will recognize student commitments to a healthy lifestyle with red wristbands, red licorice, and wearing red on Wednesday. We traditionally collect pennies that are donated to Pennies for Prevention; this is a local organization of community resources to support Irvine youth throughout the city. Our 6th grade students and staff take a leadership role in Red Ribbon Week since they are currently participating in DARE. The DARE program is a 10-week program taught by an Irvine Police Department Officer. We are fortunate to again have Officer Christine D'Alena as our DARE officer; it is good to have strong community support for our students.

Conference Week also begins tomorrow for Upper Grade classes. Due to the larger class size of Upper Grade Classes, they have an additional minimum day on Friday, October 23rd; they will be dismissed at 1:15. Please use the calendar below as a reference for next week.

	PM Kindergarten	1 st – 3 rd Grade	4 th – 6 th Grade
Friday, Oct. 23	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 2:12	8:15 – 1:15
Monday, Oct. 26	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1: 16	8:15 – 1: 15
Tuesday, Oct. 27	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1: 16	8:15 – 1: 15
Wednesday, Oct. 28	9:55 – 1:15	8:15 – 1: 16	8:15 – 1: 15
Thursday, Oct. 29	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1: 16	8:15 – 1: 15
Friday, Oct. 30	Non-Student Day	Non-Student Day	Non-Student Day

I am proud of our staff and how well they know the students and are able to design an instructional plan to meet their needs. It should be an informative time for you; please use this valuable time to share characteristics about your child that you feel are important for your teacher to know.

Not only does your teacher know your child and is equipped to meet their needs, but every teacher and instructional aide at Springbrook meets the **Federal No Child Left Behind** legal definition of being "Highly Qualified". While some schools across the nation may struggle to find highly qualified staff, we are fortunate to have all of our teachers and instructional aides compliant with legal requirements. According to federal law, Title 1, Part A 111(h)(6)(A) parents always have the right to request information about the qualifications of their child's teacher. Please direct any such inquiries to my office.





We appreciate those who have been able to be involved in PTA. The **Springbrook Pledge Drive** packet is due at the end of the month. This is our fall fundraiser. We hope to raise \$20,000 for educational supplies, art and music lessons for primary grades, new library books, additional student computers, and student assemblies without the hassle of traditional fundraisers that involve ordering supplies and selling products to friends and families. Your donation is tax deductible and 100% of what is raised is given directly to our PTA. We will accept donations from friends and family who are interested in giving a tax donation to our school. We are encouraging classrooms to have 100% participation; any level of donation is appreciated!

In today's conduit you are also receiving the **School Site Council Ballot**. Please return one copy of the ballot per family by Thursday, October 29th. We are able to elect up to two parents to the School Site Council.

This may be your last copy of the printed **Springbrook Newsletter**. You should have begun receiving an electronic version of the newsletter each time I have sent out a hard copy. The newsletter is also posted on our school's webpage. It is our intent to reduce the number of paper copies we are producing this year. At parent conferences, the teacher will have a copy of their roster and if you would like to still receive the bimonthly newsletter in the conduit, let your teacher know and they will indicate on their roster.

Congratulations to our **Boys and Girls Harvest Cup** teams! Our Girls team was eliminated in the first round. Our Boys team pulled off an exciting win in the first round by closing the lead and tying the game in the last few minutes of the game. They went on to win in the Shootout with goals from Ryan, Altay, Austin, and Keaton. They were eliminated on Sunday. Thanks to Mr. Parker and Ms. Lopiccolo for coaching the teams.

Our **Coach Wooden Building Block** for October is Friendship. Next month we will teach and model Loyalty and Cooperation to the students. Our Irvine Unified Core Value is Compassion.

Tomorrow is the last **'Colors of Fall' Spirit Day**. Students are encouraged to wear their Springbrook Spiritwear or bright fall colors each Friday this month. In November, we will celebrate our servicemen with Veteran's day and Red, White, and Blue Fridays.

Have a great weekend!

Bob Curley

