



October 8, 2009



Springbrook School

October is full of a variety of different activities that teach our children safe and healthy habits, promote reading, allow families to meet and gather, and inform you of your child’s progress. These activities include Red Ribbon Week, Walk To School Day, Book Fair, Conference Week, and a social to support 6th Grade Outdoor Ed. We begin next week with a couple of disaster drills.

On Tuesday, October 13th we will conduct a **Reunification Drill** with our primary students. Students in the 1st through 6th grades, will evacuate the building assemble on the field. The 4th through 6th grade students will return to class and be dismissed at their regular dismissal time, 2:50pm. The 1st through 3rd grade students will remain on the field until they are checked out by a parent, guardian, or emergency contact. It is important in the event of an emergency, that we have accurate records of when each student leaves campus and who has checked them out. You will need a completed pink Student Release Ticket in order for your teacher to release the child to you.

To check out your child, we ask that you do the following:

- Find the table with the initial of your last name.
- Wait in line until you have a chance to sign out your children
- Receive a pink ticket for each child you sign out.
- Give the pink ticket to your teacher or a staff member to release your child.

The form is titled "Student Release Ticket" and includes the following fields: "This Ticket allows _____ (Parent Name)", "to pick up _____ (Student Name)", "from _____'s class.", and "(Date/Time) _____ (Initials) _____". There is a small logo in the top left corner of the form.

We will begin the drill at 1:45 in the afternoon and will begin dismissing students at this time. We anticipate that it may take 60 – 90 minutes to dismiss the students in an orderly fashion while keeping accurate records for each student. Please plan for this additional time next Tuesday afternoon.

Our second disaster drill next week will be an earthquake drill in conjunction with the **Great California Shakeout**. On this morning we will conduct a Duck and Cover drill, evacuate to the grass field, and then have our different emergency teams run through their responsibilities. Our drill will be part of a district wide emergency drill. The students will be on the field for approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Last Tuesday, the upper grade students had the opportunity to listen to a concert sponsored by ‘**Meet the Musicians**’. The ‘Meet the Musicians’ program features musicians from different sections of the orchestra from the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. Each year a different music group performs and teaches the students about their specific section of the orchestra. This year we were entertained and taught by C.A.P.E., the Contemporary Artist Percussion Ensemble, members of the Percussion Section of the orchestra. This program is jointly funded by the Philharmonic Society of Orange County and the Music Performance Fund.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be set up in the Library and begin on Monday, October 12th. Students will be able to purchase books during the day when their class visits the library and Thursday night, October 15th, from 6:45 to 7:30 for students to visit with their parents. The Book Fair concludes Friday, October 16th. Proceeds from the Book Fair support our PTA and Springbrook classrooms.





In conjunction with the city of Irvine, elementary schools are again collecting cans this month. Our **Cans for Cash** drive will continue through the end of October. This year instead of receiving a token donation for every pound of cans recycled through Springbrook, we will be given the full California Recycling Value for each can. You may drop the cans off at the end of the parking lot near the recycle container.

Tomorrow is your last chance to be a member of School Site Council for this year. As outlined in California Education Code, Springbrook must create a School Site Council to review Springbrook's annual plan and our progress on our goals. We are required to create a ballot and hold an election for those interested in serving on School Site Council. It is a two-year commitment. If you are interested in serving on the School Site Council, please email me a brief paragraph indicating your qualifications to serve by tomorrow, Friday, October 9th, to bcurlley@iusd.org. You may also stop by the office and drop off a hard copy of your introductory paragraph.

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, music lessons for primary grades, new library books, additional student computers, and student assemblies without the hassle of coordinating order forms, jockeying for prizes, or delivering merchandise. Your donation is tax deductible and 100% of what is raised is given directly to our PTA.

Over the last year we have been sending home a hard copy of the **Springbrook newsletter**, posting it online and sending out an email version. 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; if you would like to still receive the bimonthly newsletter in the conduit, let your teacher know and they will indicate on their roster.

Our **Coach Wooden Building Block** for October is Friendship. In the journey to achieve their Personal Best, our friends Inch the Inchworm and Miles the Mouse meet Charlie the Chimp who teaches them that Friendship begins by treating others with respect. When respect is returned, friendship flourishes. Our related district Core Value is Compassion, showing empathy to others.

Tomorrow is '**Colors of Fall**' **Spirit Day**. Students are encouraged to wear their Springbrook Spiritwear or bright fall colors each Friday of the month.

Have a great weekend!



Bob Curley

