



October 16, 2008

It was great to see so many of you at **Family Fun Night** a few weeks ago! We enjoyed good pizza, time together, and an entertaining show. Most students winning the Teacher Raffle will spend next Wednesday afternoon with their teacher; Brianna Cardenas will soon preside over the school as Principal of the Day. We want to thank our PTA, and particularly Yeganeh Farsoni, for coordinating the events for the evening and bringing our community together.

We have two more student events coming up next week. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be set up in the Library and begin on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to purchase books during the day when their class visits the library and Wednesday night, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00 to 6:00 for students to visit with their parents. The Book Fair concludes Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Book Fair support our PTA and Springbrook classrooms.

**Red Ribbon Week** is also next 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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** is the last week of this month, October 27<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The students will be dismissed from school at 1:16 each day; there will be no school on Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> so that teachers have extended time to meet with the parents. Due to larger class size, the upper grade classes have one additional minimum day which will be Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please use the calendar below as a reminder.

	PM Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Friday, Oct. 24	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 2:12	<b>8:15 – 1:15</b>
Monday, Oct. 27	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1:16	8:15 – 1:16
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Non-Student Day	Non-Student Day	Non-Student Day
Wednesday, Oct. 29	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1:16	8:15 – 1:16
Thursday, Oct. 30	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1:16	8:15 – 1:16
Friday, Oct. 31	10:15 – 1:35	8:15 – 1:16	8:15 – 1:16

I am proud of our staff and excited about what they will share with you during conferences. Your teachers know your child very well and are able to clearly articulate your child's strengths and areas of growth. 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 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 in this compliance category. 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.

In conjunction with the city of Irvine, elementary schools are collecting cans again this year. Our **Cans for Cash** drive will continue through the end of October. For every pound of cans recycled through Springbrook, we will be given one dollar in donation. You may drop the cans off at the front office near the blue recycle container.

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.

Please do your part to keep Springbrook a **safe environment** for our students. To ensure safety on campus:

- Drop your children off *after* 8:00AM and pick them up within fifteen minutes after the school day ends.
- Supervise your children while you wait with them before and after school.
- Refrain from bringing pet dogs on campus, Animal Control Services through Irvine Police Department may be called and you may be cited.

To ensure safety on side streets and in our parking lot:

- Proceed at a safe speed and yield to pedestrians.
- Park in parking stalls; do not leave your car parked in the red zones in the parking lot, this area is only for loading and unloading.
- Do not jaywalk across Springbrook North, use the crosswalk, with a crossing guard at Chenile.
- Walk around the parking lot instead of walking between parked cars.
- Do not double-park on Falling Star or Springbrook North, you may be ticketed by Irvine Police Department

Thank you for your efforts to keep Springbrook safe for all children.





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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

