



Springfield Preschool
Parent Letter
10/4/22

Dear Parents,

The color of the month for October is **Orange!** We are glad you chose Springfield School District. We strive to be **'Simply the Best'!**

Our October Pre-K **Citizens of the Month** are: Kace Kuykendall & Anastasia McCallum! **SPS is a PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Program, and we strive to recognize outstanding behavior.** These returning students are models of citizenship, character & responsibility! These students will receive a new HORNS T-shirt & Certificate of Recognition! Congratulations Kace & Anastasia!

Count--We are finishing October count. We don't ever stress perfect attendance at the preschool level, but we do take attendance daily. We appreciate it when you let us know when your child is going to be absent.

Family Engagement activities this month will include holding our first "Accumulation Project" October 19th for Red Team & October 20th for the Blue, White & Yellow Teams. Please plan to come and stay for 10-15 minutes at drop off --you're your kiddos to teach you what they have been learning!

Preschool Pictures will be taken **October 12th**. The camera person will be at the preschool from 10:00-12:30! We are using a new photographer this year so things are a little different. She will give us sheets to send home with the students that have a specific code for them. It allows them to look at their pictures before ordering. She will also give us order forms once she has uploaded the pictures and they are ready to be ordered. Parents can order online with the code provided or can return the paper order form with cash or check.

Elementary PTC Thursday--We will have preschool on October 27th. Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **November 1st**, and that day the elementary has school! :)

General Health Appraisals are past due. If you have the form in your Tuesday Express, we do not have yours. You have this week to get it done. That means if you **HAVE NOT** turned in your child's current General Health Appraisal, he/she will be excluded from preschool starting Monday, October 17 until you have turned it in.

Homecoming week we will be handing out tickets next week for the High school volleyball game with McClave @ 4 p.m. and for the High School football game with McClave @ 7p.m. This is a great way to too support Springfield Longhorns with your family. Welcome to Springfield Schools! We are glad you chose us!

GO LONGHORNS!!!!!!!!!!

NAEYC Audit—We are expecting our auditor next week! We have worked since January, 2022 preparing for this quality audit, and expect to renew our national accreditation, so if you see a stranger in our building next week, say hi! He will be evaluating our program, our teaching, and our classrooms!

Scholastic Book Orders will be ordered from preschool each month. For those of you who are computer savvy, you can place your order online! You just need to use this Online Code: **GRXZC** for Springfield Preschool. We will still get the bonus points

for your order! Let us know if you like it! For those of you who ordered books this month, your order is included. The book order is due **October 13th**. Somehow we did not get the paper book order this week.

Springfield Preschool Parent Council is a voluntary advisory group required by CDE to serve SPS. Membership is outlined in our Colorado Preschool Program Handbook, and includes public health, private child care, parents, local business, department of social services, and other stakeholders in the early childhood community. Our next meeting will be **October 27th at 11:00 a.m.** Parent Council will meet at least six times throughout the year. We will schedule the rest of the meetings for the year on Friday. Please consider serving on our advisory council. We ask you for a two year commitment to guiding the programs here at SPS.

Please obey all posted traffic signs in front of SPS. No U Turns in front of the building! Please just take a little more time and go around the block.

FYI:

FIRE SAFETY—This month we are studying Fire Safety. The Springfield Volunteer Firemen and fire truck will be visiting preschool next week and we will teach practice fire drills. Pre-K will ride the bus to the Fire Station.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT—This month Sheriff Aaron Shiplett will join us as a safe helper... from our Great Body Shop curriculum!

THERAPY GROUPS—Speech and Motor groups are up and running! We appreciate the BOCES specialists: Tiffany West is our Preschool Speech Therapist, with support from Jill Negrete, SLP. Julie Thompson, COTA, will also be in a couple days each week for Motor Group. Ms. Deb is in each class a couple of times each week.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES—**November 1st** at Preschool. There will be NO Preschool on Thursday, October 27th as we prepare for conferences and complete our first checkpoints. We can share the evidence we have gathered for your child/children. We will post a sign up sheet by your child's sign in book. You can sign up for a time that works for you. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN APPOINTMENT.** We strive for 100% participation.

HOLIDAY PARTIES--If you want to plan a Halloween Party it will be on Thursday 10/25 for White team and 10/31 for Red, Blue and Yellow team. As stated in our Parent Handbook, teachers do not plan holiday parties. Parents are welcome to. We welcome you to send your kids in costume....but they often take them off within a half hour or so. Remember, only fresh fruits and vegetables or store bought treats are allowed to be served at SPS. (We always provide milk with snacks.)

LOST, FOUND, BORROWED—Please return any clothes &/or toys that may have ended up at your house. Please label your child's clothes & toys that come to preschool.....WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 12th Preschool Picture day at the preschool 10:00-12:30
- October 13th Scholastic Book order due
- October 17th General Health Appraisals exclusion deadline
- October 27th NO Preschool-PTC Prep/Checkpoints Due
- October 27th Preschool Advisory Council meets at 11:00
- November 1st **PRESCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-6:00.**

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

- The Color of the Month is **ORANGE**.
- **PreK--**Nursery Rhyme: “3 Little Kitten”, “Humpty Dumpty”, “Little Bo peep” and “A wise old owl”. We all will also be learning about Pumpkins, Fire Safety— Fire Drills, and Firemen. Show & Tell will be every Thursday.
- **Preschool--**We are working on our colors, reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear. We all will also learning about fall. We are reviewing nursery rhymes from last month and adding Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater.
- Accumulation Project: October 19th and 20th! Please come!

THANK YOU:

- * The 12 families who attended Parent Night, September 12th, at the preschool!
- * Ms. Dottie for volunteering in our morning classes!
- * Robin Pollard for donating an Electrostatic carpet & floor sweeper!

**We hope you enjoyed your first month in our preschool!
Have a wonderful month!**

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Kristen, Ms. Brittney & Ms. Froyla