

Important June School Dates:

Th	4Jun	PTA Meeting	6p
F	5Jun	Field Day	915-1145a
F	12Jun	DOUGHNUTS FOR DAD SEES Annual End of Year Picnic	815-840a 530-730p
Th	18Jun	Last Day of School	

It is official. The School Board voted to change our school hours to 9:10 am-3:50 pm Tuesday-Friday; 1:20 pm dismissal on Mondays. They also agreed to continue to provide transportation to our Advance Academic Center Program for students living more than a mile from the school. This information helps us all to plan better for next school year.

*In the meantime, we still have many things to do this year. We will recognize students for their accomplishments at assemblies on **June 16 at 2 pm (K-2)** and **June 17 at 2 pm (gr 3-5)** and we'll bid farewell to our sixth graders at **9:00 am on June 18.***

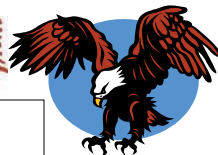
*Please plan to join us for the **PTA Picnic on June 12 at 5 pm.** You can purchase food or bring your own. We'll be entertained by an acappella group, the Snowday. We're hoping for good weather but we can hold our picnic inside if necessary.*

*We'll be hosting two programs for children at Springfield Estates this summer: **REC-PAC (8:30-3:30)** which is an activity based program and **Therapeutic Recreation (8:30-3:00)**, which is designed to support students with physical, emotional, or learning difficulties. Both programs run from each day from June 29-August 6. Call the school office if you need a registration form.*

The Fairfax County libraries have many outstanding programs for children during the summer. Please try to visit the public library at least once a week.

Best wishes to all of you for a relaxing and enjoyable vacation this summer. We'll see you in September! Mary Randolph, principal

JUNE 2009



Springfield Estates Elementary
Mary Randolph - Principal
6200 Charles Goff Drive
Springfield, VA 22150

Monday Schedule
8:40 AM First bell
8:50 AM School begins
1:20 PM Dismissal bell
Tuesday - Friday
8:40 AM First bell
8:50 AM School begins
3:25 PM Dismissal bell

703-921-2300 Office
703-921-2397 Fax
703-921-2323 Attendance Line

We're on the Web
[http://www.fcps.edu/
SpringfieldEstatesES](http://www.fcps.edu/SpringfieldEstatesES)

SEES PTA WEBSITE
www.seespta.org

Want to join the PTA? Contact Cherie Foss cfosscpa@cs.com

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I want to start by saying a huge thank you to all the families who contributed to the Teacher Appreciation luncheon on May 6th. I have received many heartfelt thanks from the teachers about the luncheon. The variety and quantity of food does credit to the SEES families in their cultural diversity and generosity. I believe this was one of the best Teacher Appreciation weeks that the PTA has hosted. Many thanks to Suzanne Walker for coordinating the week and her many, many helping hands.

The PTA is still waiting for a few parents to step forward and commit to leading a PTA event (see article in this newsletter for the list of positions). **The PTA is in jeopardy of having a severe reduction in revenue next year if no one steps forward. If we cannot earn sufficient funds, it will severely cut back on how the PTA can support the school. Potential loss of activities are: cultural events (Ocean in Motion this year), free book distributions to students, new technology hardware to keep SEES current, school buses for field trips.** These items have long been absent from school budgets and traditionally PTA's have fundraised to maintain them for their school. It would be helpful to know now who would be willing to help so that the new board be will ready in August when they first meet. Please contact me and I will talk you through any of the positions.

The PTA hopes many families will attend the last event of the year: our family picnic, please note the date and entertainment planned as reported in this newsletter.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as the PTA President this past year. I have had a lot of fun and would highly recommend it to anyone! Have a good summer everyone. Marion Zoretich

Instrumental Music “Notes”

by Debora Kelly, Band Director
with Valerie Marin, Orchestra Director

On Friday, April 24, 2009 and Saturday, April 25, 2009, the Virginia Music Educator’s Association held its annual *Solo and Ensemble Festival*. This musical event gives students the opportunity to play in front of a judge who rates their performance and gives constructive comments. Participation is voluntary, and students must work very hard to perform well. This year we had several students from *Springfield Estates Elementary School* who participated in this event. All of the students scored either a **I**, which is a “*Superior*” rating, or a **II**, which is an “*Excellent*” rating. Congratulations to them all for doing so well!

Excellent Rating

5th Grade:

Makeda Haile - violin
Shona Zickafoose - violin

Superior Rating

4th Grade:

Roen Riehl - violin
Peter Zhao - violin

5th Grade:

Nebeyou Ali - violin
Ben Exstein - alto sax
Katherine Grosch - violin
Rashid Lasker - trumpet
Charlie Lertlumprasert - violin
Lucas Mackinen - trumpet
Meghan Mitchell - violin
Emily Wilson - flute
Michael You - violin

6th Grade:

Austin Brooks - alto sax (accompanied by **Daniel Johannes** on piano)
Jonathon Brugman - bass
Katheryne Chun - violin
Luke Frances - clarinet
Emily Flack - violin
Puriwat Lah-Pong - violin

SEES Strings Department
Director, Valerie Marin

Intermediate/Advanced strings students from SEES were invited to perform at the 2nd Annual Edison High School Pyramid Orchestra Concert, under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Cofie. Students who volunteered to participate, learned 4 pieces on their own- outside of strings lessons. On April 30th, 2009, the students met one time with Mrs. Cofie and other feeder elementary school strings students to rehearse, have dinner, and perform together as one orchestra. The concert turned out to be a fabulous performance. Congratulations to the following students who represented the SEES Strings Department!

Violin

Nebeyou Ali
Bhavana Channavajjala
Katheryne Chun
Katelyn Etemad
Keiron Fontaine
Katherine Grosch
Makeda Haile
Chunbo Huang
Cameron Kisailus
Puriwat Lah-Pong
Charlie Lertlumprasert
Meghan Mitchell
Lynn Nguyen
Abby Peterson
M.E. Vela-Ceballos
Kathryn Wolfteich
Michael You
Peter Zhao
Shona Zickafoose

Viola

Disha Jain
Reagan Naughton

Cello

Kevin Chaplin
Amy Krotine

The art room can still use old t-shirts for smocks and any contributions of yarn. If you're cleaning out, any books on art, Calendars with nice pictures, craft items, or old art supplies would be appreciated and used next year.

Remember to visit Z Pizza to see art from Springfield Estates that changes monthly. Now until the end of school it is 2nd grade still life watercolors.

Counselors' Corner

Hello to everyone! The month of May has been a very busy time for teachers, parents and students alike. It is full of anticipation for the SOL tests, excitement about the beginning of the end of school and planning for lots of summer fun.

This past month in guidance, third and fourth grade students learned about careers. Although it may seem like a long way off before your children will enter the world of work, career education starts early. We helped students understand the connection between their interests, their academic abilities and job choice.

You can help your child explore many different kinds of work through a wonderful resource called Virginia View, a Virginia Department of Education website. Virginia View helps parents and students with all aspects of career education: exploring interests, finding a career, researching colleges and even financial questions. Virginia View's website is www.vaview.org.

There are a lot of other fun things you can do with your child to promote career awareness:

Play games: "I Spy" for different occupations is easy to play when you are doing errands. List as many jobs as you can or ask your child to be a reporter and interview different family members about their jobs.

Read books about people who have usual (or unusual jobs!).

Take your child to visit your work.

Make your work real. Talk about what you do and how you do it. Compare it their job of being a student.

Make your home a "workplace" by reinforcing positive work habits through chores and home responsibilities.

Tie work into things they love to do. When you are cooking or gardening or doing other activities talk about how that could be a "real job".

Try not to label jobs for "girls" or "boys". When it comes to exploring careers, sky is the limit.

Please do not hesitate to call either one of us if we can assist you and/or your child/children in any way.

Sangeeta Garg and Carolyn Gibson

As the school year comes to an end, the PTA must find new parents to take over important volunteer jobs.

Following is a list of the critical positions that need filling for the 2009-2010 school year. All SEES families have experienced the benefit of the work of these volunteer jobs and hopefully someone will step forward to help continue the good work of our outgoing volunteers. In some instances the new parent volunteer will have the benefit of guidance from the current parent as they learn their new job. In all instances the new parent will experience the reward of making a direct, positive impact on the [their child's school](#). Please contact Marion Zoretich (mszoretich@gmail.com or 703-971-2524) to talk about these or any of the many other functions the PTA performs for SEES.

President (it does not take as much time as you may think)

Vice President (not a tough one)

FLEX coordinator

Newsletter editor (current Chair will be available)

Market Day (first year, shadow current Chair)

School supplies Buyer

Chess Club

Turkey Bingo – a "manual" will be provided.

Spring Bingo – a "manual" will be provided.

Cookie baker

Another successful cookie day! We baked over 1,700 cookies! Thank you to the volunteer bakers: Carol Davis, Heather Nelson, Michele Carlson, Lorraine Monaco, Danielle Fredericks, Liz Murphy, Karen Krotine and Maria. That was the last cookie day for the 2008-2009 school year. Thank you for supporting your school through this PTA fund raiser. Look for cookies again next school year in October. Please call Linda Thompson at 703-971-1371 or lindat03@verizon.net if you would like to help bake or if you would like to take over this delicious and easy committee!


Oh...so Good!



WOW only one more month of school!! That means only one more Market Day sale this school year!! Are you ready to start the summer?? The good news is that you *still have time* to stock up for summer!! Look for lots of grilling ideas – **steaks, ribs, burgers, chicken and fish!!** Place an order for \$35 or more (pre-tax) and receive a **free Grilling Sauce**. And don't miss the **special savings** on a variety of Market Day family favorites!! There are many items that are great for grilling and cookouts or just to have handy with all the running around you do in the summer!!

Consider trying one of the two new items this month – the Turkey Club Panini and the new Brownies are both microwaveable!! Check out the **Delizioso Italiano and Sunny Delights** sections for items that **cook up quickly or a quick snack** to fit your busy summer schedule!! The June order forms have been sent home. If you haven't purchased from **Market Day**, please consider trying any of the various products. If you already **enjoy** the products, **tell a friend!!**

Here's a simple recipe for a great fruit smoothie – place in a blender one Peach and one Strawberry Frozen Fruit Pop (#3460) (or you can use one Fruit Singles, #5111), a ripe banana, 1 to 1-1/2 cup of orange juice, a small yogurt and ice and blend until smooth. Make them with different flavor yogurts or juices for a new taste every time – a wonderful summer refresher!!

You still have time to place you're **June** Market Day order. There are three easy ways to **order from Market Day -- orders can be placed on line** at www.marketday.com by **noon** on Thursday, **June 8** or return your **form to school** before June 5th!! Or you can call one of the co-chairs (listed below) to help you place your order!! Check out the flyer for details! **The SEES school code is 16604. The next pick-up is Wednesday, June 17 between 7-8 p.m.** in the cafeteria. All orders must be paid for and picked up on the sale nights. If pick-up times are a problem for you, try to coordinate with neighbors on alternating pick-up days. Remember all food has a **100% satisfaction guarantee!!**

Once again, thanks for another great year!! We appreciate your continued support to help us raise funds for our school children – **all of our customers and volunteers really make this a great fundraiser!!** If you have **any questions** or would like to **volunteer to help at the sales**, please call Sue Berry at 703-719-0388, Carol Davis at (703) 922-0724, or Edna Padilla at (703) 624-4176 – we'd love to hear from you!! We hope to see everyone at the June sale and then back again next year!! Have a great summer!!

Finally, I would also like to remind everyone that volunteering to help with Market Day is a great way to **meet new people** and it is a fun, easy way to **help our school**. Once again, **I would also like to ask everyone to please consider running this fundraiser next year. If you think you might be the person to keep this fundraiser going in the future, please call Sue Berry.** This fundraiser earns about \$7,000 for the school year which helps the PTA **provide equipment and other resources to our children's classrooms**. And through other incentives offered through Market Day, we have earned two freezers and about \$500 worth of books for our library and reading program!! **Please think about it!!**

SOL Testing Dates:

June 1 3rd Grade Social Studies 6th Grade Reading

June 2 3rd Grade Science 5th Grade Reading 6th Grade Social Studies

June 3 5th Grade Math 6th Grade Math

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+++++FRIDAY, JUNE 12 at 5:30PM+++++

SEES PTA BRINGS YOU DINNER from PHO BOWL RESTAURANT

Food for Purchase:

Vegetable Spring Rolls:	\$2
Chicken Wings (5)	\$5
Marinated Chicken on a Stick	\$3
Chicken Fried Rice	\$6
Vegetable Fried Rice	\$3
Any combo of 3 items	\$10

+++++ FRIDAY, JUNE 12 at 6:30 PM

Enjoy Dinner and Music on the Lawn as SEES PTA Brings you "SNOWDAY" --An A Cappella Musical Group

Bring the whole family to hear the amazing sounds of this versatile vocal band. Get a brief history of a capella and then try it yourself. This group is sure to "wow" your family with its upbeat and engaging music.

Don't forget your blanket and your lawn chairs.

The evening moves indoors if rain pays us a visit.

See you Friday, June 12!