Hello Summit Park families,

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of 1st quarter. Our staff and students have adjusted nicely to so many changes as we have returned to our building for this new year. As I visit classrooms, I see students fully engaged and taking on the challenge of new learning which is great to see.

As we are watching our new building constructed before our eyes, students are able to watch our "live" feed as well as our picture slide show on the mounted TV in our lobby. This was installed compliments of HESS construction, so please take time to enjoy the images when you visit the building. We would like to thank all parents for your support of our new outdoor play areas. Our PTA has done a phenomenal job of supplying extra playground equipment for our students to enjoy.

We are also delighted to have some afterschool activities back at SPES. Rec. & Parks is sponsoring a Chess club and a Spanish club at this time. Please continue to be on the lookout for other offerings as the year progresses. Lastly, our students have been enjoying the House initiative as it is giving them an opportunity to meet students and teachers in other grades. Students have been able to meet in smaller groups with their house team members to help them form additional relationships within our building.

This year we will once again be holding our Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Nov. 14-18th. We are excited to have this long-standing tradition return. Students will be able to visit the bookfair on their designated library day. Students will also be able to order items online. Details will be shared by our PTA.

Please note the important dates:

- Nov. 1st Virtual PTA meeting
- Nov 4th: 1st marking period ends - School dismisses 12:30 pm
- Nov. 14th Report cards distributed
- Nov. 17th Picture retakes & make-ups
- Nov. 21st Elem Conference day – schools closed
- Nov. 23rd School dismissed at 12:30 pm
- Nov. 24-25 Schools Closed

Take care,
Principal Sheila Thomas

KINDNESS WEEK 2022

Wear a Color for Character — Week of October 17th—October 21st

A color for students and staff to wear each day of the week has been suggested to represent character traits that all people should demonstrate.

Share photos on social media using #BCPSCARES.

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BEFORE/AFTER CLUBS

Wed. Chess Club, 3:45 pm
Thurs. Spanish Club, 3:45pm
Friday, Chorus, 8:00 am
Hello families! Please go to the site noted below to view October’s School Counseling Newsletter—from Mrs. Ashton, School Counselor

October's School Counseling Updates
October’s School Counseling Updates Summit Park Elementary School
www.smore.com https://www.smore.com/51gka

Physical Education News: from Mrs. Bornman

NFL(768,29),(965,43) Play 60 is underway for the month of October. Students who have chosen to participate should have begun logging their activities and minutes on the student planner on Monday, October 3. Additional information about the program if below:

1. Participation in the program is voluntary.
2. The program will run from October 3 – October 28 (four weeks).
3. Students will track both their activity and minutes for each day using the Student Game Planner (student activity log for the entire four (4) week program) available during PE class.
4. Parents will need to sign off at the bottom of each weekly column.
5. Students need to turn in their total number of activity minutes each week to Mrs. Bornman.
6. Students must hand in completed and signed Student Game Planners to Mrs. Bornman by Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Activity minutes may include recess, PE class, after-school sports activities, and any additional physical activity.

Giveaway prizes from the Ravens will be distributed at the end of the program.
Email Mrs. Bornman with any questions at abornman@bcps.org.

Students in the FALS program and students in Ms. Tomasewski’s class celebrated “International Day of Peace” by creating “Pinwheels for Peace” in art class and then “planting” them in the ground as a message to help spread peace throughout the school and community. Ms. Pavlovsky, Art Teacher
From Nurse Varhaftik

Happy autumn! This is a beautiful time of the year, the leaves changing colors and the chill in the air. It is also time to get your flu vaccine. Flu season may be a tough one this year since we have been behind masks for so long and not around large groups of people. Just remember to wash your hands routinely, cover a sneeze and a cough, and stay home if you don’t feel well. There are some differences between the flu and a cold. Listed are a few:

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Our bodies need plenty of rest, exercise, and a healthy low-fat diet to boost our immune systems. Enjoy the season and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Varhaftik, RN 443.809.1211 jvarhaftik@bcps.org

Library Gift Fund: The SPES Library Gift Fund (“LGF”) is a wonderful way to recognize your child’s birthday in school while contributing to the SPES Library. Families can make a tax-deductible donation of $18 or more towards the LGF that will purchase a book for our Library. The book will include an inscription with your child’s name, birthday age, and donors’ names; and your child will be the first to borrow it! It is a very special way of honoring your child while creating a lasting tribute to SPES. Parents will receive a letter from the PTA during their child’s birthday month with information on how to contribute to the LGF.

April 2022— We missed one student. Sophie R.
June 2022-Marie GM, Muslimakh, Connor S, Eliza S, Dalia T, Bradley W

September 2022– Andrew R, Ilya-Marie R, Matvei Z

We appreciate their donations and the books are available for all students to enjoy.

Happy Birthday!