



# PPSIN Among Friends

"What a year!" This statement can allude to various elements defining this unusual period, including its challenges and inherent demand for adaptation at both the individual and communal levels. In the context of our annual report to you, we exclaim it as a celebration of resilience, creativity, and unsurpassed kindness displayed by students, staff, families, friends, and supporters, despite any number of hardships in their lives.

At Springer, we are fortunate in a way that is nearly impossible to grasp. With gratitude, we are incredibly proud to reflect with you on the multitude of ways that Springer and the Springer Eagle spirit flourished over the 2020–21 school year. For this reason, we thought it most appropriate to share our tremendous year in the form of days and months.

We are pleased to invite YOU to share in some of the joy, special moments, and many achievements, as we journey into the year ahead.



Springer celebrates 100% participation from trustees, faculty and staff in the Annual Fund!



Dear Springer Supporters,

The 2020–21 school year was an exceptional one for the Springer community. Despite a national pandemic Springer served 180 students in the school and more than 1,000 individuals through the work of the Center. An impact on the community like this would be impossible without your support. The generosity of over 500 donors helped Springer raise more in philanthropic funds than ever before. Nearly \$800,000 was raised to support financial aid and the organization's steady growth and development, in addition to over 1,000,000 in special purpose gifts for advancing Springer's mission. In difficult times you count on us. Thank you for allowing us to count on you!

To many more years of working together to support our mission — *cheers!* 

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**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** is an important part of student life at Springer. In-person and remote learners were integrated into the full day of activities to build and maintain relationships among students. Students at all levels enjoy "Socials", or fun events planned by the student council.

Above, Charlotte and Leo interact during a classroom activity in Lower School Green. Below, Lower School Blue students strike a pose during their winter social.

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|  |  |         |   |          |            |                         | - |
|  | Springer School Resumes                              |         |   |          |            |                         | - |
| 9  | 10   | 11      | 12  | 13       | 14         | 15                      | - |
|  |  |         |   |          |            |                         | - |
|  | Virtual Open House<br>9:30-10:30am                   |         |   |          |            |                         |   |
| 16   | 17   | 18      | 19  | 20       | 21         | 22                      |   |
|  |  |         |   |          |            |                         |   |
|  | No School for Students<br>Martin Luther King Jr. Day |         | Parent Book Club<br>Overcoming Dyslexia<br>6:30–8pm   |          |            |                         |   |
| 23   | 24   | 25      | 26  | 27       | 28         | 29                      |   |
|  |  |         |   |          |            |                         |   |
| 30   | 31   |         |   |          | Spirit Day |                         |   |

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FOLLOW SPRINGER ON FACEBOOK







A longstanding tradition at Springer is to celebrate **STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY** each February, complete with ice cream sundaes served by administrators.

In 2021 faculty and staff created a unique video to express how wonderful they think Springer students are. Students on campus and those learning remotely were all able to enjoy it.

Kinsey (above) and Liam (below) take a break from eating their sundaes to smile for the camera, and at bottom, Middle School students Zoe and Eliza dressed alike on pajama day.

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| January  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 39 30 31 |  | 1<br>Chinese New Year            | 2         | 3  | 4  | 5   | NO                             |
| 6   | 7  | 8 Virtual Open House 6:30-7:30pm | 9         | 10   | 11   | 12  |                                |
| 13  | 3 Student Appreciation Day Valentine's Day | 15                               | 16        | Distinguished Speaker: Dr. Andrew Johnson 6:30-8pm | No School for Students<br>Staff Professional Day | 19  | LEARN A<br>CENTER I            |
| 20  | No School for Students Presidents Day      | 22                               | 23        | 24   | 25 Spirit Day                                    | 26  | 製料                             |
| 27  | 28   |                                  |           |  | Student Council                                  | March  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5  6 7 8 9 10 11 12  13 14 15 16 17 18 19  20 21 22 23 24 25 26  27 28 29 30 31 | 2121<br>Cinci<br>513.8<br>www. |

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LEARN ABOUT OUR SENTER PROGRAMS







**PARTNERSHIP** is essential to our students' educational experience and Springer places high emphasis on active participation of families, staff, administration, and trustee members. Springer's curriculum also emphasizes collaboration among students.

Above, Middle School students Natalie and Briley show their science project. Below, Aston and Peter dress alike for Match Day, and below, the Warner family tells readers how they decided to transfer to Springer in a blog article for Insights in LD on Springer-LD.org.



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| February  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5  6 7 8 9 10 11 12  13 14 15 16 17 18 19  20 21 22 23 24 25 26  27 28 |                   | 1                      | 2         | Middle School Parent Conferences  | Lower School Parent Conferences | 5  |
| 6   | 7                 | 8                      | 9         | Virtual Open House 9:30-10:30am Parent Book Club Overcoming Dyslexia 6:30-8pm | 11                              | 12   |
| Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time Begins  | 14  Match Day     | 15                     | 16        | 17  | 18 Spirit Day                   | 19   |
| 20  | 21                | 22                     | 23        | 24  | 25                              | 26   |
| Spring Equinox  | Spring Break      | No School for Students |           |   |                                 |  |
| 27  | 28 School Resumes |                        |           |   |                                 | April  S M T W T F S  1 2  3 4 5 6 7 8 9  10 11 12 13 14 15 16  17 18 19 20 21 22 23  24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |

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LEARN ABOUT
MATCH DAY & GIVING







THROUGH THE MAUREEN WENKER ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM all Springer students learn from a professional artist each year, and a core group of eighth graders work in depth on a collaborative art project that becomes part of Springer's permanent collection. The 2020–21 Artist in Residence was also a Springer alumna! Emily Moorehead-Wallace ('97), taught students how to make woodcut prints and used the carved wood to make an outdoor seating area for the Springer garden.

Above, one of the resulting prints, and below, Emily Moorhead-Wallace and the 2021 eighth-grade apprentices



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| 3  Ramadan Starts   | 4      | 5       | Virtual Open House<br>6:30-7:30pm | 7   | 8  | 9        |
| 10  | 11     | 12      | 13                                | 14  | Good Friday Passover Mini Break No School for Students | 16       |
| 17 Easter Sunday  | 18     | 19      | 20                                | 21  | 22   | 23       |
| 24  | 25     | 26      | 27                                | 28  | 29<br>Spirit Day                                       | 30       |

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RESIDENCIES AT SPRINGER







SPRINGER COMMENCEMENT 2021 was a proud day as 43 students left campus knowing they are prepared for their next step. Many students, such as Mikey pictured above, delivered speeches at the ceremony, highlighting the ways they've grown during their time at Springer. Eighth grader Hailey explained, "I now know ways to help me learn, I know how to advocate for myself by asking for help when I don't understand something, and when to ask a student or teacher for help."

Max shared that he has gained "a clear understanding of who I am and what I want to achieve on my journey ahead."

Below, Andre receives a boutonniere and Ava delivers her speech during the ceremony.



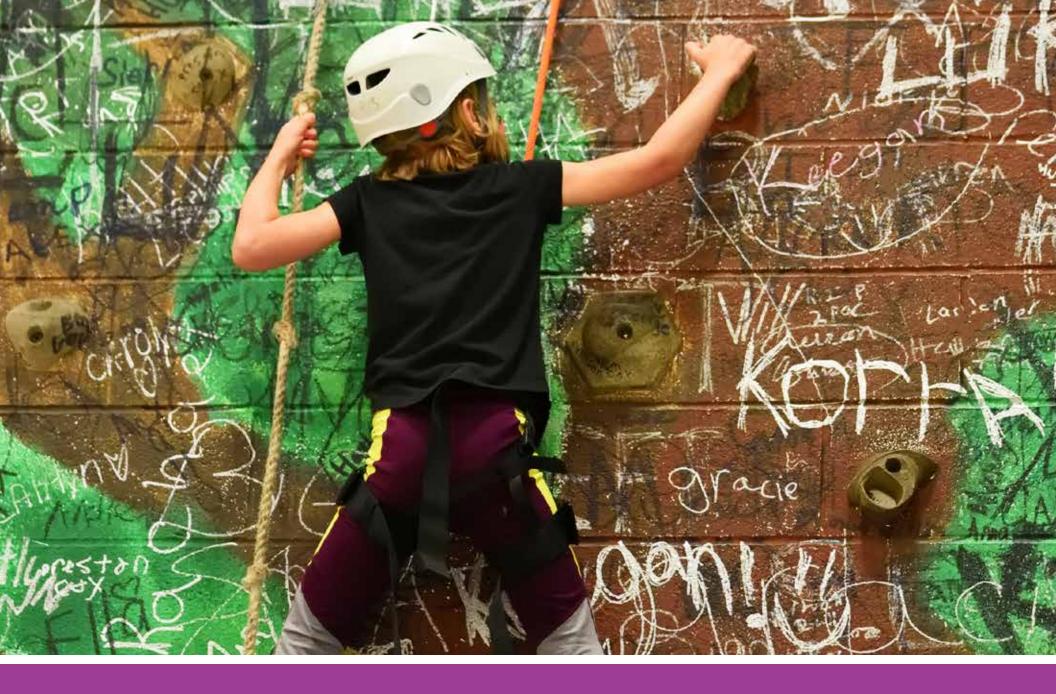
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| 1               | 2                | 3                               | 4  | 5 2021 CELEBRATING VEARS A Springer Celebration! | 6                | 7   |
| 8  Mother's Day | 9                | Virtual Open House 9:30-10:30am | 11   | 12   | 13               | 14  |
| 15              | 16               | 17                              | 18   | 19   | 20<br>Spirit Day | 21  |
| 22              | 23               | 24                              | 25 Commencement  | 26  Last Day of School                           | 27               | 28  |
| 29              | 30  Memorial Day | 31                              | April  S M T W T F S  1 2  3 4 5 6 7 8 9  10 11 12 13 14 15 16  17 18 19 20 21 22 23  24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |  |                  | June  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30 |

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ADVENUTURES IN SUMMER LEARNING







Back on Campus in June 2021, **ADVENTURES IN SUMMER LEARNING** saw increased enrollment and prompted more students to enter into Springer's school the following August. The four-week session teaches skills through carefully researched methods of instruction for reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. The afternoon provides activities in a structured, fun environment staffed by caring professionals equipped to support students during this activity-based social time.

Above, Blake ascends the gymnasium climbing wall in a "Challenge by Choice" class. Below, Anderson enjoys outdoor time, and bottom, Ms. Forbes helps Claire with research.



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| 12   | First Day of Adventures in Summer Learning | 14                 | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18  |
| 19 Father's Day Juneteenth   | 20   | 21 Summer Solstice | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25  |
| 26   | 27   | 28                 | 29        | 30       |        | July  S M T W T F S  1 2  3 4 5 6 7 8 9  10 11 12 13 14 15 16  17 18 19 20 21 22 23  24 25 26 27 28 29 30  31 |

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**INSIGHTS IN LD** 







**ALUMNUS MIKE WRIGHT** (1996) was a defensive end on the New England Patriots for seven years. He currently serves on Springer's Board of Trustees, and loves to make time to have some fun with Springer students, shown here attending one of the student council social events.

Springer welcomes alumni to visit campus just to say "hi" and stay connected. We encourage ALL alumni to stay in touch and to celebrate accomplishments big and small via facebook and through Springer-LD.org.

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| 3   | 4 Independence Day | 5  | 6         | 7  | 8   | 9        |
| 10  | 11                 | 12   | 13        | 14   | Last Day of Adventures in Summer Learning | 16       |
| 17  | 18                 | 19   | 20        | 21   | 22  | 23       |
| 24 31   | 25                 | 26   | 27        | 28   | 29  | 30       |

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ALUMNI UPDATES







**OUTDOOR RECREATION.** In the spring of 2021, a generous anonymous donor provided funds for several new pieces of playground equipment which the students selected by vote. Additional climbers and outdoor musical equipment made back-to-school time more fun than ever. The new additions fit beautifully on the campus' outdoor recreation area and inspire active and creative play.

Below, Eagle Spirit Assemblies were held outside for Covid-19 safety, and were just as spirited as ever

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| 14  | 15     | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20   |
| 21  | 22     | 23      | 24        | 25       | 26     | 27   |
| 28  | 29     | 30      | 31        |          |        | September  S M T W T F S  1 2 3  4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 17  18 19 20 21 22 23 24  25 26 27 28 29 30 |

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SCHOOL INFO FOR CURRENT PARENTS







Each Autumn, Springer celebrates **BE YOUR BEST SELF WEEK**. This is a time to think about healthy habits including physical health, wellness, and overall positivity. Students participate in a variety of activities designed to help them connect with others, challenge themselves, and have fun.

Above, Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs. Arthur play four square, and below, Mr. Marcoux plays soccer with students during recess time on Play Day. This is the annual day when faculty and staff are invited to play games with students.

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| 4  | 5  No School for Students Labor Day | 6       | 7         | 8                 | 9      | 10  |
| <b>11</b> Patriot Day  | 12                                  | 13      | 14        | 15                | 16     | 17  |
| 18   | 19                                  | 20      | 21        | 22 Autumn Equinox | 23     | 24  |
| 25   | 26 Rosh Hashanah                    | 27      | 28        | 29                | 30     | October  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 |

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GET SPRINGER SPIRITWEAR







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-JONATHAN MOONEY

them thrive.

October is LD and ADHD AWARENESS MONTH! To increase knowledge about LD and ADHD Springer's Center hosts programs to educate the surrounding community and beyond.

THROUGH THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES, Springer brings nationally recognized experts to provide insight and understanding to families and professionals in the region. Quoted above award-winning writer, entrepreneur, and activist Jonathan Mooney presented live online to audiences during the 2020-21 school year. His presentation and others are available for download online at Springer-LD.org.

Pictured above, Henry participates in a learning experience brought to campus by the Cincinnati Museum Center, exploring the history of transportation in Cincinnati.

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| 2  | 3                                      | 4       | 5<br>Yom Kippur | 6   | 7      | 8        |  |
| 9  | Columbus Day<br>Indigenous Peoples Day | 11      | 12              | 13  | 14     | 15       |  |
| 16   | 17                                     | 18      | 19              | 20  | 21     | 22       |  |
| 23 30  | 24 Diwali  Halloween 31                | 25      | 26              | 27  | 28     | 29       |  |

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ON-DEMAND WEBINARS







A month for gratitude and sharing, November hosts one of Springer's favorite school activities, **BE OUR GUEST DAY**. In 2020 the beloved tradition went online, as students made videos of the ways they learn, sharing strategies and welcoming special guests into their classrooms virtually. Springer is grateful for every opportunity to share the wonderful learning and growth happening on our campus, and we are grateful for our friends and supporters.

Pictured above, Dominic, and below, Morgan, share a big thank you to the community!

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| October  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 |        | 1              | 2         | 3                   | 4               | 5  |
| Fall Back Daylight Saving Time Ends   | 7      | 8 Election Day | 9         | 10                  | 11 Veterans Day | 12   |
| 13  | 14     | 15             | 16        | 17                  | 18              | 19   |
| 20  | 21     | 22             | 23        | 24 Thanksgiving Day | 25              | 26   |
| 27  | 28     | 29             | 30        |                     | Thank You!      | December  S M T W T F S  1 2 3  4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 17  18 19 20 21 22 23 24  25 26 27 28 29 30 31 |

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SPRINGER PHOTO GALLERY







THE NORITA APLIN MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM provided Springer students the opportunity to work closely with dynamic percussionist Helen Bond during a one-week residency. She taught them about the culture and music of Guinea and the students learned about several types of drums before performing an outstanding concert at the end of the week. Above, Malachi (left), Brooklyn (center), and Rowan (right) practice for their performance. Below, Helen Bond leads a rhythm with Mikael and Matthew following closely.

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| 11  | 12                                    | 13      | 14                 | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 18  | 19  Hanukkah Starts                   | 20      | 21 Winter Solstice | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 25 Christmas Day  | 26<br>Hanukkah Ends<br>Kwanzaa Starts | 27      | 28                 | 29       | 30     | 31       |

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### SPRINGER VIDEOS





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### SCHOOL

180 students enrolled

49% received financial aid

\$1,154,000 financial aid awarded

**66** Zip Codes served

### **CENTER**

458 attended professional development programs

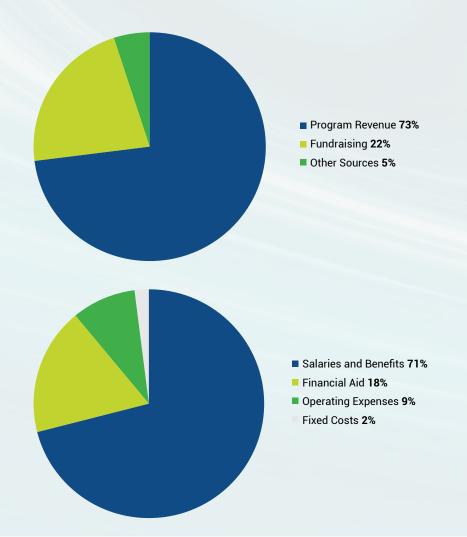
**461** participated in parent programs

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