

Happy New Year 2022!



Coming Up in January

Monday, January 10 SHARE Begins, Virtual Tour for Admissions 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 12 All Student Council Meeting, 11:15 – 11:55

Thursday, January 13 LS Blue/Gray Winter Celebration (Season of Giving, Extended theme, LS Green Winter Celebration (Candyland theme)

Monday, January 17 School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 24 Artist in Residence visits Springer this week

Friday, January 28 Spirit Day!



Collection yields 11,912 diapers!

Led by the Student Council, Springer's diaper drive to benefit Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank brought in the largest donation the organization has received from a school during 2021! Wow, way to go Springer Eagles!

Guests with Special Talents

Experiences with members of the larger community enrich curriculum by presenting real-life applications of academic and arts lessons, and even social learning. We are grateful to be able to extend opportunities to our students such as visiting musicians, artists, and authors, each year.

Videographers to visit Springer

During the weeks of January 24 and 31, professional videographers Nick and Greg of Visualized Productions will be at Springer as this year's visiting artists. As part of the annual Maureen Wenker Artist in Residence program, all students get to meet and work with professional artists during their art classes, and a core group of eighth graders collaborate more closely on a project. This is the first year that video is the featured media for the program!

January Challenge!

To celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary, Springer is putting forth a challenge each month! January's challenge is to expand your knowledge! To help, Springer will be giving away a free webinar download (upon request) to the first 50 email respondents. Watch your email inbox this week for your free download code! If you haven't yet attended a Springer workshop, this is a great way to see what insights can be gained.

Musician in Residence (MIR)

On December 17, fifth graders put on a festive performance on the steel-drums led by professional musician, Dr. Chris Tanner. Students only had one week to learn the new music, and they did an incredible job. We are pleased that many of the performers' parents were able to view the concert in person, too!

The Norita Aplin Musician in Residence Program is in its 25th year thanks to generous support from donors. The program was created in honor of former Executive Director Noria Aplin's fourteen years of service, and the value she placed on music education. Dr. Tanner, who was also the very first musician to visit as part of the program, said "it's always a fresh experience" working with the Springer students.



Parents are invited!

Distinguished Speaker Series

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Andrew Johnson from Minnesota State University. Hear Dr. Johnson explain the science behind reading and the reading process. He will also share actionable strategies parents and caregivers can use at home to encourage reading practice.

Don't miss this! February 17, 6:30-8 p.m. on the Springer Campus. Online registration is required.



Reminders



Dressing for the cold: Please help your child dress for the winter weather. Students are outside for recess if the weather is 20 degrees or above.



Inclement Weather Closures: Springer does not delay the start of school. Closures will be communicated via the emergency notification phone, email and text and will be publicized on local TV, Springer-LD.org, and our Facebook page.

Extra-Curricular Activities

TaeKwonDo Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4 p.m., Jan. 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and continues into February.

Science Club (Blue/Gray) – January 11, 18, 25 and continues in February.

Dr. Diane Houghton, Curriculum Director

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Curriculum Corner



LS Green students practice fractions during a math class



English Language Arts (ELA)

Our ELA curriculum provides time for students to share their writing. Lower School Blue and Gray will prepare and deliver presentations based on opinion writing in January. We are proud of the students for sharing their learning in this way!

Fact Fluency Success in Math

Lower School students in grades 3, 4 and 5 work on math fact fluency to reinforce addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. All students work at the individual pace they need and progress through the levels accordingly. In December, 20 students achieved higher levels in math fact fluency! Way to go, Eagles!

Looking Ahead

During library sessions, students are learning a little about our soon-to-visit guest author, Dandi Daley Mackall, who will come to campus in February. As an introduction to her visit, they are being introduced to several of her published books—she has written more than 450! Book order info will be sent home later this month.



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