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## The Wildcat Journal

# **Spring Hill News**

We're off to another smooth start for the 2018-19 school year! If you have questions about your child's classroom assignments, feel free to contact their teacher at 812-288-4874. Join Spring Hill in welcoming three new staff members to our school:

- Ashlea Niemann-Pre **School Teacher**
- Ashley Lea-Para Educator
- Rebecca Pevlor-Night Custodian



Every student enrolled at Spring Hill will re-

ceive a free breakfast and lunch meal every day for the 2018-2019 school year.

### 2018 Cross Country Team

Grade 5

**Natalyn Dodson** 

**Danielle Ashby** 

Demetrius Jackson Penick, Jr.

**Amaya Haywood** 

Da'Ylan Sims

**Emily Izquierdo** 

**Litzy Rubio** 

**Destiny Kallbreier** 



Heaven'Lei Berry

Melvin Mitchell

**Bethany Winburn** 

**Trayvon Hamilton** 

**Nathan Hamilton** 

**Vontrell James** 

Christopher Mattingly



Grade 4

### Grade 3

Mi'kayla Lewis

Jaylen Maxie

A'niyah Berry

Jeremiah Moore

**K-Leigh Chambers** 

Lilliana Hiser

James Dixon

**Nylissa Sistrunk** 

Coach Kirsten Larson

#### Pates To Remember

No School

Sept. 3rd

Cross Country Meet @ TJ

Sept. 11th

Picture Day

Sept.14th

PSO Fund

Sept. 14th

Raiser Begins

Sept. 17th

Special Needs Field Trip

GCCS Cross Country Meet @ Sept. 17th

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No School

Sept. 19th

PSO Fund Raiser Ends Money Due

Sept. 28th

Fall Break

Oct. 2nd-13th

Fall Break

Oct. 8th-12th

No School

Class

Oct. 31st

Celebrations 2:00 P.M.

**School Hours are** 

9:00-3:35!

The Building

**Opens At** 

8:40 A.M.

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Car Ridera



To provide the safest dismissal for our car riders. we are asking parents to drive around the circle and form a car line to pick up your child. We will hold all car riders in a line

and dismiss them as each car pulls up to the sidewalk entrance. Parents do not drop off or pick students up in the bus loading zone. It's hard for the bus driver to view walking families and cars while loading students on the bus. Thanks for your cooperation.

Call the school at 812 288-4874 before 9:00 to report all absences!



## Wildcat Classroom News





The students have been hard at work learning the classroom rules, procedures, expectations, and prac-

reading we are working on characters, setting, and events of a story. Our spelling has been focused on long and short vowels, as well as blends. In math we are working on addition, subtraction, and place value. Students are also working on writing narrative stories using key details. These are great skills to practice at home with your child. Please remember you can contact me at (812)288-4874 or email me at lwortman@gccschools.com. Ms. Wortman

Students will receive their chromebooks within the next two weeks. In reading we are focusing on describing characters in a story, personal point of view, folktales, and fables. In math we are



working on adding and subtracting whole numbers fluently within 1000, and comparing, understanding and rounding whole numbers Mr. Spencer up to 1000.



### **PreSchool News**

The month of September will be full of fun and ex-

citement. We will continue to work on our routines, while learning new letters and their sounds weekly. We will work hard on developing a true number sense for the number 1-10. September will also host lots of fun classroom visitors that go along with the themes of the Mrs. Niemann month.

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Fourth Grade Fourth Grade is getting off to a great start! We are beginning our State letters this week and they should be ready to send to

your child's city by the end of next week.

Please send in a "Forever" stamp or \$0.47 so that your child can mail his/her letter to the Ms. Carter city they chose.

## Kindergar

### A note from the kindergarten teacher:

We have been busy in kindergarten. The students ticing school PRIDE. In have been hard at work learning the classroom rules, procedures, and expectations. In reading we are working on recognizing and naming the letters and sounds of the alphabet. Please continue to help your child practice writing his/her name at home. In math we are working on patterns, sorting, recognizing and counting numbers to 20. Students are also working on drawing detailed pictures to help tell a story. These are great skills to practice at home with your child. Please remember you can contact me at 812-288-4874 or email me Ms. Stone at nstone@gccschools.com.

Hello and Welcome back!

We are excited to start another school year. This year we will be focusing on TEACCH. This program is picture schedule and job oriented. It allows each student to develop independence and be accountable for their time in the classroom. In other news we will

be attending Adventure Camp on Monday September 17th. As always feel free to contact me at: ddeakin@gccschools.com or call 812-288-4874 ext. Mr. Deakin 241.



### FIRST GRADE IS **FABULOUS!**

We are off to a great

year. We are working with the 1st grade teachers from Maple so that we will be learning the same things at the same time. In Math we have been playing with numbers to twenty by putting them together and taking them apart in as many different ways as possible. In Reading we are discussing the stories we have read and are thinking of questions we could ask. Each night Monday through Thursday your child should read for 20 minutes and complete the math activity that is sent home. We LOVE to LEARN!

Ms. Williams



## Wildcat Classroom News



### **Library News**

Reading Counts is off to a great start! Students are quickly approaching the 25 point mark. Remember, parents, its recommended that students read each night after school and on weekends. In library class, we have been learning library procedures and how to treat Spring Hill's books with respect. In September, we will be reading work from Hispanic authors in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month!

### **Technology News**

This school year students are concentrating on increasing their Words Per Minute. Students are learning how to master the Document fea-



ture in Google, send properly formatted emails and accuracy when typing. Having accuracy and speed increases words per minute (wpm) and will be very beneficial when it is time for ILEARN testing for intermediate students.

Ms. Embry

### Fifth Grade News

We have had an exciting start to 5th grade. We

have 32 students in the class and we are blessed to have Mrs. Marshall join us as a 5th grade teacher in our classroom! She will be teaching intervention as well as 5th grade material. We are excited to have her in our class! The students have been working hard with place value and rounding in math as well as using our economy classroom for some real world learning. Students are learning how to budget money and pay bills. Please ask them about their "apartment" and their class job. They have been very busy learning while having a little fun in the process. In class we have been reading a lot of nonfiction. We have learned that while stars appear to "twinkle", they in fact, do not. They should be able to explain it to you using the word Stellar Scintillation. But the biggest thing we have learned about reading is that Reading can be FUN! Please encourage your child to pick out a chapter book that fits his/her interest to read each night.

Ms. Riley & Mrs. Marshall

### **Special Area News**

<u>Art</u>-Students in grades 1-5 have learned about the Mexican celebration Dia de los Muertos also known as The Day of the Dead. This is not a scary celebration. Talk to your students about what they have learned & about the sugar skulls & skeletons they are creating. This all goes along with the Sugar Skull Shake Shake Cultural Festival that will take place on October 27th at the Big 4 Bridge Park in Jeffersonville, IN. The Kindergarteners listened to the book <u>Go Away</u>, <u>Big Green Monster!</u> By Ed Emberley. They are creating their own Monster with two big yellow eyes.

**Music**-Students in K-4<sup>th</sup> are singing & moving to songs, as well as learning about beat & rhythm. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have had special visitors, Dawn Spyker & Fernando Moya, for the past 3 weeks & will continue through Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> with a performance at the Sugar Skull Cultural Festival. They have learned about Christopher Columbus, Instrument Families, & are making their own Pallas (small pan pipes) to play at the Festival. Like the Spring Hill Facebook Page to see photos & videos about these visits.

<u>PE-Students</u> have been using Teamwork to use the Parachute. It is very hot in the Gym now. This is an excellent activity that allows puffs of air for the students to enjoy during the parachute activities. Some photos & videos can be seen on the SHES Facebook Page. It is always important for students to be dressed appropriately during Physical Education in Comfortable Clothing & Athletic Shoes.

Ms. Larson