

SPRING HILL ELEMENTARY

MICHAEL RARICK, PRINCIPAL

Important Dates For May

OAA Science	1 st
1 st Grade Parent Workshop a.m.	2 nd 7:45
K Parent Workshop a.m.	4 th 7:45
Teacher Appreciation Week	7 th - 11 th
Book Fair	7 th -9 th
Favorite Sports Team Day	7 th
Crazy Hair Day	8 th
Pajama Day	9 th
Crazy Sock Day	10 th
Hat Day	11 th
School Music Program Gr.3-5	1:45 p.m.
PTO Meeting p.m.	14 th 6:45
School-Wide Field Trip	15 th
Rave Motion Pictures	
School Picnic	12:45 p.m.
Kindergarten Field Trip	18 th
Field Day	21 st
Field Day (Rain Date)	22 nd
Kindergarten Graduation	22 nd
Xenia HS	7:00 p.m.
Students' Last Day	23 rd

Spring Hill Has a New Principal

The Board of Education has employed Mr. James Rhoades as next year's principal. He sent the following to the Spring Hill Community:

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff of Spring Hill Elementary, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my excitement about my appointment as the new principal of Spring Hill Elementary School. I reside in Beavercreek with my wife (Paula) and we have three beautiful daughters that keep us on our toes. All of our daughters love playing basketball and this love is also shared by my wife and I as we both coach on all of our daughters' basketball teams. In addition to basketball, each one of our girls play soccer in the spring and fall.

Before coming to Xenia Community Schools, I spent four years teaching 3rd and 4th grade students in the Sycamore Community School District. After receiving my master's, I spent ten years serving the Kettering City School District as an elementary school teacher and principal. For the past two years, I have served as principal of Ankeney Middle School in Beavercreek City Schools. While I have enjoyed my tenure as a middle school principal, I realized my heart lies at the elementary level and I feel privileged to pursue my love of elementary education at Spring Hill Elementary.

I have heard great things about the supportive families and dedicated staff members at Spring Hill. My focus will not only be to listen and learn about the unique strengths, traditions, and practices in place at Spring Hill Elementary, but to also provide leadership focused on classroom instruction that meets the needs of each of our students. (CONT.)

To this end, I pledge to work diligently with parents, teachers, support staff, and administration to promote an educational program that is both rigorous and exciting for our students.

I am honored to have been chosen for this position and look forward to working with all members of our school community. I am confident that together we can build upon the great things that are already in place at Spring Hill Elementary to make it even a better place for our students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

James Rhoades

PTO Happenings

We also have our **Spring Book Fair** on May 7-9. All books are Buy One Get One Free! This is a great opportunity to stock up for summer reading.

Are you curious about the **Cat's Meow**? To commemorate Spring Hill, we have had some statues of the building made for parents and community members to purchase. Feel free to visit their website at www.catsmeow.com or check out the Shawnee Elementary statues that are available for purchase at the Flower Stop in downtown Xenia. Order forms were sent home and are due back May 4.

SCHOOL-WIDE FIELD TRIP TO THE MOVIES AND SPRING HILL PICNIC

On Tuesday, May 15th, the PTO is sponsoring a school-wide field trip to the Rave Motion Pictures at the Greene. The students and staff will leave the building first thing in the morning and should return around 12:45 p.m.



The students will be viewing the new Disney film, Chimpanzee. Chimpanzee is a very moving film about an alpha male chimp who adopts an orphan chimp. You can check out the details at <http://disney.go.com/disneynature/chimpanzee/> or <http://www.peoplepets.com/people/pets/article/0,,20588931,00.html>

The movie is rated "G." Although there is no animal-on-animal violence, there are some tense moments which may disturb some sensitive and younger students.

The theater's concession stand will not be available so you may want to send a snack with your child, e.g, a bag of popcorn or chips and juice.

At 12:45 p.m., parents are invited to join their children for a picnic on the school grounds. The doors will be unlocked at 12:45 p.m. and (we will deviate from our normal procedure for this occasion only) parents can proceed to their children's homeroom and sign out their children. **No** children will be released by the homeroom teacher unless a parent/guardian signs them out. Parents may take their children home or remain at school and have a picnic with them. After parents eat with their children they may sign their children back into the classroom or take them home for the rest of the day.

Sack lunches (Bologna and Cheese sandwich, chips, an apple, juice & milk) will be available for any student who would like one. For those students not on free/reduced lunch, the student cost of the sack lunch is \$2.30 (adult lunch is \$2.85).

The kitchen does need to know how many sack lunches will be needed so the necessary food can be ordered. Parents can indicate the number of sack lunches they would like to order on the permission slip.

Money for the Movies

To give students an opportunity to help in a fun and creative way, the PTO is collecting coins in exchange for dressing up at school. Students, who bring in 50 cents, or whatever they can contribute, can dress according to the theme of the day.

Monday, May 7, Favorite Sports Team Day

Tuesday, May 8 Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, May 9 Pajama Day

Thursday, May 10 Crazy Sock Day

Friday, May 11 Hat Day

All proceeds will go toward the end-of-the-year field trip and Field Day. Every little bit helps and the PTO thanks you for participating.

Let's see some exciting outfits!!

Kindergarten Registration

For those of you who have children who will be entering Kindergarten next year, registration will be:

May 9th, 1-3 p.m., (Last names begins with A-G)

May 10th, 8-10 a.m. (Last name begins with H-N)

May 14th, 1-3 p.m., (Last name begins with O-T)

May 15th, 8-10 a.m. (Last name begins with U-Z)

5-7 p.m. (Open)

Registration takes place in the Central Registration Office at 578 East Market St., 376-2961

Safe Shoes

Some students are wearing footwear which is causing safety concerns, especially on the playground. The Student Code of Conduct prohibits shoes that are not safe, including slippers, house shoes, flip-flops, etc. Please be sure your children are wearing shoes that give them support and are safe.

