



SpringWater Weekly

August 23, 2019

Back to School advertisements have been out for months, but the real deal has finally arrived. Springwater staff are in full swing getting ready to open another school year with fanfare and celebration.

This summer I have had many opportunities to talk with the school founders, families, teachers and staff about the things that make Springwater a special place, I'm calling it the Springwater "Why". The themes I have heard time and time again center on the people and relationships in this community. Families working together to make a wonderful place for kids to learn. Teachers who are responsive and committed to each and every student. A school with curiosity and questions at the center of the work we do together. As the forward thinking, scholars of High School Musical would say (or sing), "We're all in this together." As we start this new school year, please take some time to decide how you can best contribute to the Springwater community. It might be organizing a family event, helping fix shelves in a classroom, leading kids on the field or create an art project we kids.

I know everyone is anxious to know more details regarding the coming school year. In this email I have included a map of the school with teachers and, most importantly, the animal that goes with each grade level. With our new classroom groupings we get to add a new animal, drumroll please...the second grade, being taught by teacher Zach, will be the Bats. Many teachers have changed rooms this year so hopefully the map will help orient everyone.

Our teachers are excited about the flexibility and opportunities for collaboration that the triad structure will provide this year. I have also attached a PDF that outlines the general daily schedule for each of the triad groups:

K-2 will be "Wind" (Oak Leaves, Dragonflies and Bats)
3-5 will be "Water" (Salmon, Blue Heron and River Otters)
6-8 will be "Earth" (Kit Foxes, Red Foxes and Silver Foxes)

We will be sending out class lists Tuesday evening.

Meet and Greet--Thursday 8/29 2:00-4:00

Come meet your teacher, check out your classroom, drop off some school supplies and share a treat with our friends.

Please take a moment to fill out this [form](#) letting us know if you will be attending.

- K-2 and 6-8 students will drop off supplies in their grade level classroom.
- The 3-5 student will be dropping the supplies in their homeroom classroom, we will send the name of the 3-5 homeroom teachers on Tuesday.

School Supply Orders have arrived!!

You can pick up the supplies you ordered in the Spring during the Meet and Greet 8/29 from 2:00-4:00.

Spruce up Springwater--Thursday 8/29

We could still use some help getting school ready for the arrival of our Meadowlarks. There is a garden work party from 9:00-12:00. We could also use some help in classrooms and around the grounds later in the day. 4:00-8:00.

Parent Council

We are looking for a parent council coordinator (or two) for this school year. Debi has created and amazing, step-by-step guide that outline the community events for the year. This year we are going to have each grade level take the lead on an event. (For example: The 2nd grade families might run the Snow Day.) Please let me know if you would be willing to ensure the success of the council and these important family events. greg@springwaterschool.com

First Day of School Coffee Talk--Sept. 3rd.

We will kick off the first day of school in the amphitheater. We would love to have you join us in the cafeteria for conversation, coffee and a muffin.

Registration Paperwork and School Supplies

All the paperwork you could ever imagine needing, as well as the list of school supplies is available [online](#) or you can pick up hard copies at the Meet and Greet or the first day of school. For additional information you can reach April at april@springwaterschool.com

