



Spann Elementary Panda Paws



“On our way, on the MOVE every day, to be WORLD class.”

Mission: Spann Elementary provides opportunities to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all learners.

Vision: Spann Elementary desires to prepare all students for the world by valuing diversity, opening their minds through personalized learning and encouraging them to be lifelong learners in the global community.

Principal Panda Post

Cafeteria Monitors: Starting Oct. 3, cafeteria monitors and members of the school leadership team will be monitoring students in the cafeteria for lunch. Teachers will be given a well deserved duty free lunch. We will be reviewing cafeteria procedures with students in order to have the safest and cleanest environment for lunch.

Bus Transportation: Parents of K-2 bus riders - Be sure to have bus tag numbers with you daily to show the driver to receive your child. There are frequent subs on buses, so drivers are required to check tag numbers. If the parent does not have the tag, the student has to be returned to the school for pickup. This can lead to suspension from the bus, so have those tags every day!

Afternoon Procedures

Students being picked up before the end of the school day must be signed out in the main office by a person listed on the emergency card with picture I.D. **Please do not sign students out during the last 30 minutes of the school day (after 1:35) except for emergencies.** If students have afternoon appointments, they should be signed out prior to this time. This is the busiest time for our office staff, and they need to spend their time helping with transportation and afternoon procedures. Any student going home a different way than usual **must have a written note from a parent** stating the reason for the change in transportation, how the student will be getting home, and a telephone number so the note can be verified, if needed. Riding home on a different bus is generally not allowed. **Phone calls for transportation changes WILL NOT be accepted. Faxes are accepted in an emergency & should include a copy of the parent's ID.**

Daily pick up needs to be done using the car rider line, not the front office. Students will not be called down to the office after 1:35 until dismissal.

If you live in the vicinity of the school and have your child walk home or you walk to school to pick up your child, please fill out a **walker contract** and return it to the front office. Only those with an approved contract on file will be allowed to pick up children on the sidewalk beyond the lead bus.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

6th: Last day of Read-a-Thon	24-28th: <i>Red Ribbon Week</i>
6th: PTA/SIC Meeting 6pm	26th: Early Dismissal 11 am
7th: Wear Blue—NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION DAY	26th: Storybook Character Day 8 am
11th: 2nd Grade PTA program	28th: Temple Kids 7:45am/ Spirit Day
14th: Trunk or Treat	
21st: No school for students **	



SPANN NEEDS YOU...

To join the Copy Crew

A recent survey of teachers revealed the highest priority need was making copies!

Do you have a couple hours during a school day where you could make copies? Let us know!




WE NEED YOU!

Email volunteer@spannpta.org to sign up!

The referral process for cognitive abilities screening is open for any students in 3rd- 8th grade that are NOT already stated identified for GATE. The referral process end at midnight on October 17, 2022. This is a cognitive screener for academic giftedness. This screener is used in combination with a student’s academic achievement and intellectual/academic performance data from throughout the year.

You are able to find the referral process on our school webpage, the Cognitive Abilities Screening icon shown below appears. By clicking this icon, information about the cognitive screener can be found (English and Spanish). This information will direct you to the Parent Portal where you can read additional details about the screening process and give permission to have your student tested later this fall. Note that there are links to videos in the announcement should you need guidance in how to access to Parent Portal.



Referral Process Information
Learn more about the referral process.



Early Dismissal

Date for October

Please remember transportation changes have to be sent in writing! Keep an eye out for Early Dismissal forms in your child's red folder.

October 26th




October 6th: Last day of Read-A-Thon – Donation forms and Total Reading Minutes due

October 6th: PTA Meeting at 6 pm

October 14th: Trunk or Treat for MOVE Behavior. Email volunteer@spannpta.org if you'd like to decorate your trunk and give out treats.

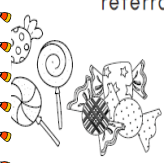


Scan code or visit <https://linktr.ee/spannpta> to join PTA, find volunteer opportunities, order yearbooks and more!




TRUNK OR TREAT FOR MOVE BEHAVIOR

Spann Elementary will host a "Trunk or Treat for MOVE Behavior" on Friday, **October 14th**. Any student that has not received a major office discipline referral is eligible to participate in this school-wide event.



OUR CANDY MONSTER IS HUNGRY!

We are in need of donations of individually-wrapped candy (**please no chocolate or items with nuts**) and inexpensive prizes (pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.) You can send in candy and prizes with your child starting now. Please send in items by Friday, October 7th.



WANT TO DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND GIVE OUT CANDY?

EMAIL VOLUNTEER@SPANNPta.ORG

Parent Involvement Center:

Kaci Korian is our new parent liaison at the Parent Involvement Center behind Spann. . The Center will have story time Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-12.

Red Ribbon Week!

October 24th – 28th

WOW!

What is Red Ribbon Week?

We celebrate Red Ribbon Week every year as one of the many ways to promote a healthy and happy lifestyle. Students are encouraged to make healthy choices while learning to “Say No” to drugs and alcohol!

Daily Themes

- Monday- **Even Super Heroes Need to Rest and Recharge!** - Put drugs to rest and wear your favorite pajamas!
- Tuesday- **Super Heroes, like The Avengers, Work Together as a Team!** - Team Up against drugs and wear your favorite sports team/wear.
- Wednesday- **Up, Up and Away! Fly Away with a Good Book!** - Dress as a character from a favorite book for our Story Book Character Parade!
- Thursday- **Shine the Bat-Signal in the Sky!** – Wear bright/neon colors and sunglasses for a bright future!
- Friday- **Heroes Are All Around Us! Use Your Super Spannnda Powers to Make Healthy Choices!** - Wear red for Red Ribbon Week and Spann Spirit Day!

Book Character Dress-Up Day



It's that time of year again! We will be having our annual Book Character Dress-Up Day on Wednesday, **October 26th**.

*Students who dress up that day **must** be a book character.

*Students should bring the book with their character to the parade.

*No scary, gory, or violent costumes/No weapons/No Character masks

We can't wait to see you dressed!



2nd Grade Testing

It's that time of the year when we administer fall testing programs to second graders. The South Carolina Department of Education requires the administration, scoring, and re-reporting of a norm-referenced system of aptitude and achievement tests to help identify potential students for the academically gifted and talented programs. Testing will begin October 10th