



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'S POST

Parent Survey Results: Every spring, 3rd-5th grade parents are asked to complete a survey on their child's school for the S.C. State Dept. of Education. The results are in from this parent survey. Some highlights of the data (percentages shown indicating the total responses of agree or strongly agree):

The highest rated areas were (all at 100%):

- My child's school has high expectations for student learning.
- My child's teacher encourages my child to learn.
- My child's school responds promptly when I have concerns.
- My child's school is kept clean.
- My child's teacher cares about my child.
- My child feels safe at school.
- My child's teacher and school staff prevent or stop bullying at school.
- My child's school has an anti-bullying program to prevent or deal with bullying.



The only area for concern was:

- My child's school schedules activities at times that I can attend (75%).

The results of 3 top questions are below:

- I am satisfied with the learning environment at my child's school (90.9%).
- I am satisfied with home-school relations at my child's school (91.6%).
- I am satisfied with the social and physical environment at my child's school (91.6%).



We use the results of this survey to make needed changes in the best interest of our students. We are happy to see that 100% of surveyed parents receive timely communication from the school. 40% of parents stated they participate in school committees such as PTA and School Improvement Council. Let's make that 100% - **we would love to see all of you involved!**

December Calendar

5th: Make Up Picture Day

7th: ~~Early Release~~ 11 am

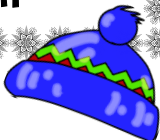
16th: Terrific Kids 7:45am

16th: Read In Your PJ's Day

16th: Early Release Day 11 am

19th-30st School closed Winter Break

January 3rd: Students return





EARLY RELEASE

December 7

December 16

11 am

Attendance Tips for Parents

Let Children Know that Good Attendance is Important

- Attendance is a parent and student responsibility. Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and tell them that you want them to do well in school.
- Good attendance habits start at an early age. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and on time. This helps them develop a positive view of school and the importance of attendance and their education.
- Do not provide inappropriate excuses for your child to miss school. It is more difficult to break a bad habit of allowing a child to stay home from school “just this once” than it is to say “no” school is important.

Establish a Routine

- Give yourself and your child enough time to get ready each morning.
- Plan ahead the night before by getting needed items (bookbags, homework, etc.) together and placed where they can be retrieved easily in the morning.
- Get proper rest. Set a regular age appropriate bedtime schedule.

Show Interest in Your Child's Activities

- Attend Back to School Night and PTA Meetings.
- Make education and your child's success a family priority.
- Encourage your child to get more involved with their school. Studies show that the more involved a child and parent/legal guardian are with their school, the child will achieve better attendance and success

Keep the Lines of Communication Open with your Child, the Teacher, the Guidance Counselor, and the Principal

- Provide written excuses to the school within three (3) days of the student's return to school. Provide a medical excuse if it is available for the absence.
- If your child does not want to go to school, find out why and work with your school and child to address the concerns. Let your child know he/she must attend school.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselor, staff, etc. at your child's school for advice on how to address any attendance issues for your child.
- Check your child's bookbag regularly. Occasionally important letters (such as the medical excuse for last Thursday's absence) can become lost in a full bookbag.
- Do not let your child persuade you into making an excuse for him/her. Don't give up. Reward good behavior and take it one day at a time.



Counselors Corner



During the month of November, students learned the definition of **bullying**. Bullying is when someone **PURPOSELY HURTS** someone else (with words or actions), **OVER AND OVER**, and the person being bullied feels **POWERLESS**, like there's nothing they can do to stop it (**POP!**). School counselors discussed with students the process of reporting bullying along with identifying trusted adults that they can turn to if they witness or experience bullying at school or on the bus. Spann has a Bully Box centrally located so that reports can be turned in with discretion. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Ms. Tanner or Ms. Gibbs in the School Counseling Department.

Media Center News

~Read Day in Your PJ's~



We will have our annual Read Day in Your PJ's event on **December 16th**! Students may wear "school appropriate" pajamas that day as classes will participate in reading activities throughout their day. Mark your calendar for this great day of reading!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE BOOK FAIR !
IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS**

thank you



Rollings Middle School Application Time

The deadline for completed applications is **Friday, December 2, 2022 @ 11:59 PM**. If you would like further information, please call the Gifted and Fine Arts Center at 843.832.5532 or go to ddtwo.org.



Dec 7

Spirit Day at Puma's Italian Ice & Hot Dog Shack.

115 E. Richardson

Reflections Reminder

Winter Break is a great time to work on your Reflections entry! The 2022–2023 Reflections theme is "Show Your Voice!" Submissions are due January 7th. For more information, official rules and online submission form, visit <https://spann.memberhub.com/w/reflections> or scan the QR code.



We are proud to announce that **Spann Elementary** will be participating in Kids Heart Challenge this year from **January 3rd-January 31st**. The Kids Heart Challenge prepares students for success by supporting their physical and emotional well-being. Your child will learn about heart, brain and vascular health, meet kids with special hearts and raise funds for all hearts.

Download our app or visit heart.org/KHC and sign up.

Kiwanis Terrific Kids October/November



J4KA	Luna Harrington	Victor Garcia
4KB	Sa'mia Singleton	Abigail Cano
PDK	Rowland Massey	Annabelle Wilkes
KA	Lucina Delacerda	Lailah Delacerda
KB	Adam Palmer	Caroline Smith
KC	Declan Smith	Mariana Adan-Franco
1A	Mabel McGuire	Henry Deitch
1B	Jocelyn Liston	Finn Deitch
1C	Matias Hernandez-Estrada	Vivian Knier
1D	Austin Gordon	Daivon Hugley
2A	Rusty Coffee	Ryan Matthews
2B	Session Mitchum	Brayden Boone
2C	Kellin Hudson	Caroline Combs
2D	Jasmine Catka	Alexander Kerr
2E	Behr McDuff	Rowen Butler
3A	Aden Smith	Hayden Cruikshank
3B	Estefanny Valdez-Martinez	Renjay Pinto
3C	Joaquin Diaz	Kaelyn Novak
3D	Ryan Shears	Hailey Brown
3E	Teddy Brown	Perla Lopez
4A	Mary Ella Sullivan	Scarlett James
4B	Rodrigo Valdez-Martinez	Sofia Rivers
4C	River Hamby	Lianna Haasch
5A	Jackson Yingling	Caden Moan
5B	Scarlett Bates	Malik Elliott
5C	Eli Cole	Jaden Chiche-Carretero
5D	Mya Soares	Madis Sillard
R180	Victoria Turner	Maximus Depew
CrossCat	Tito Jenkins	Ethan McArthur

Holiday Spirit Week Dec. 12-16

holiday SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY

KEEP YOUR FEET WARM WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SOCKS

TUESDAY

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT BY WEARING PLAID TODAY

WEDNESDAY

GET CREATIVE AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SWEATER

THURSDAY

STAY WARM AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY HAT

FRIDAY

BE COMFY ALL DAY AND WEAR YOUR HOLIDAY PAJAMAS