

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.



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All Month" Kid's Heart Challenge
3rd: Students return to school ♥
5th: PTA/SIC meeting 6 pm
7th: PTA Reflections Due
13th: Staff Day—NO students
16th: MLK Day NO SCHOOL
20th: PTA Family Game Night 6pm
27th: Spirit Day/Terrific Kids 7:45am
31st: Last Day for donations for Kids Heart Challenge



Nurse's Notes:

Parents, please continue to notify the district of any COVID concerns over the holidays via the ddtwo.org website. The Covid reporting link will take you to a brief form which, once completed, will be sent to the district nurses who will then communicate directly with you via the email address you provide. It is important that we continue to monitor COVID activity during the break so that we are able to follow safety standards outlined by DHEC.

DHEC is also providing free COVID and Flu testing. Visit RRtesting.APP/SCSchools to create an account, check-in, obtain results, and for further details.

Also, please continue to put a change of clothes in your student's book-bag. Students of all ages often need a change of clothes for food spill-age or slipping in mud. The nurse's office has a limited supply of clothing available for students. We welcome any donations of new underwear for boys and girls sizes 4-12 as our supply is running low.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday! Nurse Harley and Ms Patience, HRA

Congratulations to our

Spelling Bee winners!

Caelan Gethers 1st Place

Georgianna Collins 2nd place

Henry McGuire 3rd Place



Starting on Monday, December 5, 2022, Dorchester School District Two is offering free voluntary testing for COVID-19, Influenza A, and Influenza B for district students, staff, and families. Testing will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 115 Devon Road in Cottage 18, which is located behind Knightsville Elementary School.

These tests have been made available through a grant in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Testing will be conducted by Dorchester School District Two's DHEC-assigned testing partner. Rapid antigen tests for COVID-19 AND Flu A/B will be available as well as home test kits.

No appointment is necessary but participants must pre-register.

Registration Instructions:

1. Visit [RRtesting.app /scschools](https://RRtesting.app/scschools) or scan the QR code



2. When prompted, enter your email address and create a password.

3. You will receive an email from no-reply@rrtesting.com. Open this email and click the confirm button.

4. Log into your account, then our system will guide you through entering your information and signing your electronic HIPAA agreement.

5. Click "Create" at the bottom. Your registration is complete and you will be taken to your profile.

6. Alert one of our staff to be checked in.

7. To view your results, visit app.rrtesting.com or scan the QR code



Media Center News

Book Award Voting

K - 2 students will be voting for the South Carolina Picture Book Award. All students will get to participate because we will be reading these during library time and in class!

Students in grades 3 - 5 will be voting for the South Carolina Children's Book Award and must read at least 3 books from their list to qualify to vote. You can find many of these in eBook format on Destiny Discover and Sora.

We will be voting **February 24th**. Please encourage your child to read these great books so that they can participate!

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE:

*The Kids Heart Challenge information will come home with your child on Jan. 3rd

*All donations should be on-line

*You will be learning about heart health during your PE class as we focus on jumping rope. Your child will learn about heart, brain and vascular health, meet kids with special hearts and raise funds for all hearts.

*Last day for donations will be January 31st.

We thank you and your parents for your support!

Download our app or visit heart.org/KHC

PTA Reflections

Due
January 7th

FAMILY
GAME
Night

Friday, January 20th 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Attendance

Lawful/Excused Absences

- ◆ The absence is caused by the student's own illness and whose attendance in school would endanger his/her health or the health of others.
- ◆ The absence is due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family.
- ◆ The absence is due to a recognized religious holiday of the student's faith.
- ◆ The absence is due to school activities that are approved in advance by the principal.

Unlawful/Unexcused Absences

- ◆ The absence of the student without the knowledge of his/her parent/legal guardian.
- ◆ The absence of the student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his/her parent/legal guardian.

Suspension(s)

- ◆ Suspension(s) are not to be counted as an unlawful/unexcused absence for truancy purposes.

S'MORES for MOVE Behavior

Spann Elementary will host "S'mores for MOVE Behavior" on January 12th. Any student that has not received a major office discipline referral during the 2nd quarter is eligible to participate in this school-wide event.

Help us make this event a success by donating your time or items needed to make s'mores. Please scan the QR code to sign up if you are willing to help with the event or donate items.

BAGS OF
MARSHMALLOWS

BOXES OF
GRAHAM CRACKERS

FIREWOOD

CHOCOLATE BARS
(NO NUTS)

We're also
looking for 4
firepits to
borrow



PLEASE SEND IN ITEMS BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Counselors Corner:

Beginning in January all Spann students will receive instruction in personal body safety. The curriculum units are designed to be age appropriate and are used in all Dorchester Two elementary schools. The focus of the instruction is on teaching the child to trust his/her feelings, to recognize appropriate and inappropriate touches, and to use assertiveness skills to get help from a trusted adult if needed. The curriculum also includes teaching anatomically correct names of body parts. If you have any questions or would like to review this curriculum, please contact Kristin Tanner or Arthea Simmons at 843-873-3050.

The National child Abuse Hotline Referral Service offers these suggestions if your child tells you that he/she has been abused in some way:

1. BELIEVE THE CHILD – experts tell us that children do not usually lie about this.
2. STAY CALM – shock, fear, anger, shame and disbelief are normal reactions, but this turmoil adversely affects the child.
3. REASSURE THE CHILD – You might say, “It wasn’t your fault. I will protect you.”
4. SEEK HELP – Call Child Protective Services at 843-821-0444 or one of your school counselors.
5. IF THE CHILD BRINGS IT UP, TALK ABOUT THE ABUSE.
6. TAKE POSITIVE ACTION – in 99 out of 100 cases, the offender is a repeater.
7. IF THE OFFENDER IS A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE – let the child know your intention is not to put the offender in jail, but to get him/her help