



THE A B C 'S OF SPRING COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District Meets AYP Targets

2008 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Results Percentage of Students Proficient and Advanced

	Target	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Reading	63%	68.5%	80.7%	66.7%
Math	56%	81.5%	75.4%	56.3%

The 2008 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) test results are in, and we are pleased to report that the district has met all requirements under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). We are very proud of our students for their performance; however, we also know that we have additional work to do with certain students who may be included in some of the state's subgroup categories, such as economically disadvantaged, or who may have disabling conditions that impair their learning. In the coming school year, our staff will strategically focus on improving the performance of not only these students, but also those students who are currently excelling. We will continue to challenge all students to focus on continuous improvement and to strive for excellence. Additional information regarding the PSSA test results will be posted on the district's website in the near future.

Student Places in Top Ten



Congratulations to Kristy Jackson, a 2008 graduate of Central High School, who competed this summer at the 2008 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Kristy placed 10th in the nation in the Spreadsheet Applications event. We are very proud of her for all her hard work and effort.

While in Atlanta, Kristy enjoyed having the opportunity to meet students from other states and to act as a voting delegate to select national FBLA officers for the 2008/09 school year. Kristy was accompanied by FBLA Co-Advisors Mrs. Candace Claar and Mrs. Kassi Leidy.

Superintendent's Corner

"From small acorns, the mighty oak tree grows."

Whether you have been a lifelong Spring Cove resident or are a newly transplanted family, you can't help but notice the major influence of agri-business and natural resources in our community. Likewise, at the start of each new school year, we like to remind ourselves of the awesome responsibility that we have been given to help our community educate and raise their most valuable resource – our children and youth. The adage, "From small acorns, the mighty oak tree grows" is certainly an appropriate phrase to describe the process of nurturing the growth and development of students over many years of schooling.



Our cover stories for this issue of *The ABC's* are two great examples of how the Spring Cove School District continues to grow acorns into strong saplings that will undoubtedly become mighty oak trees. As a collective forest of learners, we have continued to grow and exceed the levels of achievement as mandated by the federal goals of No Child Left Behind. To meet these ever-increasing goals takes the cooperation of families, schools, and community. Saplings don't grow well when they are unattended. They need sunlight, moisture, nutrients, and even an occasional pruning. I am certain that Kristy Jackson would agree that her success at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference was the culmination of many years of nurturance, encouragement and good old-fashioned hard work. We are proud of her accomplishments, and we are confident that she will continue to strive toward her future goals.

In the coming months we will continue to bring you additional "success stories" about our students and staff. Look for these stories and more on our district web page at: <http://springcove.schoolnet.com>. With the digital distribution of this newsletter, we are beginning a transition of our district communications to the web in order that we may save costs and more widely distribute the great accomplishments of our school community. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about this change in how we are communicating with all of you.

In closing, we would also like to remind everyone that this newsletter includes the annual nomination form for the Leon E. Kensinger Memorial Award. Mr. Kensinger devoted his life to ensuring that all of us would benefit from the growth of mighty oaks in our community. We hope you will continue to honor his memory by nominating one or more of those mighty oaks. Thank you for your continued support of the Spring Cove School District. We are looking forward to another great year of sowing and tending your acorns!

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Spring Cove School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, and handicap in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 Coordinator through the Superintendent's Office at 1100 E. Main Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, or at (814) 224-5124.

2008/09 School Calendar

August	21, 22, 25	TEACHER INSERVICE
	26	FIRST STUDENT DAY
September	1	HOLIDAY – Labor Day - No School For Students
October	10	TEACHER INSERVICE - No School For Students
	20 – 31	PSSA TESTING
November	11	HOLIDAY – Veterans’ Day - No School For Students
	25	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS – Time to be announced. AFTERNOON & EVENING PARENT CONFERENCES
	26	MORNING PARENT CONFERENCES - No School For Students
	27 – December 1	HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving Break - No School For Students
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	23	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS – Time to be Announced PM TEACHER INSERVICE
	24 – January 2	HOLIDAY – Christmas Vacation - No School For Students
January	1 & 2	HOLIDAY – Christmas Vacation - No School For Students
	19/s	HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School For Students
February	9 – 20	PSSA TESTING
	13/s & 16/s	HOLIDAY – Winter Break - No School For Students
March	16 – 27	PSSA TESTING
April	9/s – 13/s	HOLIDAY – Spring Break - No School For Students
	27 – May 8	PSSA TESTING
May	1	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS – Time to be Announced PM TEACHER INSERVICE
	25	HOLIDAY – Memorial Day - No School For Students
June	3	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS – Time to be Announced PM TEACHER INSERVICE -Tentative Last Student Day
	4/s	TEACHER INSERVICE
	5, 8, 9, 10	Possible Snow Make-Up Days
		Commencement to be scheduled on the final day of attendance for the senior class.

/s = snow make up day

A more detailed calendar is available upon request from your school office or by visiting our website at
<http://springcove.schoolnet.com>



Coming Attractions

October 3 & 4 - 2nd Annual Homecoming Celebration

February 5 & 6 - Central High School Musical

March 5, 6, & 7 - Spring Cove Middle School Musical

More details will be available soon!

School Closings/Delays

During the school year, the following radio and television stations are notified in the event of a school closing, delay or early dismissal due to inclement weather or unforeseen emergency. Please tune to these stations for the latest information.

WTAJ-TV 10	WFBG	WKMC	WNTW
WJAC-TV	WFGY	WBXQ-Q94	WYOT
WATM-TV	WALY	WJSM	WKRW
WWCP-TV	WRKY	WKYE	WCCL
WPSU-TV/FM	WWOT	WFGI	WSKE
WVAM	WRTA	WNTJ	WZSK

School Bus Conduct

As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to remind all students and their parents that riding the school bus is a privilege. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and students have a responsibility to follow certain rules. The driver is in full charge of the students while they are on the bus. Students and parents are reminded of the following rules:

1. Students should arrive at their bus stop approximately five minutes before the designated time.
2. Students should get on and off at their assigned bus stop. Exceptions will be made only through the building principal's office.
3. Use of drugs, alcohol, and all tobacco products is prohibited.
4. Profane and/or objectionable language and obscene gestures are prohibited.
5. Playing of radios and tape/CD/DVD recorders is prohibited unless headphones are being used.

The privilege of riding the bus can be denied to anyone who does not show the proper courtesy and/or endangers passengers by his/her disregard for the rules of common sense and safety.

2008/09 Cafeteria Prices

<i>Breakfast (Elem./Sec.)</i>	<i>\$0.85</i>
<i>Reduced Breakfast (Elem./Sec.)</i>	<i>\$0.30</i>
<i>Breakfast (Adult)</i>	<i>\$1.35</i>
<i>Lunch (Elem.)</i>	<i>\$1.50</i>
<i>Lunch (Sec.)</i>	<i>\$1.75</i>
<i>Reduced Lunch (Elem./Sec.)</i>	<i>\$0.40</i>
<i>Lunch (Adult)</i>	<i>\$2.35</i>
<i>Milk</i>	<i>\$0.40</i>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Administration Office
(814) 224-5124

East Freedom Elementary
(814) 695-4859

Martinsburg Elementary
(814) 793-2014

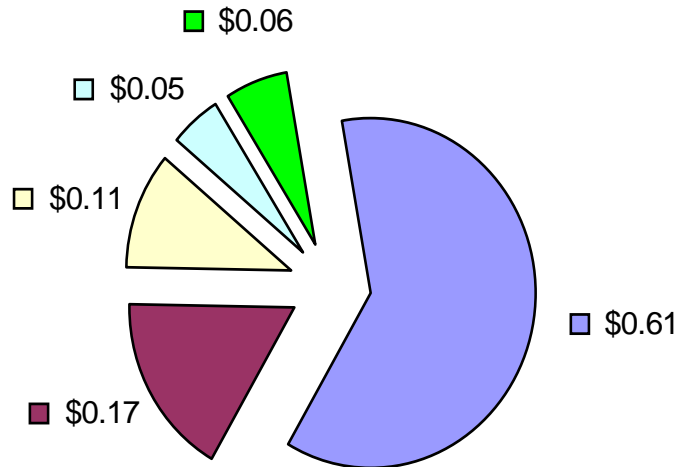
Roaring Spring Elementary
(814) 224-2311

Spring Cove Middle School
(814) 224-2106

Central High School
(814) 793-2111

2008/09 Budget Facts

How Each Budget Dollar Is Spent



■ \$0.61	Wages & Benefits For: Instruction, Guidance, Health Services, Support Teaching Staff, Administration, Maintenance & Custodial
■ \$0.17	Contracted Services: Transportation, Education Specialized Services, Contracted Maintenance, Audit & Compliance
■ \$0.11	Textbooks, Supplies, Equipment Energy Costs Inspections & Insurance
■ \$0.05	Dues & Fees Community Support Interest
■ \$0.06	Financing

2008/09 Budget Overview

2008/09 General Fund Budget	—	\$21,864,992
Increase Over 2007/08 Budget	—	4.8%
Current Millage	—	137 Mills
1 Mill is equal to	—	\$58,607
Average Tax Paid	—	\$1,184
Total Athletic Budget	—	\$239,252

The 2008/09 budget does not include a millage increase for the new school project.

Fall Computer Classes



The Spring Cove School District will offer adult computer classes beginning in late October. Classes will be held at the Cove Educational Community Center which is located next to the Spring Cove Middle School in Roaring Spring. Enrollment is open to Spring Cove residents, as well as residents of other school districts. The tentative schedule includes the following classes: **PC Basics, Buying and Selling with eBay, Seniors' Night Out, Internet Security, Microsoft Word Basic, Microsoft Word Intermediate, Microsoft Excel Basic and Microsoft Excel Intermediate.** An updated course schedule will be available in September on the district web page at <http://springcove.schoolnet.com>.

Nominations Accepted

The Spring Cove School District is seeking nominations for the 2009 Leon E. Kensinger Memorial Award. Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2009, for this award that pays tribute to a late administrator or educator who is remembered for making a significant contribution to the district.

A nine-member selection committee will review nominees for this annual Award. Mr. Kensinger, the first principal of the Spring Cove Junior High School, which is now the Spring Cove Middle School, died at age 82 on March 9, 1994. The district's school board, who built a memorial in Kensinger's honor outside the middle school, decided to recognize others who have contributed to the district by giving an annual award named after Kensinger. The recipient's name will be inscribed on the memorial.

To be considered for this award, the nominee must be deceased and must have served in an administrative or instructional position in any of the municipalities or components making up the Spring Cove School District.

A nomination form is included in this newsletter. Additional forms are available at the District Administrative Office located at 1100 E. Main Street, Roaring Spring or by calling (814) 224-5124. A written letter of recommendation will also be accepted and should be addressed to the Superintendent's Office of the Spring Cove School District at 1100 E. Main Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. One nominee will be selected to receive this memorial award, which will be presented to their family at a ceremony to be held in May 2009. Those who are nominated but not selected will remain on the ballot for consideration for up to six years.

Day-To-Day Substitutes Needed

We could use your help! If you are interested in working as a day-to-day substitute teacher, secretary, nurse, aide, custodian, or food service worker, please give us a call at 224-5124.

Nominations Accepted

THE LEON E. KENSINGER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nomination Form

Nominations are being accepted for former Administrative or Instructional Employees of the Spring Cove School District who are now deceased. These nominations will be considered for awarding by the selection committee. Nomination forms will be kept on file for a period of six years from the date submitted. If not selected in the year they are submitted, nominees may be considered for up to six years from the date of submission.

Name of Nominee: _____

Substantiating Information: _____

Nominated By: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You are welcome to supply additional information about the nominee. Please do not submit original items. If the person you nominate is selected for this award, you will be notified and may be asked to help the committee locate a family representative. The ceremony is held each year on the first Sunday in May.

Nominations should be sent to: **Mr. Rodney Green**, Superintendent, Spring Cove School District, 1100 E. Main Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673.

Nominations must be received by January 15, 2009, in order to be considered for the May 2009 dedication.

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON SPRING COVE ELEMENTARY



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