



Superintendent's E-Mail Newsletter

"Staying in touch..."



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*"Building a foundation of excellence.....
.... one student at a time."*

"Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example."

~Mark Twain



Cell Phones In Schools And The Workplace

It is hard to imagine a world without cell phones. They are more than just cell phones. The "smart phone" of today sends messages, photos, videos, e-mail, and even serves as a GPS device. They are marvelous and useful. Yet, we also know that the inappropriate use of cell phones is becoming more prevalent. Within our own district and across the nation, a disturbing trend among students is to send "sexting" messages to their peers. "Sexting" involves two or more individuals sending nude photos of each other via their phones. I guess the days of passing love notes across the aisle in class are gone forever.

We are in the midst of this communication revolution. As educators, we are also being asked to step up to the plate and model appropriate behavior. With that in mind, there are a few basic guidelines we would like to share with all employees about the use of cell phones in the workplace:

- Our policy with students is that they may carry a cell phone, but it is not to be used during the school day. Likewise, we are directing that adults are not to be using cell phones during their work time. For teachers and support staff this means that cell phones should be used only during a break period or at lunchtime. To use phones during a class period, in front of students, or while performing duties is not permitted.
- It is also strongly, strongly (did I say strongly?) directed that adult staff should not communicate with students by cell phone and/or text messaging. Messaging with a student on a phone, much like e-mail communications, can be altered and forwarded to others. The school district will investigate any complaints and fully cooperate with law enforcement official with any incidents that involve cell phone content. These types of infractions are often career/employment ending events. So, we ask that you exercise good judgment. Thank you.

“The most powerful force in the universe is compound interest.”

-Albert
Einstein



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The Inauguration Trip – Spring Cove Was There!

Pictures don't really do justice to describing the feeling of attending the Inauguration ceremonies, but the pictures below do give you a sense of crowds. The picture on the left was taken by me as “we” (Dave Crumrine and myself) were standing on the Mall area, near the Smithsonian “Castle.” The picture on the right shows us again. We are there...really! Forty-one students from CHS attended, and they did a wonderful job throughout the day. Kudos to Mr. Waite for organizing a fantastic opportunity for our kids!



News Flash - Dwight Kennedy To Represent ING

We are continuing to implement our new 403(b) program, and we are proud to announce that we have added Dwight Kennedy from Edward Jones as an ING representative. This provides another choice of representation for our employees, and Dwight is no stranger to Spring Cove. Dwight has many years of experience as a financial advisor and is a former Spring Cove teacher. He is pleased to have this opportunity to represent you, and we are equally pleased to have him as an ING representative. We will continue to update you on the ING choices and encourage you to consider a savings plan for your future.



Prior Approval Now Needed For Graduate Work

This is a reminder that as we prepare to implement the new SCEA Bargaining Agreement, one new item is the need to have prior approval before enrolling in graduate courses if you wish to have reimbursement for the course. A new form is being developed and will be made available in the very near future. Thank you for your cooperation!