



Tuesday, September 15, 2020



Thursday, September 17: [Virtual PTO Meeting / Parent University](#)
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday, September 22: Back-to-School Night, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30: [AtoZConnect Registration/Verification Deadline](#).



Virtual PTO Meeting / Parent University



Please join us on **Thursday, September 17th at 7:00pm** for a brief **Virtual PTO meeting** and our first **Parent University** with presenter Ann Dolin, M.Ed.

During the **PTO meeting**, the **2020-2021 Budget** will be presented and voted on for approval.

Join us via BBCU: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/63c434e0712f4ae1bfd9f9757a93a0e>. We suggest using Google Chrome as your browser.

PARENT UNIVERSITY: Survive and Thrive with Virtual Learning - Practical Strategies to Make At-home Learning Work for You

You will hear about strategies to help you survive and thrive in this challenging school year. You'll learn how to avoid parent-child conflict around academics with practical tips.

A big thank you to parent volunteer Ann Shankroff for coordinating our first Parent University lecture!

Back to School Checklist

The PTO Back to School Checklist was sent home in our Panther drawstring backpacks and is posted on our website [HERE](#). Let's start the year on the right paw!

- Step 1** - Stay Informed! Join the PTO by [signing up](#) to receive our communications.
- Step 2** - [Donate to the Panther Fund](#) - The PTO will continue to financially support our core programs this year.
- Step 3** - [Update Directory Information](#) - Our school directory will be online only this year. This directory is invaluable to connect with other families.
- Step 4** - Earn FREE Money for SHES by participating in our [Vendor Bonus programs](#).
- Step 5** - [Volunteer with the PTO!](#)



Calling All...



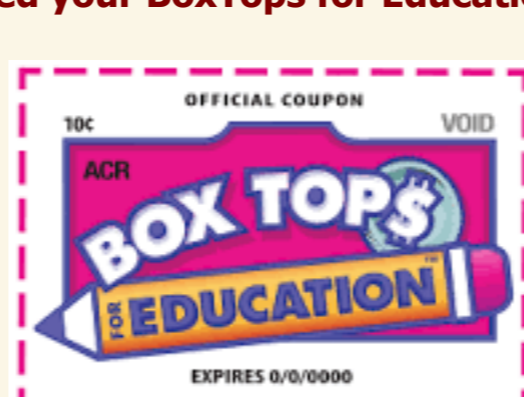
2020-21 Room Parents - Volunteers Needed

Even in a virtual setting, there remains a need for room parents to help support our teachers. The role of the room parent this school year will be minimal, and therefore each classroom will need just one room parent (maximum of two) per class. This year room parents will assist in the sharing of information from the PTO & teacher with all classroom parents, as well as collect & track classroom donations to support teacher gifts throughout the school year.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are interested in volunteering to be their classroom parent this year. Teachers have been asked to submit their room parent name by next Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Stay tuned for more information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Box Tops

Yes! We still need your BoxTops for Education participation!



BoxTops went digital last year, so please download the BoxTops for Education App and select Spring Hill. <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

After you shop, please open the app and take a photo of your receipt (within 14 days). The app will find items that qualify for BoxTops credit and put the money right in our Spring Hill ES account! More information can be found at: <https://springhillpto.org/box-tops/>

By Friday, October 16th - please search high and low for any 'official coupon' paper BoxTops for Education clips you may still have around your house! If you find any BoxTops that haven't expired (11/1/20 or later date), please send them to:

BoxTops PTO Coordinator
8201 Lewinsville Road
McLean, VA 22102

Thank you for always helping Spring Hill earn free money!

Shop and Support SHE!



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate **0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Spring Hill PTO**.

It's quick & easy to sign-up – just go to smile.amazon.com and note "Spring Hill Elementary PTO" as your beneficiary. Then all you have to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com every time you visit Amazon.

Amazon will keep track of your donations so you can see just how much money you're generating for the PTO while you shop. It's that easy!

Earn money using the app!

AmazonSmile customers can now support Spring Hill Elementary PTO in the Amazon Shopping app found in the [App Store](#) for iOS and [Google Play](#) for Android! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

If you have any questions, please contact the Fundraising Committee Chair at springhillptofundraiser@gmail.com

Outside School Activities: OSA



FLEX Academies will be offering virtual after school activities for students. They have been working hard to create engaging, fun, and creative ways to help our children feel connected with one another. If you're interested in learning more, visit the OSA page on the PTO website [HERE](#). Registration is open and class sizes are limited. If you have questions please email: contact@flexone.live

Chess Club has moved online! This program is available for students grades 2-6 and no experience is necessary. More details will be available in the coming days on the PTO website. The new season of Chess Club begins September 30th so keep an eye out for registration details.

Show Us Your Students!



School may look very different this year, but **we want to see your Panthers!** Please send us pictures of your students from their distance learning environment, celebrating their first weeks of school, or showing their Panther spirit during this back-to-school season. Email your pictures to springhillptosecretary@gmail.com and we will share them with the Panther family on social media!

FCPS Support for Parents

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a variety of resources to support parents and students. Use the links and information below to find answers to your questions or specific needs.

- [FCPS Parent Resource Center](#) - provides direct assistance to families, educators, and community members. They provide access to information and resources to support all students, including those with special needs, learning challenges, and disabilities.
- [Fairfax County Special Education PTA \(SEPTA\)](#) - has information on support groups available for parents covering everything from adoption support, parenting in a pandemic, ADHD, juvenile court, etc.
- [FCPS Parent Technology Resource page](#) - provides tip sheets and support in multiple languages. These tip sheets provide answers to basic questions about FCPS technologies.
- [Parent and Student IT Portal](#) - for technical support questions about your online parent accounts, your student's FCPS laptop, or technology your student uses for online learning, contact the Parent Technology Help Desk (toll free) at 833-921-3277 or enter a support request ticket online. The Parent Technology Help Desk will be answered 7 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days a week.
- FCPS has [Parent Information Phone Lines](#) available in eight languages to assist with general questions about FCPS.

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How to Stay Informed

1. [Subscribe to the PTO newsletter - The Scoop](#)
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3. Attend PTO meetings
4. Visit [Spring Hill PTO website](#)



The Panther Fund is Spring Hill PTO's direct donation fund that allows our community to sponsor programs, events, and enrichment opportunities to enhance our children's educational experience.

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Thank you to all the PTO volunteers and the SHES staff who worked so hard to make sure everyone is ready to go on the first day of school!

Thank you to our generous sponsors!
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