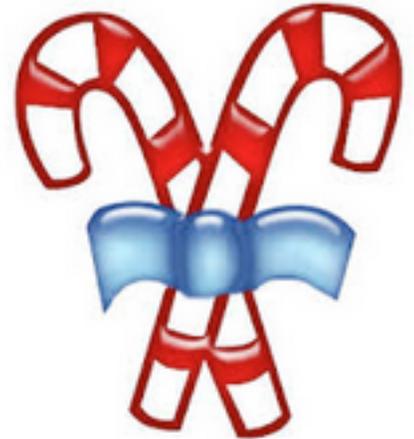


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CALENDAR

December	1-2	NO SCHOOL - Conference Days
	8	PTO Meeting in the library @ 6:30pm
	19-30	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January	2	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
	3	Welcome Back
	13	Early Release
	16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



Walterville Families ~

I sincerely wish you all the best during this holiday season! With so few days of school this month, I hope you have time to slow down and enjoy some family time. We have a lot to be thankful for, and it's good to slow down to remember to show gratitude to those we love.

One major thing for which I am grateful is my amazing job! I truly love working with your children each day, and I consider it an honor to be principal at Walterville. Thank you for trusting our incredible staff with your precious children.

Happy Holidays!

*Sincerely,
David Hulbert*

LOST & FOUND



Once again, our Lost & Found racks have a lot of clothes and other items that have not been claimed by their rightful owners. If your child is missing a coat, jacket, or something you cannot find, please remind him/her to check the clothes racks outside the office area. It could be there! Clothes not claimed by Winter Break will be donated to the Brattain House.

After School Transportation



The Transportation Department will no longer allow drivers to transport students to another student's home after school unless the requested "friend" stop is on your student's regular route. On a day when you would like to make such an arrangement, please send a signed note to the office with your student in the morning or call the office by 2:00pm.



School Closures Due to Weather

Each year, Springfield Public Schools activates its "inclement weather" team to assess whether schools will be closed, delayed, or operating as usual when a weather forecast predicts possible snow or ice. Staff members check the condition of district bus routes by driving them between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Decisions are typically made no later than 6:30 a.m.

There are several ways for you to find out if the weather has affected your student(s)' school day:

- **Find up-to-date weather information online on our home page or at <http://www.springfield.k12.or.us/weather>.**
 - You can also click on "Weather" under Hot Topics on the homepage.
- **Tune in to your favorite local TV or radio station.**
- **Check the district's Facebook and Twitter pages.**
 - [facebook.com/springfieldps](https://www.facebook.com/springfieldps)
 - twitter.com/springfieldps
- **Sign up for automatic alerts via FlashAlert ([flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net)).**
 - *Note that while the FlashAlert system is our primary means of communication, people should double-check another source if the system is down or if they have any questions.*

In the event of a weather closure, all after-school activities are cancelled, including athletic games, practices, and building rentals. If buses are on snow routes that will be communicated via the same channels listed above. Snow routes are posted at www.springfield.k12.or.us/busroutes.

Checking the FlashAlert page directly (www.flashalert.net/id/springfieldps) is the most direct method of getting information.

Parents can help their child make homework a success... and not a hassle!

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework — it shows kids that what they do is important.

Of course, helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Parents can be supportive by demonstrating study and organization skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging kids to take a break. And who knows? Parents might even learn a thing or two!

Here are some tips to guide the way:

1. **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.** Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan.** On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts.** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

Furthermore, **reading with and to** your child are vital activities that promote literacy and school success. Reading fluency and comprehension are KEY to school success, so have FUN when you read aloud: use different voices, ask your child questions about the text (What do you think will happen next? How do you think that character feels right now? Why do you think that?), take turns as the reader.

Finally, play games with your child! Games are FULL of important academic and social skills: counting and math fluency practice, word play, taking turns, strategy, problem-solving, and learning how to win and lose gracefully. So turn off the electronics sometimes to play an old-fashioned family game!

Thanks for reading! (many tips taken from kidshealth.org)

December 3, 2016

Dear Walterville Parent and Guardians:

One third of the 2016-17 school year has passed, and Walterville Elementary staff has exciting plans and high expectations for your child's learning for the rest of the year. I know that you also have many hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond. To make sure those hopes and dreams are realized, I want to ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear: **children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school.** High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade through high school.

H.O.T. Classrooms!

Walterville Elementary School is starting an initiative to promote consistent attendance at school, in that every student is **Here On Time: HOT!** Student attendance at Walterville Elementary in 2015-16 was 94%, and our goal this year is 97%. So far this year, we are almost at 96%, which is a great improvement. We are close to our school wide goal of 97%!!!

Every time a classroom has 100% of their students in class by the start of school at 8:35, they will get to post a **HOT Classroom Poster** on their door to signify their achievement. Furthermore, the class will receive a *hot chili pepper sticker* to put on our school wide tracking poster. Each time a classroom accumulates 5 HOT days, they will earn a classroom prize.

You can promote good attendance when you:

- Establish and stick to the basic routines (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help your child develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- Talk to your child about why going to school every day is critical and important unless they are sick. If your child seems reluctant to go to school, find out why and work with the teacher or administrator to get them excited about going to school.
- Come up with back up plans for who to turn to (another family member, a neighbor or fellow parents) to help you get your child to school if something comes up (e.g. another child gets sick, your car breaks down, etc.).
- Reach out for help if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) that make it difficult to get your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- If your child is absent, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.

Thank you for helping your child reach her/his potential through positive attendance habits!

Sincerely,

David Hulbert,

Principal, Walterville Elementary School



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6th Annual

Give Back to Schools Program

Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the school of your choice. All trees are \$5/ft. This is open to everyone and there is no limit.

Our Noble Firs are locally grown at Spring Creek Holly Farm and at our wholesale facility Whitewater Ranch using low impact and sustainable farming practices. We have pre-cut and choose and cut trees available. We also offer handmade holly wreaths, table decorations and bulk greens.

Start a new holiday tradition and come out and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and help support your favorite school.

Spring Creek Holly Farm is open the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, from 9am to 5pm every day of the week.

Spring Creek Holly Farm

www.sphf.com



Whitewater Ranch

www.whitewaterranch.com

The Dish - December 2016

Elementary School



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 1-2				NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Dec 5-9	Bean & Cheese Burrito Tuna Sandwich Refried Beans Peaches Side Salad	BBQ Chicken Sandwich Cottage Cheese & Fruit w/Breadstick Diced Carrots Pineapple Creamy Coleslaw	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Dinner Roll Turkey Sandwich Green Beans Peas Side Salad	Salisbury Steak w/Dinner Roll Fruit Parfait w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Mixed Fruit Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	EARLY RELEASE Pizza Ham & Cheese Sandwich Corn Mixed Fruit Side Salad
Dec 12-16	Chicken Soft Taco Ham Sandwich Refried Beans Peas Side Salad	Meatball Sub Fruit Parfait w/Breadstick Green Beans Peaches Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower	Beefy Macaroni Cottage Cheese & Fruit w/Goldfish Crackers Diced Carrots Applesauce Side Salad	Turkey Gravy w/Dinner Roll Chef Salad w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Mixed Fruit Celery & Carrot Sticks	Chicken Nuggets w/Dinner Roll Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans Pineapple Creamy Coleslaw
Dec 19-23	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK
Dec 26-30					
HARVEST OF THE MONTH IS: CABBAGE					

Online prepayments with
www.myschoolbucks.com



Fresh Fruit offered daily

"A meal consists of one entrée, two to three side selections and a carton of 1% Low Fat White Milk or Fat Free Chocolate Milk."

Menu subject to change without notice

*Students with reduced status now receive Lunch for free.

STUDENT PRICE:

Elementary School - \$2.55
 Middle School - \$2.75
 High School - \$2.90

ADULT PRICE:

Any adult - \$3.60

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