



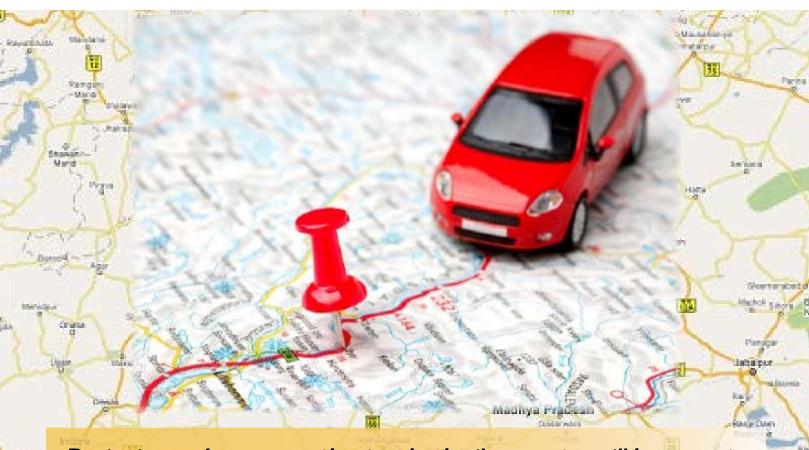
January 4, 2016 - Allsitesandadministrative offices return from Winter Break.

January 18, 2016 - All sites and administrative offices will be closed in observar of Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

Pay Day:

- January 4, 2016 River Springs Certificated Staff
- **January 29, 2016 All staff**





Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, the standard mileage rates will be 54 cents per mile for business miles driven. An updated mileage form will be available on the Springs website at the bginning of the new year.

Please use the appropriate mileage form for the correct calendar year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Accounts Payable department at (951) 252-8823 or accounts.payable@springscs.org



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by students applying for state, federal, and institutional financial aid. Even if a family doesn't think their student will qualify for need-based financial aid, they should still complete the FAFSA to be eligible for student loans. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning January 1st and must be done prior to the March 2nd deadline. Below are the steps a family should take when preparing to submit the FAFSA.

Find out the FAFSA priority deadline for your college. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, it is crucial to submit the FAFSA in a timely manner. Many priority deadlines are as early as February. Although priority deadlines do not affect a student's eligibility for federal student loans, if a student doesn't file early, they may miss out on possible aid opportunities such as money awarded directly from the institution.

Request a FSA ID. If a student is considered a dependent student and they file the FAFSA online, both the parent and child will need to register for a FSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov/. (The parent's FSA ID is different from the student's FSA ID.) ID numbers are required to sign the online FAFSA application. Parents can use the same FSA ID number for their electronic signature each year and for multiple children.

File taxes. Since the FAFSA requires current tax information, families should try to file taxes early. If it is not possible, students can still submit the FAFSA using estimated taxes. Just keep in mind that once taxes are filed, the FAFSA must be updated using the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval process.

Complete FAFSA on the Web Worksheet. If a student is filing the FAFSA online, they should consider completing the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet ahead of time in order to organize information. This worksheet allows you to read and complete the questions before entering information online. The questions are listed in the same order as they appear on the website.

Gather required forms. The following information is needed when filling out the FAFSA:

- Student's driver's license and Social Security card
- Income tax returns or as close an estimate as possible
- W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Current bank statements
- Records and documentation of other untaxed income received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, veteran's benefits, AFDC, or military or clergy allowances
- Records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments



Springs Charter Schools Senior Megan Chan is an amazing student who will have earned 42 units of college credits by the time she graduates from high school. Megan is National Honor Society President and she is on the Robotics Team. In addition to her high school classes, she is currently taking Physics and Chinese at MSJC. Megan is a well-rounded student and she has been actively involved in the community, participating in ballet, martial arts, and piano. In addition, she has helped with Robotics camps for special needs students and has been a martial arts instructor. Megan plans to major in industrial engineering at a four-year university; hopefully Stanford. Megan is kind and she always has a smile and a positive, can-do attitude.



Our football tournament was held on Saturday Dec 5th at Sheridan Park in Corona. We played games all day. There were 4 middle school teams and 4 elementary teams and the teams with the best record won each division. The day was clear and warm and both Hemet and Corona brought their cheerleading teams who helped inspire the crowd and athletes.

Participating elementary sites: Orange County, Riverside, Corona, and Hemet. Each team played each other, and after 3 games Hemet was the winner.

Participating middle school sites were: Riverside, Hemet, Corona, and Tequesquite. After 2 games Riverside and Hemet were both undefeated. The tournament came down to the 3rd and final game as both Riverside and Hemet were going to play each other. It was a good game and a great way to end the tournament. Hemet won and became middle school champions.

All teams represented our sites well, the students were great athletes and had lots of fun.



around as a drop of water in an interactive game.



Mrs. Voechting had a great group of parents during Principal's Chat, Parents had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the vision and goals of our school. Coffee and refreshments were available.





CTE Aviation 1 & 2, and CTE Aviation Ground School students take a break to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday! 240th Birthday of the USMC, November 10, 1775.



























Mrs. Crawford's
Performing Arts classes
have been having so
much fun! They worked
really hard putting
together mini partner
performances called
"Fairy Tale Raps."

Through this process they also learned how to do peer and self-critiques and what it means to be a respectful audience.

Despite all the hard work, they also took a little time to express their crazy, silly sides using props and facial expressions! They are having a blast and learning so much in the process!





Mrs. Jorgensen's Hands-on Science class was busy learning about landforms... they look Amazing!

















Middle School student prototyping a mascot for ORAA



Happy New Year



TK-2nd grade students had a special visit from our local police department. We were happy to welcome one of our very own parents who serves



4th grade students are learning about holiday traditions around the world. They learned about Russia and created their own matryoshka dolls! The map shows all of the countries they will be "traveling" to this holiday season.



As part of our Character Development unit, the 2nd graders have been working on sharing. Students recognized and celebrated each other sharing throughout the week.

5th - 8th Grade girls discovering America through puzzle

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Creative Crafts and Drawing classes at Otay Ranch Learning Center use pastels and oil pastels to create Zoom In art! The students used their drawing skills first to "zoom in" on a part of an animal. Then filled in with color. What masterpieces!



What's more fun than Handprint Monkey art?

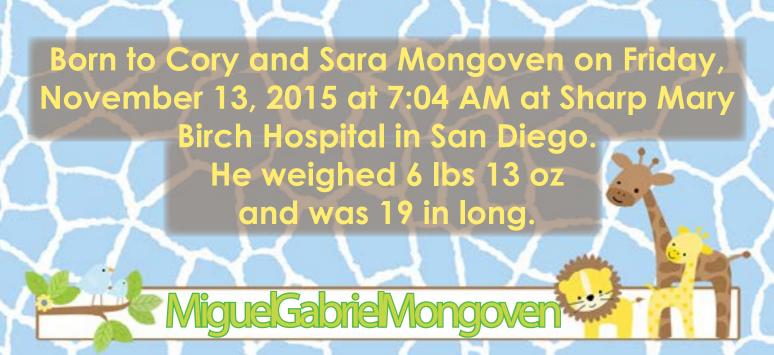
Students draw the other half of a picture to enhance rightbrain/left-brain integration-and produce amazing sketches!







Messy science is fun! The STEM class of 3rd - 6th graders studied the insides of a pumpkin. Then they ate pumpkin cookies! Yum!





























In November, the students in grades K-3 participated in a huge Thanksgiving Extravaganza! Students feasted on a real turkey dinner with all the trimmings and then participated in traditional thanksgiving games and crafts!

This event could not have been possible if it were not for our fantastic parents who supplied every yummy morsel as well as ran all the craft and game booths! It was a day to remember and be Thankful for!



In Mrs. Lyles', Magic Tree House class, students are reading Lions At Lunchtime. After learning some interesting facts about lions, students created their own lion masks!





Students in Mrs. Campbell's, Math Fun and Games Kindergarten class, learned about 3-D shapes and created their own.







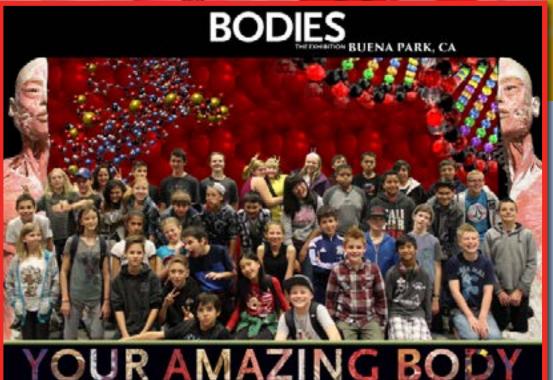


Mr. Rusnak's 6th grade history class studied ancient Egypt. The class was divided into Egyptian cities where they competed for "Pyramid Points", built pyramids, completed with interior, and wrote their names in hieroglyphics. The pyramids required an angle of 51-52 degrees to mirror the great pyramid at Giza.



DVMS attending the Bodies Exhibit for a field trip.
By understanding how the body works, you can
better care for it and keep it healthy. By studying the
systems of the body, you will come away with a new
appreciation for life.

Happy New Year



In BODIES...The Exhibition, students saw real human specimens dissected and preserved to display the

intricacies of each body system.
Students also experienced the effects of disease on the body and unhealthy life choices — what happens to the lungs, for example, when people smoke. This Exhibition shows visitors how positively amazing the body is — how the pulleys, fulcrums, and levers that we know as muscles, joints, and bones let us function continuously without even thinking about it.

Da Vinci Elementary 2nd grade had a field day which included a pilgrim feast for Thanksgiving. Students participated in all kinds of fun outdoor activities and then sat down to experience a feast of Chicken, potatoes, and veggies.





