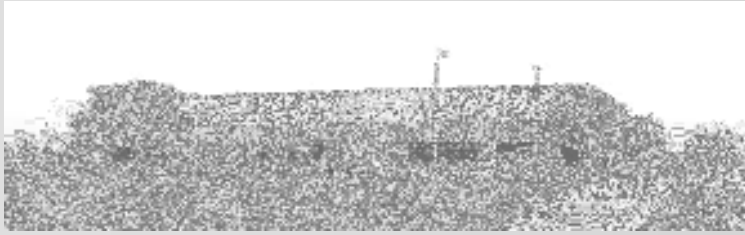


The Spinning Hills

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

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Upcoming Events

Tues. Aug. 9	Orch Meeting 6:00
	Band Meeting 7:00
Thurs. Aug 11	Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:30
Tues. Aug 16	First Day of School
Thurs. Aug. 25	Open House 6:00-7:30



Greetings from Spinning Hills Middle School. I hope the receipt of this newsletter finds you rested and excited for a new school year. It is hard to believe that we are less than two weeks away from the start of school. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the information contained in this newsletter. Please call the school office if you have any questions prior to the start of school. As we begin this school year we say good bye to our assistant principal, Mr. Miller, who will be taking over as the Principal of Stevenson Elementary. We welcome back Mrs. Coyne as the Assistant Principal at Spinning Hills. Due to budget restrictions, Mrs. Coyne will only be here on a half-time basis. Her hours will be from 12:15 to 4:15 PM daily. We had a fantastic 2010-2011 school year. Our sixth grade Ohio Achievement Scores were outstanding in the areas of reading and math and our fifth grade science scores were the highest they have ever been. Our focus for the upcoming school year will be to improve upon our 5th grade reading and math scores. In addition our attendance rate continued to be consistently above 95 %. Spinning Hills Middle School will continue to strive to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students. In order to accomplish this it is imperative to develop a positive working relationship with parents. We want all parents to be an integral part of their child's education. We ask for your support and cooperation as we work together to effectively challenge each child to reach their full potential. Students must come to school everyday ready to learn. We expect students to put forth their best effort both behaviorally and academically. We hope to challenge all students to be critical thinkers and good citizens. As principal, I expect all students to be respectful, responsible, trustworthy, and a problem solver. Again this year we will continue to provide incentives and rewards for students through our building-wide positive behavior support program. We hope to see all of you at our annual Ice Cream Social which will be held on **Thursday, August 11th** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. During this time you will be able to pick up your student's class schedule provided you pay at least \$10 toward your child's school fees. Fees for the year remain at \$40. We will also be having an Open House on **Thursday, August 25th** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendar with these important dates. In closing, the Spinning Hills staff looks forward to working with you and your child this coming school year. It is the building philosophy that parents, teachers, students and support staff must work together to provide the best education possible for each child. Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any concerns about your child and his/her education. Have a great rest of the summer.

Mark Henderson

Principal

WELCOME STUDENTS!

We hope that your summer was relaxing and enjoyable. As impossible as it may seem, it is almost time to start a new school year. We are sure your son or daughter is anxiously awaiting for the start of school. It is our belief that this building is your (the community's) school. We want you to be actively involved in every aspect of your child's education. You as parents are the most important and first teacher for your child. No one knows your child and their learning styles better than you do. If you have a question, please call or stop in and discuss the situation. Parents are always welcome at Spinning Hills Middle School. Remember that we are all on the same team and have the same goal....the best education possible for your child. Attached is information you will find helpful. Please look it over with your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 259-6635.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Spinning Hills Middle School will hold its annual Ice Cream Social on the evening of Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 PM.



The purpose of the Ice Cream Social is to provide students with a little head start on the school year. **Students that pay fees (\$40) at the Ice Cream Social will receive their schedule for the upcoming year and have the opportunity to see where all their classrooms are located and pick up their class supply list. Students that do not pay their fees will NOT receive their schedules until the first day of school.** For those students unable to attend the Ice Cream Social, you may come into the office any day after the Social before school starts and pay fees to receive your schedule. The homeroom list will be posted on the front doors the Friday before school starts.

School begins for students on Tuesday, August 16th at 9:10 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Students are to report to their homerooms on the first day where they will be given their entire daily class schedule. Students who cannot locate their names should report to the office for assistance. WELCOME TO SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!

PHONES

While phones are available for emergencies, we will discourage students from calling home for forgotten items. We feel that this encourages responsibility and planning. It also limits the inconvenience to parents. We hope this procedure will help make your life a little easier.



ARRIVAL TIMES

The warning bell rings at 9:05 a.m. and the tardy bell at 9:10 a.m. We request that walkers and car riders do not arrive at school before 9:00 a.m. Drop off area is in the front of the school. No cars will be permitted in the bus parking lot during drop off and pick up times.

PAPER OR PLASTIC

Our school is very proud of the condition of our textbooks. Covering them with brown paper grocery bags can reduce damage. Next time you are going shopping and the clerk says paper or plastic, make it paper. Thanks.



SCHOOL FEES

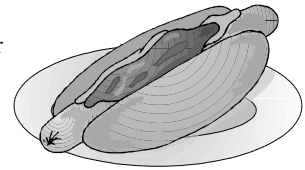


School fees pay for supplies not funded by the district's general fund. The earlier in the school year they are paid the better. We encourage you to pay school fees at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 11th. If you are unable to attend, please send a CHECK MADE OUT TO SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL with your child on the first day of school. Fees for both fifth and sixth graders for this school year total **\$40**. We appreciate your prompt attention to this very important matter.

LUNCH PROGRAM, PROCEDURES & PRICES

We will again use the system called "Point of Sale". Below is a description of how this new system works:

Parents will deposit money into their child's account through either the school cafeteria, school office or the food services office located at our new central office (the old Stevenson school building). Students will go through the line and key in their private code, at that time the cashier will see their account and deduct what the student spends. When the cashier sees the student's account, she will also see a picture of the student. Students will be told when their account balance is low, this way parents can deposit more funds into the account.



Individual school lunch prices have changed. The cost of the plate lunch is \$1.95 and the cost of milk is .50 cents. Students who received free or reduced lunch at the end of the school year and were Mad River Local School's students will continue to receive those privileges for the **first 30 days** of school. New lunch applications for the 2011-12 school year will come home on the first day of school and will need to be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible. The last day for the temporary benefits will be September 23, 2011.

BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES

Breakfast is free to all students and is offered in the cafeteria beginning at 8:50 and ending at 9:05 a.m. Students will enter through the front doors and go to the cafeteria. They will be seated and when they are finished, they will go to the gym to sit and wait for the 9:00 bell. If they finish eating after the 9:00 bell, they will go to class. Breakfast begins on August 19.

STUDENT HANDBOOK/AGENDA BOOK

On the first day of school your child will receive a student handbook/agenda book. The contents of this book will be thoroughly discussed with your child. You will also want to familiarize yourself with it since it contains our rules and regulations.

IMPORTANT FORMS

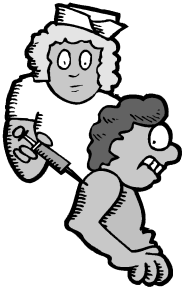
On the first day of school your child will receive some very important forms. Please complete them and have your child return them to school within the first week. The forms are the following: EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM; FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION FORM; FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM; HEALTH CLINIC FORM, INCLEMENT WEATHER, DISCIPLINE CONTRACT. **If changes occur in the information during the school year, please notify us so we can update these forms.** Changes in address will be communicated to the transportation office and bus routes will be altered accordingly.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation department is arranging all bus schedules and determining rider eligibility for the upcoming school year. You should receive information on this topic from them soon through the district's newsletter, The Focus. Questions concerning student bus transportation can be addressed by calling the transportation office at 237-4280.



MEDICINE POLICY



The school district will consider the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and the prescription of all drugs, medications, preparations and/or remedies as the direct responsibility of the parent(s) and/or physician of their choice. Administering medication to a student in school by school personnel will be done in exceptional situations when it cannot be handled otherwise. Arrangements will be worked out with the physician, parent/guardian and the building principal to make the administration of the medicine workable. If you have an exceptional situation, please call the principal's office.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL—PLEASE CALL

Accurate attendance is required by law. Spinning Hills Middle School wishes to know at all times the whereabouts of our students, your children. When your child is going to be absent due to illness or appointment, please notify the school before the missed days. In the case of injury or illness occurring, please call the day of the absence. If contact cannot be made, please be sure to have your child bring in a written excuse the day of his or her return. The phone number to call if your child is going to be absent is 259-6635.

MATH FACTS

Math facts are an extremely important part of the math curriculum. Please work with your child on their math facts before school starts. We will have some timed tests this year so please help prepare your child for these tests.

SUPPLY LISTS

We do not generate a comprehensive supply list here at Spinning Hills. Once your child has been acclimated to his/her team, specific requests may be generated. We suggest that students have the typical and traditional materials with them the first day of school, i.e. pens, pencils, notebook and paper.

Please see the attached Supply List.

Welcome SHMS New Staff

Spinning Hills Middle School welcomes the following to our staff:

Administrators

We are sad to announce Mr. Miller is no longer with us at Spinning Hills. He has been promoted to Virginia Stevenson Elementary. We would like to welcome back Mrs. Ashley Coyne as Assistant Principal.

Parents, are you buying gym shoes for the upcoming school year? If so, we would like to make a few recommendations. Look carefully at the soles of the shoes. Many shoes sold today have a lugged type sole that is designed for rugged outdoor use. Often times these styles do not have regular eyelets for the laces; instead they have hooks, cleats or rings. Sales people at times will tell you that these shoes are suitable for indoors. Unfortunately, this is not usually true. We have found that such shoes leave scuff marks and sometimes black marks on the gym floor. This causes the finish on the gym floor to wear prematurely. Before you buy a pair of shoes, please compare the sole to one that is sold for basketball or cross training. If it appears to be similar, then this should be a good purchase. Shoes with a rugged outdoor feature will not be permitted on the gym floor.

Many “dress” shoes now come with a type of rubber sole and many gym shoes now have open backs. These shoes are not designed for rigorous activity. They do not provide the necessary fit and support. The soles are not suitable for use on the gym floor. Sport sandals and open heel gym shoes usually have an acceptable sole but lack proper support for the foot and ankle. These are not permitted in PE classes. Platform or elevated gym shoes are also not permitted for safety reasons. When selecting shoes, please choose a traditional style shoe for physical education class. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BUY EXPENSIVE, “BIG NAME” SHOES. Appropriate gym shoes can be purchased at reasonable prices.



On days that your child is scheduled for physical education, please be sure that they are dressed appropriately to participate in any class activity. Pants should be loose fitting, but not sagging below the waistline. Shirts must be long enough to cover the body when arms are raised. Avoid low cut necklines to avoid potential embarrassing situations during movement activities. Students who are not prepared to participate due to shoes or clothing will sit out of the day’s activities.

We hope that this information helps with your back to school shopping.

Aug/Sept Events
at SHMS

AUG

9 Band—7:00 - Orch Meeting—6:00

11 Ice Cream Social—6:00-7:30

16 1st day of school

25 Open House—6:00-7:30

SEPT

5 No School—Labor Day

14 2-Hour Delay

PARTIAL SUPPLY LIST FOR SPINNING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2011/2012.

Additional Supply List will be issued by Teachers the night of the Ice Cream Social

Pens – Blue or Black

2 Packs White Loose Leaf Paper – Wide Ruled

1 Pair Scissors

4 Elmers Glue Sticks

1 Box of Crayola Crayons

1 Box of Crayola Colored Pencils

1 Box of Crayola Color Markers

2 Packs of #2 Pencils

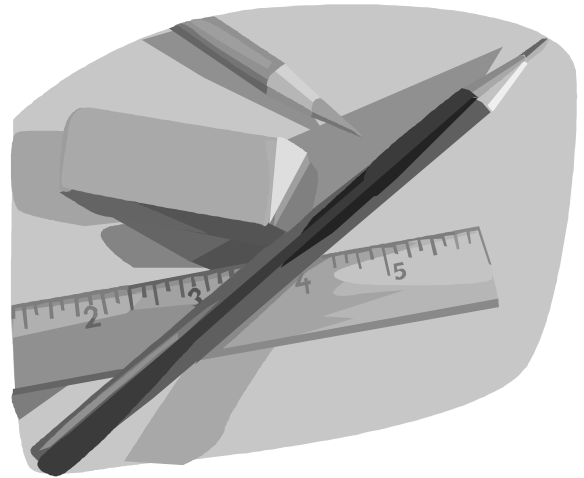
2 Boxes of Tissues

Folders with Pockets and Prongs (Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, Orange)

One Subject Spiral Notebooks – Wide Ruled (Red, Green, Blue, Yellow)

1 Ruler

1 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers



Book Bags must be small enough to fit into lockers. **(No Book Bags with wheels)**