



Springmyer School

STUDENT HANDBOOK



MASCOT "SPARKY"

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Hours

Students are not to arrive before 8:00 a.m. as there is no adult supervision available unless enrolled in the before-school program through Right At School.

Morning Kindergarten	8:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
KEEP (Kinderagrtten)	12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grades 1 - 5	8:25 a.m. warning bell
	8:30 a.m. tardy bell
	3:00 p.m. dismissal

Important Numbers

Office	513-574-1205 - option 0
Absences and Tardiness	513-574-1205 - option 1
Transportation Office	513-574-2161
Fax	513-964-0279

Website: <http://ohlsd.us/springmyer/>

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Springmyer-Elementary-School/413425355366146>

****This Document only contains procedures and information unique to Springmyer Elementary. Information found in the Oak Hills School District Student Handbook should be used in conjunction with this handbook and supersedes the Springmyer Handbook. The Oak Hills Handbook can be obtained at the following Link: [Oak Hills School District Handbook](#)**

OUR VISION

Springmyer Elementary, a welcoming community where high-quality instruction and high expectations foster success for all.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

Welcoming -We believe that a school should be a **safe** place where everyone feels welcomed, supported, and successful.

Community -We believe that a school should have a strong sense of community where **respect** and collaboration helps us achieve our shared purpose.

High Quality Instruction -We believe that instruction should be student driven, data based, and aimed at creating high levels of growth in each individual.

High Expectations -We believe that, with a shared sense of **responsibility**, all learners can set academic and prosocial goals to achieve at high levels.

THE SPRINGMYER PLEDGE

As a Springmyer student, I pledge
... To allow myself and others to learn
... To respect and be polite to everyone
... To be responsible for my actions
... To follow school rules
... To keep my school clean and safe
And I pledge to do my best and never give up.
WE ARE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE!

Five Ways to Stay Connected with Springmyer!



Springmyer Elementary School's Website

Visit us at ohlsd.us/springmyer for links to our student handbook, school calendar, staff email addresses, lunch menus, PTA meeting notes, and more!



One Call Now phone calls, e-mail and text messages

We use One Call Now to update families on many important events, including weather-related delays and closures. All families in our information system automatically receive updates. Your account will be linked to whichever phone number is listed as “primary” in our system. If you would like to add additional phone numbers and e-mail addresses, please visit our website at ohlsd.us/springmyer, click on the “One Call Now” icon, and click “Sign Up” to make changes to your account.



Our weekly Sparks newsletter

The Sparks is emailed home each Friday, posted to our school website, and available in hard copy format in the front office. If you do not receive this weekly email or would like to add additional addresses, please email Cyndi Anderson at anderson_c2@ohlsd.org to be added to our list.



Springmyer Elementary School's Facebook page

We regularly post photos, reminders, and more. Search for “Springmyer Elementary School” and “Like Us” to receive regular updates in your Facebook feed!



Need to inform us of an absence or early dismissal?

When it is necessary for your child to be absent from school, please call the absence line at 513-347-2970 by 9:00 am on the day of the absence. If your child must be excused early, s/he must bring a note from a parent/guardian stating the time to be excused and the name of the person picking him/her up. While we know that last minute changes are sometimes unavoidable, we appreciate your efforts to inform us ahead of time.

Please call the office at 513-574-1205 if you need help getting started with any of these!

Area Daycare Providers The following daycare providers may transport students to and from school. Please contact provider to see requirements.

ABC Childcare	513-353-5437	Every Day is Special	513-347-9777
All About Kids	513-574-4800	Arches	513-574-2252
Smart Start	513-353-2700	Bright Path	513-574-9335

Latchkey Program - Right At School: For information and to register:
rightatschool.com 855-287-2466

BACKGROUND VERIFICATION CHECK

All of our parents and community members are required to undergo a background verification check prior to volunteering at Springmyer. These will need to be completed each school year. Forms are available in the office and our website

BUS ASSIGNMENTS

Oak Hills' buses will transport students within the Springmyer attendance area who reside more than two miles from the school. Students must ride the assigned bus unless permission is granted by the school or Transportation Department. **Students who are not eligible for Oak Hills transportation are not permitted to ride an Oak Hills bus.** Occasionally, there are valid reasons when a student needs to depart from a school bus at other than his/her normal stop or ride a different Oak Hills bus. Whenever this is to be done, it is **mandatory** that a request be written by the parent and **countersigned** by the office. Requests of this nature are only accepted from assigned Oak Hills bus riders.

CONFERENCES

Annual parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for each child. These conferences are usually held in October and November. Dates will be provided.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

A. Carpool

Because of the lack of sidewalks near our school we ask that drivers use extreme caution when approaching the school and especially when entering the pickup area. Automobile traffic should avoid the front school entrance. The designated pickup area is on the playground side of the building. Please fill in all empty parking spaces before stopping in front of the door. This keeps traffic moving during dismissal. Students will remain in the building until called to carpool.

Parking in the Parking Lot

If you choose to park in the parking lots, please use extreme caution as cars may be arriving and leaving while students are being dismissed.

The following are general carpool rules:

1. Running, pushing, horseplay, etc. are not permitted.
2. Children MAY NOT play on the playground during dismissal.
3. No bouncing balls or play while waiting.
4. Children may not return to the building until the carpool time is over.
5. Carpool time ends at 3:15. Any children remaining will be sitting on the bench outside the office. You will need to come into the building and pick them up.

Parents

1. Pull all of the way up to the top of the carpool area to load as many cars as possible.
2. Please leave your pets in the car.
3. If your child is not outside when you arrive, you will be asked to either pull forward or park.
4. Please be patient. We are looking out for the safety of every child.
5. Drive slowly in the parking lot and while on school grounds at all times.
6. If you choose to park, you must walk students across lot.

B. Bus

Students will be called to board buses as buses arrive. All students are required to ride the same bus each day unless a note from a parent or guardian is presented and signed by the principal.

C. Walkers

Walkers will be dismissed through the south doors. They are to use extreme caution on their journey home. A cross walk guard is provided for the safety of the students. Students should listen to and respect the cross walk guard in order to ensure safety.

NOTE: If the mode of transportation is to change for your child, it is essential that your child's

teacher and the office are notified of such change.

Early Dismissal

Any child who leaves school during school hours with his/her parent or other adult named by the parent, should have a written note from the parent stating the reason for the early dismissal and the time the child will be picked up. If being dismissed early, the child should present his/her teacher with a note upon entering the classroom in the morning. The homeroom teacher will initial early dismissal notes and send them to the office. The child will be called from class when the parent or designated person reports to the office to pick up the child. **NO TEACHER IS TO RELEASE A CHILD TO ANY ADULT WITHOUT DIRECT NOTIFICATION FROM THE OFFICE OR THE HEALTH ROOM. A SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE WILL BE USED TO RELEASE THE CHILD.**

Kindergarten A.M. Class Time and Dismissal

When bringing children to school, do not drop them off before 8:00 a.m. The morning class begins at 8:20 a.m. **Children arriving by car should be dropped off at the North, playground doors only. They should not be dropped off at the front of the building in the semi-circle driveway. This entrance is reserved for buses at beginning and dismissal times.** The morning class concludes at 11:05 a.m. Children should be picked up at that time at the North exit only.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION (EMA)

Every parent is expected to complete an EMA annually for each student. Failure to do so will result in your child being excluded from field trips and other activities. If an updated EMA is not on file, the school cannot allow medical treatment for your child in an emergency situation.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

In the event that inclement weather or mechanical breakdown may necessitate the closing or delay of schools, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. Announcements will be made under OAK HILLS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT on the public access TV channel and local television and radio stations.

LIBRARY

The Springmyer Library is open daily from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Students in all grade levels (K-5) will visit weekly as a class for 30 minutes. Checkout limits are as follows: Grades K and 1 – 1 book per week, Grade 2 – 1 book per week, 2 starting in January, Grades 3-5 – 3 books per week. Books may be returned during scheduled class time or before school, 8:00 – 8:30 am.

Students may check out books before school if they have no other books out. Books may be renewed twice after the initial checkout for a total of three weeks per book. Books with a NEW sticker on the spine may not be renewed. Proper behavior is expected in the library, as in the classroom.

LATE FINES: A late fine of 5 cents per day will be charged for late books. Fines will be assessed only for days school is in session. There is no charge for absence, weekends, holidays, or snow days.

LOST/DAMAGED BOOKS: Students are responsible for replacement of lost or damaged books. Once a lost or damaged book is paid for, payment will not be refunded. If a damaged book can be repaired, a fee will be charged based on the extent of damage. Having a book that is more than four weeks overdue, or a fine that is more than four weeks late, will result in loss of library privileges. The student may not check out new books until all books are returned and/or fines paid.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Our lunchroom serves “Grab-and-Go” breakfast (8:00-8:30) and hot lunches daily. Students are offered two hot lunch deals. The meal deal is a set menu for \$2.85 or A la carte is a variety of hot/cold foods priced individually per item. The milk price is \$0.35. Students may pack their lunch.

Packers, please be sure to pack all utensils and napkins needed.

Oak Hills Local School District has implemented the Meals Plus point-of-sale system for food service. Oak Hills is excited to partner with SPS EZpay to provide parents an online system to add to your child’s lunch account, as well as pay instructional fees. You may use your credit or debit card for the transaction in the convenience of your own home. You can access the online payment website by going to the district website at www.ohlsd.org, then click on SPS EZpay logo to be transferred over to the payment site. Complete the registration page and add your child’s name and ID number. You can check your child’s account balances. If you elect to do so, you can even receive a “Low Lunch Balance” email. Payments made online will be credited by the end of the next business day. Parents will be assessed a 3.99% convenience fee when loading funds on their student’s account using EZ Pay (the online system for fee payments). A convenience fee will be assessed for items such as loading lunch balances to a student’s account, student instructional fees, participation fees, and all other fees on EZ Pay. The convenience fee is assessed by many other districts in Southwest Ohio and our District will no longer absorb this fee due to budget constraints.

Parents not electing to use the EZ Pay system may continue to pay fees through cash or check at their student’s school building. The District is continually researching online payment systems to ensure parents have efficient options for payment.

PARENT VISITS TO CAFETERIA

We are working very hard to tighten procedures in the cafeteria. Because of this we would like to remind/inform parents of some rules for the Cafeteria.

- **No outside food should be brought to the cafeteria for students (i.e., food from restaurants).**
- **If parents are providing a Birthday Treat they can do so by bringing the treat to the homeroom teacher in the morning. Treats will no longer be distributed in the cafeteria but instead will be provided to students at an appropriate time during the day.**
- **All birthday treats should be individually pre-packaged and should clearly display the ingredients. This is necessary so that we can attend to issues related to student allergies. We discourage cupcakes due to the mess that they present and the fact that they are not individually packaged.**
- **Parents are allowed to visit students and have lunch with them but these visits should be limited to special occasions and should be no more than 1-2 times per school year.**

SCHOOL PARTIES

The only holiday party at Springmyer is before Winter Break. It will be held approximately 1 hour before student dismissal time (1:45 p.m.) on a date to be announced. PTA, in conjunction with room parents, will provide refreshments and treats for the students. The classroom teacher working with room parents should coordinate games and entertainment for the students. All parties should be held in a safe and orderly environment. Special occasion parties must be cleared with the principal. **Due to space issues only room parents will be allowed to attend the class parties.**

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are available online through **Progress Book/Parent Access** - If you had an account last year, you will use the same account, and sign in. If you have forgotten your login and/or password, please contact the school office. If you did not have an account last year, Progress Book/Parent Access allows YOU to create your own username and password. It is extremely important that you create this account in order to access your student's progress and report cards throughout the school year.

The process to create an account requires the use of a registration key.

To access Progress Book/Parent Access, follow these steps: 1. Go to the Oak Hills portal <http://ohlsd.us> 2. Click on the parent portal 3. Select the Progress Book link. You can find instructions to help you create your account located on the Parent Portal by selecting the Create Progress Book Accounts icon.

Grades and comments must be accurate, objective and honest indications of a student's progress.

SCHOOL VISITATION PROCEDURES

All visitors are to report to the front of the school and be buzzed in. Visitors must come to the office to register and receive a visitor badge. All volunteers and visitors must complete a background check. Someone from the office will then direct you or show you through the building. **This procedure prevents interruption of classes, misunderstandings, and is also a security measure.**
