Dear Parents:

We had quite the shake-up in our schedule and the second quarter seems to have flown by. This week back has been amazing and it seems that staff and students have not missed a beat.

We all have so much to be thankful for. Thanksgiving break seems so long ago, but I hope everyone enjoyed that as well as the extended Earthquake Break. I am so grateful to all that worked so hard to make our school ready for learning.

As we continue through this holiday season, hopefully we can all take some time to show our appreciation of others and focus on qualities that make the people in our lives special, particularly our children.

Speaking of qualities, our school has a wonderfully diverse population. Respect is very important to all of us here at Spring Hill. Respect is something we will continue to encourage this holiday season, as well as throughout the year.

The snow has finally arrived! We truly live in a winter wonderland. Students sometimes forget that it is winter here in Anchorage. Please help them to be prepared by coming to school with the following: jacket, snowpants, boots, gloves and a hat. If your child is missing some of their winter gear, they might want to check out our lost and found.

I sincerely wish you the happiest of holidays and look forward to hearing exciting stories of what students were able to do with their families over the long break. After all, holidays are those memory-making times that children will remember for years to come.

Remember, second quarter ends December 20th and there is no school on December 21st. Report Card Grades will be posted after break. Please keep in mind being here and on time is very important. Children need every opportunity they can to learn and grow.

Get ready for Spirit Week next week! Look in this newsletter for more details!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Lana Bailey

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 14: Movie Night, showing Smallfoot. Wear PJs, bring a blanket
December 20: Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concert, 10:15 a.m.
December 21—January 6: Winter Break  **NO SCHOOL**
January 7: School Begins
January 8th: PTA Meeting, 5:00pm in the Library
January 11: Popcorn Friday
SPRING HILL
FAMILY MOVIE
NIGHT
WATCH SMALLFOOT
FOR FREE
WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY
Wear your pajamas, bring your
sleeping bags, blankets, and lawn
chairs to enjoy the show!

FRIDAY
DEC 14TH

$1.00 RAFFLE
TICKETS FOR
PRIZES

DOORS @ 5:30PM
MOVIE @ 6:00PM
PIZZA, DRINKS,
AND SNACKS
FOR SALE

MONEY RAISED HELPS
REPLACE MATERIALS
DAMAGED FROM THE
EARTHQUAKE
Spirit Week December 17th — 20th

Monday, 12/17: Wear something holiday RED
Tuesday, 12/18: Wear something holiday GREEN
Wednesday, 12/19: Wear something on the top of your head!
Thursday, 12/20: Wear something to get ready for bed!

Friday Jan. 11th
Popcorn 50¢/bag

Volunteer to help PTA pop the popcorn! Sign up online: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45adac2fa2ff2-popcorn

Student Council News—Cups of Caring

Our total collection of coins and dollar bills amounted to $540.00! Thank you Spring Hill Otters! The Downtown Soup Kitchen was thrilled to hear Student Council will be purchasing many needed supplies. Our community is truly blessed to have such wonderful students and parents.

Mrs. Morris, 3rd Grade Teacher & Student Council
Disaster Preparedness

I’d like to start by just saying how grateful I am that all Spring Hill students are safe and sound following our recent earthquake. It’s my sincere hope that your home dwellings are the same.

I wanted to take this opportunity to just briefly outline our emergency response procedures here at Spring Hill. If an emergency occurs during the school day our primary concern is the safety and security of the children in our care. We have staff members that are assigned to four different teams that respond and meet needs should an emergency occur. There is a communications team, first aid team, search and rescue team, and student release team.

The communications team is responsible for all contact and coordination with emergency services. They are also responsible for communication with our families in the event of an emergency. The first aid team assembles to treat any physical injuries. The search and rescue team systematically checks the building for structure and safety as well as any injured or missing children. Finally, the student release team is in charge of accounting for all children in our care, as well as checking children out to parents as they arrive. I want to thank all parents for their understanding and patience as we kept account of who had been released to adults in charge on the 30th.

Apart from those response teams, we also have water and emergency supplies stored throughout the building. We also have a system where teachers “buddy check” each other’s rooms, to assure that the adults in charge of adjacent classrooms don’t need any help or support. Finally, scheduled drills for evacuation, sheltering in place, earthquakes, and violent intruders all help our students to be as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency.

I commend our kids for their impressive response to this recent earthquake. Those that were in the building immediately knew to DUCK, COVER, and HOLD. When the shaking was over, they proceeded to calmly exit the building. Those on the bus did an incredible job of listening to adult direction and staying safe. Spring Hill staff are so proud of your kids!

Nurse Naomi

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
The Hunt by Bruce Pierre

Thank you to all our students and staff who helped make November - Native American Month and Alaska Native Heritage Month a huge success! We learned words and facts about our native languages and cultures, and celebrated the interesting cultures of many of our students at Spring Hill Elementary, in Alaska, and around the country.

**Lunch Club:** Our mini drums are in progress! All students/groups should be finishing them up over the next few weeks, so they can take them home for Winter Break and the Holidays. Stay tuned for new projects to come in the New Year. Please encourage your student to join us! Families welcome to join also!

**Academic Tutoring at Spring Hill:** Schedule to come! Check back next month and keep an eye on your email for details soon.

**Academic Tutoring & Open Gym:** Every Wednesday at Wonder Park El. from 6-8 pm. Contact Amanda Hoffman (907) 742-7867 or click the link below to sign up! [https://goo.gl/forms/FIs3VhijU4WCoVpwM2](https://goo.gl/forms/FIs3VhijU4WCoVpwM2)

Contact me directly if you have any questions or just want to say hello. I’m in Room 106!

Quyana, see you soon, and Kamaam Ukudigaa (Happy Holidays – Unangax)!  
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