

# Springton Lake Middle School

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**EVERY Student. EVERY Day. NO MATTER WHAT.**

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Hello, Springton Lake Students & Families!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable weekend.

I know that I just emailed on Friday, but there are a few additional things that I wanted to share with you. Please know that we are going to do our best to not overwhelm everyone with too many emails.

As part of our language arts classes, **we would like for students to have an independent reading book appropriate for each student's reading level.** We know that some families may visit the community library and others may order titles on Amazon. However, we wanted to let you know that our Library at Springton Lake is "virtually" open and ready for students to check out books. Here is a message from Mrs. Ekstrom, our Librarian:

*Greetings from the Springton Lake library! We hope you've all had a safe and enjoyable summer. We wanted to offer you an opportunity to check out up to two library books to start out the school year. Just look up the book(s) you would like here in [Destiny Catalog](#); then, fill out this [Google Form](#) to submit your request. Make sure you have taken care of outstanding obligations from last year and that the book(s) you would like to have is/are available (it will say how many copies should be available in the catalog description of the book). If there is a problem fulfilling your request, the librarian will email you. Otherwise, your book(s) will be included with your other items for pick up in the cafeteria on your designated day, AUG 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.*

Chromebooks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and for all newly-enrolled 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be distributed on the material pick-up days later this week. The Chromebook will be an essential tool during this year of virtual and hybrid learning. **We highly suggest that students have some type of case to protect their device from damage, wear, and tear.** While this is optional and families may elect to purchase a case on their own, we do have a limited supply of durable cases available for purchase for \$25. I have included some images of the case. Cases will be available for purchase on the pick-up days – cash or checks payable to RTMSD will be accepted.

Finally, please remember that we will be holding a virtual gathering this week that we hope will relieve some of the anxiety around this unprecedented start to the school year. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday evening, 08/26, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.** We will provide a brief overview of our plans and discuss some of what to expect this Fall.

There will also be an opportunity for parents and families to submit questions during the meeting. Here is the link to access the meeting, along with some instructions for how to utilize the meeting platform:

**Instructions for joining the live stream**

Link to Live Stream: <https://bit.ly/34Ai6lj>

Joining a meeting (as an attendee)

Choose Watch on the Web instead (You do NOT need to install teams to view the meeting)

Click Join Anonymously

**Turn on Closed Caption via live stream**

float your cursor over the bottom of the window

a menu bar will pop up

click on CC on the menu bar to turn closed captioning on

**To ask a question**

Click in the field "your name" and type your first and last name - you will only have to enter your name once.

Click in the field "ask a question" and type your question, then press the enter/return key on your keyboard or click on the send arrow symbol

Click in the box "post as anonymous" for those questions you would like to post anonymously. The Moderator will not see your name associated with the questions when there is a checkmark in the box.

**Additional Notes**

The Moderator sees everyone's questions but you are only able to see your own under the "my questions" tab.

The Featured tab includes, if any, comments by the Moderator.

***Finally, I want to remind everyone that the first day of school – Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, is for ALL students.*** The day will begin at our normal start time – 7:55 AM. Students and parents will receive emailed directions by the end of this week for how students will “report” to school on the first day. Please stay tuned.

Thank you.

*Dr. Salladino*