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Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc. Newsletter

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SILVERCREST BOOKFAIR

We just love encouraging our students to enjoy reading here at Silvercrest and one of the highlights of our reading activities comes with our Bookfair, this year to be held March 9th -11th from 7:30am-2:30pm and March 12th from 7:30am – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for our students to buy some fantastic new books and they really enjoy sharing the experience with their classmates. During the weeks leading up to Bookfair the children will be watching a video during their class library time and will be bringing home a Bookfair flyer before Bookfair begins, so look out for this in your child's folder. The children can then write their wish lists of which books they would like to purchase at Bookfair.

Your child's teacher should be able to let you know when their class will be visiting Bookfair, and there is also the option for parents to come in before school and shop with their child. Alternatively parents can come after school and shop with the students until 6.30pm on Thursday, March 12th for the late night (and then why not stay for the PTA meeting right after?). Please note that unfortunately parents cannot pull their child out of class to shop. However you can also come to school and shop with your child during their class's time at Bookfair which is another great way to share the experience and help your child to select from the huge number of titles and other items we have at the Bookfair. Hope to see you all there!



Spring MEMO

With spring time quickly approaching we are asking all homeowners to look at your home and begin preparing for any improvements or maintenance that may be needed. Remember, the appearance of your property can greatly increase the property value of your home and your community. As a reminder:

Trash Cans/Recycle Containers

Trash cans may not be stored in public view. Once trash is has been picked up please store your trash can in the back yard or the garage.

Newspapers

Please remove newspapers daily to avoid unsightly build up.

Power Wash Driveway and Sidewalks

Please power wash driveways and sidewalks in front of your home to remove dirt, mildew and any other stains that occur over time. Spring is the time to take care of this task to have a crisp clean looking home for the Summer months.

Lawn Maintenance

Of course you know that you should mow, edge and weed your lawn on a regular basis, however when was the last time you trimmed your shrubs or trimmed your trees away from the sidewalk? Inspect your shrubs and trees to make sure they are trimmed neatly. If you notice a lawn that is not being maintained please contact PCMI at 281-870-0585, the association has the right to "Force Mow" a property when it is not being maintained.

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AR Store

If your child has signed up to take part in the Accelerated Reader program, they will be getting a chance to exchange the points they have earned from taking quizzes on books they have read at school for some exciting prizes! Each class will get the chance to go to the AR store on Monday, March 2nd. This is a fantastic way to encourage a love of reading in our students and they certainly love getting rewarded for all their hard work! We also need volunteers to help run the AR Store, it's a very busy day but lots of fun helping the students choose prizes, please contact Jen Stringfellow at jenstring95@hotmail.com for more information.

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Recommendations to consider before and during the onset of cold weather:

- Close any inside valves that supply outdoor hose bibs
- Open outside hose bibs and allow water to drain, keep valve open
- Newspaper can provide protection to exposed pipes in areas that do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Keep garage doors closed
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing

- Let water drip from the faucet as even a trickle of water helps prevent freezing of pipes
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both day and night
- If you are away, leave the heat on in your home to a temperature no lower than 55 F
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We are looking for companies that would like to sponsor the run. We have sponsorship levels starting at \$100 and going up to \$1,000. For information on sponsorships, please contact Angela Elacqua at angela@elacqua.com or Caprice Smith at cpricesmith@comcast.net.

We are also looking for individuals to donate auction items. We need items from local businesses and we will be asking families to donate an item for the grade level baskets. If you have an item or would like to help with the auction, please contact Marla Jones at mdcaswell@hotmail.com.

SILVERCREST PTA

We're springing into March here at Silvercrest with exciting events and lots to look forward to in the next few months of school! Go Stallions!

PTA GENERAL MEETING

Please take note that our next general meeting will take place on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Our PTA does great work and we look forward to seeing old friends and new, so come along and find out how the PTA works on behalf of our school and how you can help.

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Come join us! We are so proud of the number of parents who get involved, but there's always room for more! If you would like more information, please contact Allison Byman at adbyman@yahoo.com. At Silvercrest we enjoy being part of the local community and we also welcome any community members who would like to participate in our PTA. Please visit the PTA website, silvercrestpta.org for more information. To join, simply stop by the front office at Silvercrest or contact Allison for details on joining by mail.



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By: Concentra Urgent Care

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From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change a diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HAND WASHING BASICS

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
- Rinse off soap under a stream of water

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, or visit the CDC’s creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.

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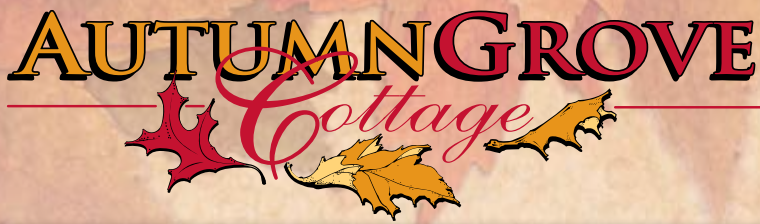
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Consider having a licensed home inspector assess your home to identify any major problems such as roof, foundation, HVAC or other important items that can be addressed and fixed.

Incorporate Curb Appeal, Cleanliness and a lack of Clutter into your plan of attack. First Impressions are the most important and lasting.

Spruce up the yard by pruning overgrown trees and shrubs, rake leaves, keep the lawn mowed and areas weeded, spread fresh mulch in beds and around trees, fertilize the grass if needed, add some color with flowers or blooming shrubs. Pick up toys, bicycles, garbage cans or hoses.

Fresh paint inside and out can create a new look and send a message that the property is well cared for. Be sure the doorbell and porch light are working properly.

Declutter wherever possible, including closets, cabinets and shelves. Pack away items that are seldom used or give away items that you no longer need. A prospective buyer wants to visualize their things in your house so remove personal pictures, collections and knickknacks. Don't forget the garage!

Cleanliness is essential! If your budget allows consider a professional housecleaning to wash windows, shampoo carpets and thoroughly clean floors, appliances and furniture. The kitchen and bathrooms are extremely important and should be shiny and fresh smelling. Good smells to consider are scented soap or candles, plug-in air fresheners, citrus scents, potpourri and baking aromas.

Call your Realtor and get your home on the market!



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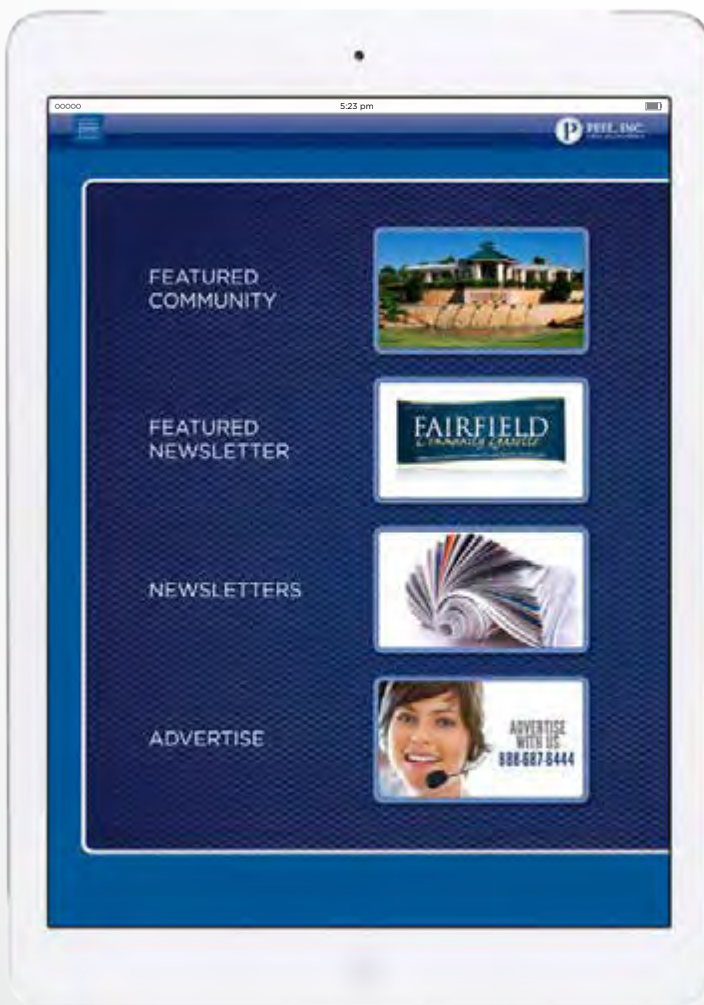
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