



FOCUS



SPRINGMAN & ATTEA

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Dates to Remember



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- at Attea



November:

- 9 PTA Meeting at
- Attea 9:15am

From the Principals

We hope that you have been taking advantage of the wonderful weather and have been enjoying some sights of the fall season. It is amazing that we are staring the middle of October in the face and are already contemplating parent teacher conferences and Thanksgiving break. The year is flying by and students are hopefully becoming settled and finding the rhythms and routines of life in the middle...school, that is.

The **Turning Points Presentation** held on October 5th at Springman during the PTA meeting had a wonderful turn out and we hope that the information was helpful to those of you who were able to attend. Mark O'Brien, head of the guidance department at GBS and Brian Wegley, principal of GBS were on hand to present and talk about life in transition for middle school students as they enter into the high school realm. This presentation will be repeated at Attea Middle School at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening October 27th, 2010**. Please come and join us! The presentation focuses on the development of adolescents, from brain development, executive functioning and risk taking. The tips and insights you will be able to glean from the presentation will hopefully be of help to you as you continue to parent your children. Several resources were raffled off at the presentation including Sean Covey's book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* along with some other great books that are listed on page 4 of this issue of FOCUS. Another great resource tip for you is a website for movie reviews. The site is <http://www.pluggedin.com>. This site will allow you to read very objective reviews of movies that your child may want to see. This may be of help to you when trying to determine whether or not a movie is appropriate for your child.

Overall, the year is off to a fantastic, if not frenetic, start. Mid terms have gone home along with NWEA and ISAT scores. Attea is continuing its on-line grading pilot with the eighth grade and Springman continues its online grading pilot with the sixth grade Discovery team. The concept of on-line grading will be evaluated carefully as we enter the second half of the trimester and look for a decision to be made by the Education

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Springman Principal Heather Hopkins at a surprise "ticker-tape" parade and celebration in honor of her award.

From the PTA President

Hi Everyone!

Well here we are midway through October and several big PTA events have already taken place! Phew, that was a busy September and October! Thank you to everyone who registered for PTA, purchased some school Spiritwear, Innisbrook Gift Wrap or treats, got involved in the Heart of Glenview project or is participating in the Character Counts Food Drive. Without you and our wonderful parent volunteers who spearhead these efforts, none of this would take place!

Later this month our **Fall Book Fairs** will be taking place at both **Attea and Springman**. Stop in and pick up some reading material for your kids or yourself! The Book Fairs run from **Wednesday, October 20th thru Friday, October 22nd**. Swing on by when you are done with your child's(ren) conferences and see what we have to offer.

On October 27th at 7pm taking place at Attea – the Turning Points presentation for middle school parents. This is a repeat of the presentation given at the October PTA meeting but we find the information so valuable, we offer the presentation in the evening for those unable to attend the daytime meeting.

Wonder what has happened to that angelic grade school student and what you can do to better communicate with her/him? Not a savvy Facebook user but need some tips to understand what your child is up to?? Come and hear GBS Principal and Assistant Principal, Mr. Brian Wegley and Mr. Mark O'Brien as well as our own Dr. Heather Hopkins and Mr. Jim Woell discuss what's effecting kids today in a 24/7 media and technology environment. You will get current, up to date, parenting advice to help keep your kids healthy and safe during the sometimes turbulent adolescent and teenage years.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Dr. Hopkins on her Illinois Board of Education award. She is the recipient of the Those Who Excel Award acknowledging her exceptional administrative and teaching skills. Next time you see her, say congratulations and thanks!!

Our next PTA meeting will take place on **November 9th at Attea, beginning at 9:15am**. For more information on the PTA, what we do and when our meetings take place, please check out our website, SPATPTA.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for your support of the PTA! Without you, we could not do what we do!!

– Liz Price, PTA President

From the Principals, cont.

Committee regarding whether or not to go to full implementation. With the new grading guidelines in place, communication regarding grades and student progress becomes even more critical as we develop a common understanding of how our grades have become more accurate and meaningful for students.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your respective building principal. Thank you for a great start to the school year.

In Partnership,

Dr. Heather Hopkins, *Principal*
Springman Middle School

Mr. Jim Woell, *Principal*
Attea Middle School

Students of the Month—September

SPRINGMAN

Discovery	Michael Kirby
Genesis	Tommy Hawes
Equinox	Olivia Peters
Summit	Grace Moran
Explorers	Chris Clifford
Pegasus	Allison Neuffer



ATTEA

Journey	Morgan Kritzman Charlie Nikitas
Omni	Rosa Hernandez Trevor Van Popering
Jigsaw	Tyler Canning Isabella Luo
Patriots	Grace Cox Mohsin Waraich
Galaxy	Melissa Achettu Ben Stryker
Pathfinders	Rami Abboud Emily Davenport

PTA promotes Bike Safety

The PTA “caught” lots of Attea and Springman kids wearing their helmets while biking to school! The kids with helmets were rewarded with a pack of sugarless gum! Please encourage children to wear their bike helmets.

Use your head. Use a helmet. After all, it's your brain.



Absolutely Spellbinding

BOOK FAIR!

Stop by and check out
the latest titles for the
whole family!



Atlea LRC

Oct. 20 & 21- 7:45am to 3:30pm

October 22 - 7:45am to 3:00pm
(no school- conference day)

Springman East Gym

Oct. 20 & 21- 7:30am to 3:30pm

October 22 - 8:00am to 2:00pm
(no school- conference day)

Brought to you by the PTA and Anderson Book Store

Speaking of books...

These books were recommended and raffled off at the Turning Points Presentation on Tuesday, October 5th. If you missed it, please see pg. 6 of this FOCUS issue for the upcoming evening session on Wednesday, 10/27. Every parent should see it!

- *The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make: A Guide for Teens* by Sean Covey
- *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* by Stephen R. Covey
- *More Ideas About Parenting With Less Stress* by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, and Foster Cline
- *The Parents We Mean To Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development* by Richard Weissbourd
- *NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children* by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman

Halloween at Attea



- Costumes must be appropriate for school. Any dress that is provocative, excessively violent or incendiary in nature is not allowed.
- Masks may NOT be worn - Props are NOT allowed
- Any and all face/body make-up along with hair coloring must be done at home, i.e. prior to coming to school. Students may not bring hair coloring or make-up to school with them.
- If you have a question about a costume, please see Officer Smith!

GBS HOMECOMING 2010

ATTEA & SPRINGMAN BANDS MARCHED IN THE PARADE & WITH THE GBS BAND



PEACE DAY AT ATTEA 2010

Students and Staff at Attea participated in peace activities on International Peace Day, Sept. 21, 2010. Each student created a PIECE of the PEACE puzzle with thoughts or goals for peace on them. Art Club students created large peace banners for everyone to add their puzzle piece. On Peace Day, our 7th and 8th grade choir students, led by Mrs. Ryan, sang a peace song for our school. Our students are committing to spreading peace in our school and in our community!



Springman's Halloween Costume Guidelines 2010

Springman students may celebrate the spirit of Halloween on Friday, October 29th by choosing to come to school in costume. Costumes are *not* required but if worn, *all* costumes must comply with each of the following guidelines:

- Costumes must be appropriate for school and follow all dress code guidelines. The costume must also cover the student appropriately - no revealing dress, short shorts or skirts, exposed torsos or chests. Any dress that is provocative or incendiary in nature is not allowed.
- Masks that are removable may be worn. Staff members may require any student to remove the mask during the day so as not to interfere with instruction or student safety.
- Props are allowed as long as they will not distract from the educational environment and can be safely tucked away while in class. Toy guns, knives, swords or other weapon-like toys are not allowed.
- Any and all face/body make-up along with hair coloring must be done at home, i.e. prior to coming to school.
- Costumes cannot display any alcohol, drug or cigarette logos or references.

Thank you for helping your child make good choices on October 29th by following these guidelines. We look forward to celebrating this event with our students!

Back by popular demand.....

Turning Points for Middle School Parents

Learn about the risks and choices facing our middle schoolers and how parents can influence these critical "turning points" for positive results.

Wednesday, October 27th

7 p.m.

Attea Middle School

Presenters:

Heather Hopkins, Principal, Springman Middle School

Jim Woell, Principal, Attea Middle School

Brian Wegley, Principal, Glenbrook South High School

Mark O'Brien, Asst. Principal, Glenbrook South High School



Attea 7th Grade Soccer Team

**Volunteers Needed for
Fall Book Fair
October 20,21 & 22**

Attea

**Melinda Boutsikakis
boutikakis@comcast.net**

**Kathy Cameranesi
kacameranesi@comcast.net**



Springman

Liz Skweres

lizskweres@yahoo.com

Mary Patronik

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CHARACTER COUNTS! in Glenview

Kids Care Food Drive

to benefit local food pantries

October 18 - 22

The students of District 34, OLPH and District 30 are coming together in conjunction with Character Counts week, to collect food items to be donated to the Northfield Food Pantry.

Items of great need are: pancake mix and syrup, pasta sauce, juice/juice **boxes, coffee, tea, kid's snacks/snack packs, cookies, crackers, macaroni & cheese**, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, paper products, cereal, oatmeal, canned spaghetti, ravioli, chili, and corned beef hash. *(Please check expiration dates.)*

Drop boxes will be located in each school. Daily collection tallies will be listed by grade level. To find out how your grade is doing visit:

http://he.glenview34.org/Canned_Food_Drive.htm.

For more information call: Cathy Freidinger at (847)657-0271



Attea Co-Curriculars 2010-2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Come On In Club During School Day October-May Mrs. Swansen	Come On In Club During School Day October-May Mrs. Swansen	Come On In Club During School Day October-May Mrs. Swansen	Come On In Club During School Day October-May Mrs. Swansen	Come On In Club During School Day October-May Mrs. Swansen
CrossCountry September-October Mr. Zellman	CrossCountry September-October Mr. Zellman	CrossCountry September-October Mr. Zellman	No After School Activities	CrossCountry September-October Mr. Zellman
Golf Intramurals August- Mid-October Mr. Ehresman	Golf Intramurals August- Mid-October Mr. Ehresman	Golf Intramurals August- Mid-October Mr. Ehresman		
Play Winter Mrs. Shellard	Play Winter Mrs. Shellard	Play Winter Mrs. Shellard		Play Winter Mrs. Shellard
Science Olympiad September - February Nathaus, Moon, Ristow		Science Olympiad September - February Nathaus, Moon, Ristow		

Attea Co-Curriculars 2010-2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swing Choir August- June Mrs. Ryan			No After School Activi- ties	
Tennis Intramu- rals August - Oc- tober Beauregard, Trsar	Tennis Intramurals August - October Beauregard, Trsar	Tennis Intramurals August - October Beauregard, Trsar		
	Computer Program- ing September-May Mr. Choo	Computer Program- ing September-May Mr. Choo		
	Drama Club Fall and Spring Mrs. Shellard			
	Fantasy Math Club November - April Ms. Ray			
	Student Senate 2nd Tuesday of the month September-June Ms. Newmark, Mrs. Heger			
		Art Club Sept 15-June Ms. Wu		
		Yearbook October-February Mrs. Nekola		



Springman
8th
Grade
Soccer

SPRINGMAN BUILDER'S CLUB

Springman Builder's Club is off to a fantastic start this year! We had over 50 students attend the first meeting! It is not too late to have your child join. Please encourage them to attend our meetings. We learn leadership skills, plan fundraising events, participate in community service projects, and plan events for our school.

We have just started to plan for our [Halloween Bash Fundraiser](#). This event was a huge success last year and we raised a lot of money for the Northfield Food Pantry and The Debra Gelfand Fund. The bash will be held on [Friday, October 29 at Springman](#). If you are interested in helping with the Halloween Bash this year, please contact Deb Faermark at dfaermark@glenview34.org

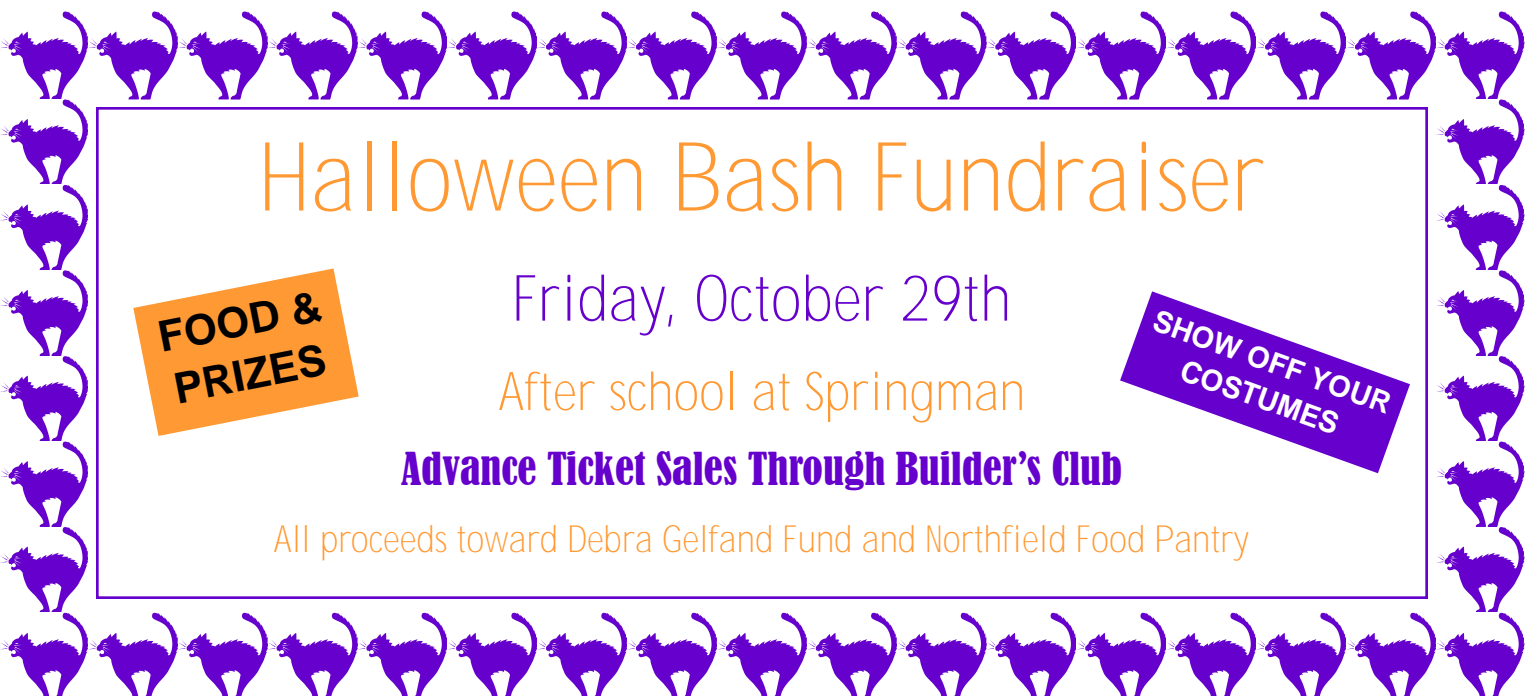
In addition to the Halloween Bash, Builder's Club will be sponsor a canned food drive for the Northfield Food Pantry in October and a toy drive for the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation in November. Last year we were able to collect over 1000 toys and were honored to have Jarrett Payton, Walter's son, visit Springman as a celebration for all of our hard work. We hope to exceed last year's collection and put smiles on many children over the holiday season.

We will also be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The pop tabs will be recycled and the funds will support children and their families. Please save the tabs and send them to school with your children. There will be containers set up in the lunchroom, main office, **and Ms. Faermark's room. This is a great way to teach children about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while helping others.**

We are looking forward to another successful and fun filled year. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Faermark at dfaermark@glenview34.org. Below you will find the dates of the meetings. There is always a chance of extra meetings being planned based on our needs! Best wishes for a great school year!

Deb Faermark, Springman Builder's Club advisor

Tuesday, October 26	Monday, March 7
Tuesday, November 9	Tuesday, March 22
Tuesday, December 7	Tuesday, April 12
Tuesday, January 11	Tuesday, April 26
Tuesday, January 25	Tuesday, May 10
Tuesday, February 8	Monday, May 23
Tuesday, February 22	



Halloween Bash Fundraiser

FOOD & PRIZES

Friday, October 29th

After school at Springman

SHOW OFF YOUR COSTUMES

Advance Ticket Sales Through Builder's Club

All proceeds toward Debra Gelfand Fund and Northfield Food Pantry