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SPRINGMAN & ATTEA

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From the PTA President

Hi Everyone!

Spring Break is just around the corner and don't we all need a little spring after this snowy winter? Once we return from holiday we are into the "home stretch" of the school calendar with only 10 weeks remaining in the 2010-2011 school year!

Given the huge turn out at the screening of Race to Nowhere last week we have added a second screening on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm at Attea. Please check the PTA website for ticketing information. Don't miss the opportunity to see this thought provoking film.

A big thank you to Kristi Carroll who organized a beautiful sit down luncheon for approximately 150 teachers and staff at both Springman and Attea during conference week. Thanks also to Billy Bauer at Marcello's for providing the yummy food! This luncheon is a "pre-season" kick off to Teacher Appreciation week that takes place the first week of May. More to come on that next month! Please contact Dianna Sirakides - gem-di@comcast.net - if you would like to help.

Officer Ken Smith at Attea is organizing a run for kids in all grades at both Springman and Attea to participate. Taking place after school on Wednesday, April 27th, Run with the Law raises funds for Illinois Special Olympics. Stay tuned for more specifics on this worthwhile project! We would like as many kids as possible to turn out and run!

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	March
18-20	Attea Spring Musical
28-4/1	Spring Break— No School
	April
15	Mid-terms go home
21	D34 Family Night —No Homework
22	Good Friday—No School
25	D34 Board Meeting 7pm



Mosaic Madness

Check out the new Mural at Attea. For more pictures and information see the Attea website or click [here](#).

From the Principals

Dear Parents,

As this letter is being written, students are wrapping up ISAT testing make-ups and are looking forward to a well-deserved Spring break. The teachers are continuing to monitor student progress and focus and student thinking and learning as we charge full speed ahead into our third trimester of the year. Sixth and seventh grade students are working hard to stay focused as the weather begins to warm up and the sounds and scents of spring are in the air. (Okay, maybe this a bit of wishful thinking in terms of the weather, but spring training is underway and maybe this will be the year...)

Keep in mind as parents that you play a vital role in the attitudes and behaviors of your children. Don't stop checking in with them and inquiring about what they are learning. Continue to encourage them without "harassing" them as, in their minds, this is a very fine line.

Springman and Attea parents recently had an opportunity to complete our Center for Prevention Research and Development survey. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the survey. It has been three years since the last survey was taken and we are looking forward to seeing, from the parent perspective,

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PTA Schedule

April 12th - 9:15am	SP
May 10th - 9:15am	Attea

From the PTA President, cont.

8th Grade graduation planning is underway! Please contact Bridget Neuson at bneuson@neusonlaw.com for Attea Graduation or Jackie Castelli and Laura Lyon. jdcastelli@yahoo.com or lauraklyon@hotmail.com for Springman Graduation.

A big thank you to the folks over at Jersey Mike's on Willow Road for their fundraising efforts to benefit Character Counts. While I don't yet know exactly how much money we raised – our "cash jar" sure looked mighty filled when I was in there last Saturday!

Thanks to everyone involved in the mosaic projects at both schools. A special thanks to Sandy Brennan and Marcy Sotirchos for coordinating volunteers for this project. The artwork everyone's kids created is gorgeous! Come check it out!

And finally, it's that time of year when we are actively looking for folks to participate in the PTA at the Board level! Please contact either me, Liz Price at priceshugrue@comcast.net or Kristen Borth, kborth@me.com if you are interested in getting involved. PTA is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening in the schools!

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th at Springman, 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! – Liz Price

From the Principals, cont.

where we stand now as opposed to three years ago. We will continue working through our LSC (Local School Council) to look at and dialogue about the data from the survey. The survey includes information from students, staff and parents. The parent survey asks questions on such topics as parent attitudes toward school communication, climate, homework, discipline, and curriculum. It also asks questions regarding how parents view school efforts to involve them in school dialogues and discussions and how the schools make efforts to involve their parents. The survey also asks for parent opinions regarding an overall satisfaction rating with their child's school. We look forward to receiving the data from the CPRD and sharing that data with the community as we look to continue improving as a school and district.

The rush of spring always brings out the latest fashions among our middle school students. Please help support our efforts by making sure that all students are dressed in accordance with the dress code guidelines found in the student handbook and on [page 8](#) of this issue of the FOCUS. Our students will be distracted enough as the weather gets nicer and adding the distraction of clothing that may not be appropriate becomes a hindrance rather than a help to student learning. We thank you in advance for your support.

On March 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. the PTA sponsored a screening of the film "**Race to Nowhere**". Over 350 people attended this screening and several stayed afterward for some very rich dialogue about the film. If you did not have a chance to see the film, there will be another viewing offered on April 14, 2011 at Attea at 7pm. To purchase tickets see [page 3](#). We hope that you have an opportunity to view this powerful film. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal.

In Partnership,

[Dr. Heather Hopkins](#), *Principal*
Springman Middle School

[Mr. Jim Woell](#), *Principal*
Attea Middle School

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Set in the heyday of the Roaring Twenties, This Tony® Award-winning musical tells the story of "Modern" Millie Dillmount, who moves to New York City in search of a new life.

Filled with frolicking flappers, Dumb Dora dames, dapper, debonair fellas, and swell speakeasies, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is a rollicking ride through an era filled with freedom, prosperity, and possibilities. Recommended for ALL ages, it's the cat's meow!



**Friday, March 18th at 7:30pm,
Saturday, March 19th at 7:30pm and
Sunday, March 20th at 1:00pm**
Attea Middle School



RACE TO NOWHERE


**April 14th
Attea 7pm**

“RACE TO NOWHERE is a call to families, educators, experts and policy makers to examine current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become the healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens in the 21st century.” -

<http://www.racetonowhere.com/home>

[CLICK TO BUY TICKETS](#)

District Wellness Guidelines for Middle School Students

As part of our continuing efforts as a district to foster healthy and fit students, our Wellness Guidelines include the expectation that students do not share food with other students. This expectation helps parents be confident that their children are consuming the meals they send their students to school with as families shape their children's approaches to healthy eating. Most significantly, we cannot allow students (or their parents) to bring in birthday cakes, cupcakes, or pizzas and other meals **to be shared** with classmates at lunch. Please know that these items will not be accepted at the Main Office if dropped off for students or will be allowed into our cafeterias by students. Thank you for your support and cooperation in providing structures that will allow our students to maintain a lifetime of good eating habits!

Felicidades!

The 2010 National Spanish Exam Participants

The National Spanish Exam is an annual test sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). The online test is given to students all across the United States in order to recognize student achievement, promote language proficiency, assess the national standards and stimulate further interest in foreign languages and their cultures. All 8th grade students who are currently enrolled in Spanish took a qualifying exam. Students who performed well on the qualifying exam were then invited to participate in this year's National Spanish Exam. Students will take the online assessment the week of March 21st. Please join us in congratulating the following 8th grade Attea and Springman students who have qualified to take the National Spanish Exam. The Attea and Springman Spanish teachers are very proud and wish all of our students the best of luck!

SPRINGMAN

Emma Bass	Carol Contreras
Katie Cooper	Alex Alwan
Andy Duric	Giovary Zavala
Luis Guzman	Rocio Soriano
Molly Schirmang	Will Neely
Blake Paterakos	Vassi Tslova
Hailey Hauldren	Ruxi Griza
Juan Moran	Matt Baecklandt
Joe McMahon	Fernando Muro
Emma Dean	Kali Croke
Gabi Cepeda	Madi O'Brien
Catie Weinman	Michael Fogarty
Riaz Gillani	Katie Rourke
Veronica Bustamante	Johhny O'Gara
Michael Cymbalsty	Tyler Aki
Aaron Ach	Pawl Rafalo
Katie Hauldren	Corinne Arcos
Brian Fogarty	Sylvia Wojslaw
Noreen Andersen	Jackie Cortopassi

ATTEA

Diego Montoya	Avi Dravid
Rubi Aguilar	Kaitlyn O'Brien
Mercedes Bright	Ari Jacobson
Grace Carpenter	Justine Kim
Josh Allen	Andrew Jones
Kaily Bruch	Connor Sklena
Daniel Gonzalez	Rami Abboud
Daniel Huyler	Paulina Pys
Lydia Lutz	Renee Hahm
Gabriela Majcher	Lauren Brennan
Demetri Maroutsos	Gaby Santana
Alex Melo	Ana Cruz
Shana Michael	Alex Galvez
Dulce Moyo	Jeremy Fine
Alysse Pellouchoud	Michael Miller
Stephanie Smelyansky	
Marissa Takaki	
Jason Ibarra	
Danny Neuson	

SCHOOL CALENDAR NEWS

**Due to the snow days for the blizzard of 2011, the last day of school will be
June 10, 2011**

The 2011-2012 District 34 Calendar is available on-line.

Click [HERE](#) or go to http://www.glenview34.org/parents/calendars/11_12_PARENT_CALENDAR.pdf



SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to the 7th grade boys basketball team at Attea

on a positive and successful basketball season. The team finished tied for 2nd in the conference and also placed 2nd in the 7th grade tournament. With losses to only two teams in the conference, the 7th grade team compiled a record 13 wins throughout the season. Their effort, determination, and ability to play as a cohesive team were important components to the team's success. Thank you to all the parents and fans for their support throughout the season. The members of the 2010-11 Attea 7th grade boys basketball team were:

Patrick Burke, Quinn Cunningham, Jack Healy, Andrew Kaczmarek, KK Kopley, Justin Machado, Jimmy Martinnelli, McLain Murphy, Nathan Meier, Brian Roche, Danny Schiller, Jack Szfranski

Managers: Trevor Burke, Oren Danino

Coach Ehresman

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AT ATTEA & SPRINGMAN

Attea and Springman are members of the Central Suburban Middle School Conference. This athletic conference is made up of ten member schools. There are six interscholastic sports offered at both Attea and Springman: girls' and boys' cross country, co-ed soccer, girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, spirit squad and girls' and boys' track & field.

Students are selected for these teams through a try-out process with the exception of cross country and track and field. Sixth graders are only eligible for cross country and track & field as roster sizes are unlimited.

In order to tryout, practice or participate in a clinic for any team, a valid sports physical needs to be on file in the school health office.

Since a physical is valid for one calendar year, it is strongly recommended you schedule a physical examination during summer vacation

The Interscholastic Parent Authorization Form as well as the Sports Examination Form can be downloaded from the District 34 website. Go to "Parents", click on "Frequently Used Forms" and you will see both forms listed. Or Click [HERE](#)

In addition to your family doctor, the following locations will also administer a sports physical:

- Immediate Care Center – 150 North River Road - Des Plaines— \$30.00—(847) 813-3510
- Precious Hearts Pediatrics – 1545 East Oakton - Des Plaines - \$50.00— (847) 375-0707
- Walgreens – 9301 Waukegan Rd. Morton Grove - \$ Call for current price (866) 825-3227

Theresa Jasonowicz
Attea Athletic Director
847) 657-2011

Dave Tosh
Springman Athletic Director
(847) 657-2116



Springman Dress Code

Appearance: A student's appearance and the appropriateness of their school dress is their responsibility. Parents are expected to counsel their children regarding acceptable school attire. Springman's dress code stems from our core belief in respect for the individual. How we dress influences our behavior and our attitude; in addition to the use of words and gestures, respect can be connected to dress. Any attire or appearance which jeopardizes the safety of a student or any member of the Springman community, interferes with school work, or creates disorder and disruption is not acceptable at Springman.

The following guidelines have been developed to clarify the school dress code and to respond to media and fashion influences that may not be appropriate for middle school students:

- Clothing should be neat, clean, and in good repair;
- Students must be covered from shoulders to mid-thigh. **All shirts must cover the upper torso so that cleavage is never shown. Crop tops and halter tops are not permissible.** Any sleeveless shirts must have shoulder straps at least 3 inches in width. No midriff or short shirts will be permitted, even if covered by an unbuttoned or unzipped jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater;
- Skirts and shorts may be no shorter than mid thigh (the bottom hem should be no higher than the student's finger tips when arms hang to the sides). **All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist and all tops must fall below the waist;**
- "Gang-related" clothing (symbols, colors, etc.), as well as any arrangement of clothing which indicates affiliation with a particular group, are not permitted at school at any time;
- Clothing which contains offensive language/pictures or drug/alcohol/tobacco ads/symbols may not be worn.
- Underwear may not show at any time. **Pajamas/sleepwear and bathing suits are not considered acceptable at tire for school.**
- Hats must be removed upon entering the building.
- **Skate shoes or other shoes with built-in wheels should not be used at school.**

Students who choose to attend school or school sponsored events inappropriately attired will be required to change clothes. If a student does not have appropriate attire available, parents will be contacted to bring the student appropriate attire.

Any student who does not meet the above guidelines will be considered "Out of Dress Code." Consequences for being "Out of Code" will be issued as follows:

- ⇒ First Offense: Warning and change into PE clothes
- ⇒ Second Offense: Warning and change into PE clothes
- ⇒ Third Offense: Detention and change into PE clothes

Repeated disregard of the dress code following the third offense will be cause for increased consequences.

