



FOCUS



SPRINGMAN & ATTEA

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Dates to Remember



November:

**23 - No School—
25 Thanksgiving
Break**



December:

**1 Attea Talent
Show 6:30-9pm**

**2 Report Cards
sent home**

**5 D34 Board Meet-
ing 7pm**

**6 PTA Meeting at
SP 9:15am**

**19 Winter Break
Begins**

From the PTA President

Hi Everyone!

WOW! It's almost Thanksgiving – can you believe it? The kids will be receiving their first trimester report cards shortly – one third of the year is done! From PTA's perspective, the fall is the busiest time of the year. As I mentioned in our last FOCUS, most of the major fundraising for PTA takes place at this time. Well the books are now closed on the Innisbrook sale and the Attea and Springman book fairs and I am happy to report they went really well!

Innisbrook revenue and donations between the two schools topped \$42,000. In a tough economy, this is really amazing work! Thank you to everyone that participated in the sale! Product will be distributed this week so keep an eye out for your order.

Approximately 45% of Innisbrook revenue becomes profit for the PTA. What do we do with that money? We turn around and put it back to work in the schools. The Educational Enrichment budget this year was increased to \$13,000. Teachers apply for funds to pay for cultural and educational programming. Spending is already underway. Without your generous support of the Innisbrook

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From the Principals

Dear Parents,

Raising healthy, competent, resilient, life-long learners is a complex and important goal for all families. Our students are growing up in a time of great advances in many areas of life. This time is also fraught with many risks that have the potential to limit our children's futures. Research continues to tell us that children want to remain closely connected to their parents and, that when they do so, they are happy and successful!

Our PTA is here to provide you with new understandings of the most important relationships we have in our lifetime – that of parent and child. On Thursday, November 17, 2011 we enjoyed a presentation by Dr. John Duffy, clinical psychologist and author of the book *The Available Parent: Radical Optimism for Raising Teens and Tweens*. Many of you joined us for this presentation. If you were not able to attend the presentation, here is a short article about Dr. Duffy's work.

"The teen years tend to foster fear: fear that our child will fail, over-experiment, embarrass us [and] become depressed," according to John Duffy, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and author of the book *The Available Parent: Radical Optimism for Raising Teens and Tweens*. So naturally it's tough to figure out the best way to navigate such a

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PTA Meeting Schedule

Dec. 6th -9:15am	SP
Jan 10th - 9:15am	Attea
Feb. 7th - 7:00pm	SP
March 6th - 9:15am	Attea
April 10th - 9:15am	SP
May 15th - 9:15am	Attea

Students of the Month

ATTEA	OCTOBER	SPRINGMAN	OCTOBER
Omni	Katy Rakowski Brandon Goldstein	Discovery	Richard Uhlemann
Journey	Michael Pitzafarro Anna Lee Tvaroh	Genesis	Pedro Cabrales
Galaxy	Katie Wahl Damian Dziura	Explorers	Lily Sands
Pathfinders	Allie Karakosta Will Huber	Pegasus	Katia Novi
Patriots	Min Seung Jung Angely John	Equinox	Paola Santos-DeSoto
Jigsaw	Emma Collins Jenny Huynh	Summit	Alex Freidinger



WAY TO GO! CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



From the PTA President, cont.

fundraiser, we could not fund the cultural programming that is so vital to your student's overall education.

Wish list is another source of funds for the staff at both schools. The budget this year was increased to \$12,000. Grants are in the review process now - we anticipate funding some items prior to the holidays.

The Attea and Springman book fairs were also very well attended by students, staff and parents. Thank you to everyone involved in those efforts. The highlight, from my point of view, is the fact that we were again able to offer \$10 gift certificates to over 200 students that are currently on free and reduced lunch. These children, with the assistance of their Language Arts teacher, purchased a book to read. That's really what the book fairs should be about – getting kids to read.

Winter Blossom Boutique was here! The District 34 event took place on Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th! Loads of great vendors had their wares on display. Results are still being tallied so I will report more on the success of this joint effort between the PTA's next month.

Parents in Partnership took place on Saturday November 12th – it was a great success. PTA is considering bringing some of the speakers back to a monthly meeting – we'll keep you posted on this initiative.

Our next **PTA meeting** will take place on **December 6th at Springman, 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! – Liz Price

– Liz Price

From the Principals, cont.

seemingly tumultuous time. (By the way, the belief that teens are a nightmare is exaggerated. While the years aren't easy-peasy, Duffy said that they're rewarding and filled with growth.) But parenting from a place of fear rarely works. It leads to poor parenting decisions, Duffy said. Below, he shares his insight on outdated approaches, why they don't work and what does.

1. Lecturing. "Parents still think they can lecture kids into submission, or at the very least compliance," Duffy said. But it can backfire, because teens may just "blow their parents off." Lecturing might've worked a generation ago, but it doesn't today, he explained. How come? Today's teens are "more worldly and savvy." And "As [teens] grow up more quickly in this media age, they question authority more readily than we did, and require more two-way, respectful communication."

2. Micro-managing. Take the example of homework, Duffy said. Parents "hover and pester and check" assignments, but this has the opposite effect. The more control parents exert, the less likely teens are to complete their homework — or anything else, for that matter. (Think of it like anxiety. Keeping a tight grip on angst only fuels it.)

According to Duffy, "many [teens] have told me that they find themselves repelled by [micro-managing] so much that they are sometimes willing to let their performance drop in spite." And it's not good for your kids either. Micro-managing "disempowers" teens. "By unwittingly doing and planning for them, [you end up] robbing them of the opportunity to prove themselves capable and competent to themselves." Quitting micro-managing may not be realistic, but it's important to keep it in check.

3. Coddling. It begins with the best intentions. But coddling deprives kids. For instance, parents might "do an assignment for them [or] call them in sick for school when they are not." It teaches teens that they can't do things on their own and discourages them from taking responsibility for their actions. Similar to micro-managing, overprotecting kids from making mistakes means they'll "never know what they're made of," Duffy said.

4. "Iron-fisted" parenting. Duffy defined iron-fisted parenting as "driven primarily by punishment and consequences." It's "fear-based, controlled, controlling and closed," Duffy said. Such an authoritarian approach doesn't allow teens to think for themselves and can lead to anxiety and withdrawal.

This parenting style is different from pure reinforcement, which Duffy said can work well. In his book, *The Available Parent*, Duffy encourages parents "to draft annual contracts with their children, so that reinforcements and consequences are clear from the outset."

By MARGARITA TARTAKOVSKY, M.S.

We hope you find this information helpful. By working together, sharing common goals and strategies, we can help our middle schoolers safely traverse one of the most *challenging* and *promising* period of their lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Hopkins, *Principal*
Springman Middle School

Dr. Jim Woell, *Principal*
Attea Middle School



Congratulations to the 2011 Attea & Springman Co-Ed Soccer Teams for a great season.
Thanks to our coaches—Coach Lord (Attea) and Coach Teplinsky (Springman)

SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS AT INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

As adults we have a responsibility to be positive role models for those around us. We need to continue to demonstrate that good sportsmanship is one of the fundamental principles of interscholastic athletics. As we begin our boys' and girls' winter interscholastic sports season, let us be reminded how we, as adults, need to conduct ourselves as spectators. We should always strive to show respect for our visitors from other schools. We need to be tolerant and understanding of officials and realize their job is difficult. Many of our assigned officials this year work a full varsity schedule and many have officiated post-season tournament games.

Attea and Springman have always enjoyed a reputation as being leaders in our athletic conference, with fair play and good sportsmanship. It is our hope that this excellent reputation will continue to flourish. Please keep in mind that our children learn best from our good examples

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

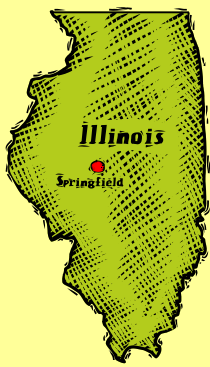
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**2011
Attea
&
Springman
8th Grade
Volleyball**

Last game
10/26/11



7th GRADE SPRINGFIELD TRIP

Coming up!!!

*Friday, February 24th &
Saturday, February 25th*

Look for registration information in your mailbox from Brightspark Tours!

The annual seventh grade trip to Springfield, Illinois, is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25. An April Easter, Spring Break, and various school events required an earlier date than usual for the trip. Registration information will arrive in homes during mid-November, in an envelope from "Brightspark Tours." The Springfield trip is not a school sponsored event, but is planned, and chaperoned by Springman and Attea teachers and is organized through the student tour agency that has coordinated the Washington DC and Springfield trips for Glenview middle schoolers for the past 40 years. It is a voluntary trip, made available to seventh graders at both Attea and Springman.

Students depart at the end of the school day Friday on touring coaches and arrive in Springfield for dinner at a pizza buffet that includes a prepaid arcade and indoor go-kart experience. After checking in to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in the heart of Springfield, participants enjoy a pool and dance party. Dedicated security guards are on duty throughout the night to ensure a good rest for all, and then Saturday is spent experiencing Springfield, including the old and new state capitols, the highly acclaimed Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, and Lincoln's tomb. Three meals are included on Saturday, and students will be back home by bedtime.

**Questions can be directed to
Scott Buzard or Dave Tosh at Springman
& Brandon Rich at Attea.**

Happy Holidays

There will be no December issue of FOCUS, so here are a few items for your January calendar:

- January 3 – Classes Resume
- January 10 – PTA Meeting – 9:15am – Attea
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Day—No school



SCHOOL CLOSINGS.....SNOW DAYS

HOW ARE PARENTS NOTIFIED?

There are several ways to find out if school is closed (or open on what seems like a bad weather day).

- Tune in to local radio: WGN (720-AM), WBBM (780-AM) and The Zone (94.7-FM).
- Tune in to local television: CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, FOX and CLTV.
- Visit the District's website where the information will be posted on the front page.
- Click below and visit the school closing website—www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html

Please do NOT call the school unless it is an emergency as that ties up the phone lines. In most cases, the District will initiate its calling system to alert parents if school is closed.



\$42,000 in sales and counting!

Thanks to all who purchased wrapping paper, candy & gifts or gave a donation to support the Innisbrook Fundraiser. It was an amazing success! We have raised \$42,000 from both schools and orders are still coming in on-line. Our profit is approximately 45%! The PTA funnels the money right back to the kids through the Springman/Attea PTA Wish List grant program. Order anytime on-line.

Attea's school number is 101429.

Springman's school number is 101434.

Click [HERE](#) to go to the website.

ATTEA SPORTS PAGE

ATTEA BOYS BASKETBALL

7th Grade— Coach Ehresman

Brady Bruch	Charlie Nikitas
Hayden Dale	Ryan Ondrula
Tony Jerfita	Kevin Paek
Alec Leach	Connor Peterson
Nick Mani	Joey Petrolina
Scott Merdinger	Caleb Young



8th Grade—Coach Leinbach

Patrick Burke	Justin Machado
Ross Carpenter	Jimmy Martinelli
Jeremy Joseph	Nathan Meier
Andrew Kaczmarek	McLain Murphy
KK Kopley	Brian Roche
Ethan Larson	Jack Szafranski

ATTEA GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th Grade— Coach Jasonowicz

Gabby Amesquita	Abi Pollina
Hannah Buchband	Heather Pratt
Bri DeFrank	Maddy Ruos
Sam Langenbach	Lori Steffel
Nikki Oppenheimer	Kate Tojo
Amelia Papajohn	Nina Tojo



8th Grade—Coach Zellmann

Grace Avila	Abby Dein
Emily Blachman	Adreinne-Renee Dennie
Megan Briggs	Grace Kilpatrick
Kasey Busiel	Cory Klapacz
Gabbi Cozzone	Hannah Mason
Sydney DeHorn	Megan Tristano

ATTEA 7TH GRADE SOCCER:

The Attea Flyers 7th Grade Soccer Team recently completed an undefeated season, compiling an overall record of 11-0-0 and finishing in first place in the conference. The team worked extremely hard throughout the season, improved each week, and played very well together to form an outstanding team. All team members contributed significantly to our success, displayed terrific sportsmanship, and represented Attea with great pride. Congratulations to the following players for an amazing season of soccer: Gabby Amesquita, Alex Bergin, Jacob Boner, Grady Bruch, Hayden Dale, Ligia Hanches, Abbey Ireton, Aleks Jura, Allie Karakosta, Max Klemm, Samantha Langenbach, Alec Leach, Lauren Lee, Joseph Murphy, Clayton Nelson, Damian Pudelko, Chase Swaringen, and Jack Whetstone. Way to go Attea Flyers!

Coach Leinbach



INTRAMURALS AT ATTEA

Intramurals at Attea is a program designed to give all students an opportunity to participate in team sports/activities after school without the need to commit to a team. The activities in the intramural program are an extension of the physical education program and follows similar guidelines. Unlike interscholastic sports, intramurals is open to any student who wishes to participate. Permission forms need to be turned in before students can participate.

The intramural schedule is based on student participation, gym space, and the weather.

Intramurals is on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Winter Intramurals include fitness & conditioning, basketball and volleyball.

Click [HERE](#) for Permission slips.



SPRINGMAN SPORTS PAGE

SPRINGMAN SOCCER - 7TH GRADE WRAP-UP

The Springman 7th grade soccer team finished the season with a 6 win, 4 loss, 1 draw record. The team certainly finished better than when we started the season. This was evidenced by the competitive games we played near the end of the season against the teams we lost to in the beginning of the season. This improvement is a direct product of their work ethic, commitment to the team identity, skill development and appreciation for the game of soccer. You should be very proud when you look back on this season. Good luck in your future soccer endeavors!



Coach Jason Kieronski

SPRINGMAN VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Springman 8th grade Girls Volleyball Team on their 1st place finish at the Central Suburban Middle School Conference Tournament. Springman finished the year undefeated with a conference record of 13-0, and a tournament record of 10-0. The girls played terrific all season and represented Springman and District 34 very well.—**Coach Ginis.**

Allie Boland	Macy McPhilliamy
Ashley Clark	Maddie Murphy
Hope Carrane	Caitlin Morrison
Lisa Gebien	Kayley Philbin
Elizabeth Jortberg	Christina Reed
Mary Langas	Michaela Skewers
Sarah McDonough	Joanne Trailer

SPRINGMAN BOYS BASKETBALL



7th Grade— Coach Kieronski

Daniel Morris	Doug Wattley
Noah Acocella	Chad Spaulding
Carlo Roque	Jonathan Rusu
Jake Smiley	Jack Phillips
Logan Hampton	Hunter Haffner
Teddy Gregory	Jack Morahan

8th Grade—Coach Buzard—Francisco Martinez, Manager

Nolan Bertog	Jimmy Jang
Griff Coleman	Brian Johnson
Lucas Currie	Jacob Osterman
Emmett Garvey	Pierce Paterakos
Kevin Gordon	Jacob Racho
Ryan Janczak	Calvin Sailer



SPRINGMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL



7th Grade— Coach Erin Partaker

Carolyn Kuhn	Olivia Rempe
Maggie Flowers	Lily Sands
Zimmie Frerichs	Eleanor Walsh
Annie Morahan	Carie Weinman
Callie Pekosh	Sarah Wojick
Cassidy Price	Katie Woodrick

8th Grade—Coach Ed Stoltz

Julia Bellair	Caitlin Morrison
Alayna Gross	Olivia Peters
Elizabeth Jortberg	KK Phelan
Mary Langas	Danielle Tuchman
Sarah McDonough	Sarah Westerfield
Macy McPhilliamy	

SPRINGMAN SPIRIT SQUAD

Coaches
Kathryn Baumgartner &
Kelly Tomlinson

Maddie Baxter	Olivia Hlade
Ali Campbell	Alishah Hussain
Claudia Choi	Amanda Kelly
Ashley Clark	Samantha Maglalang
Megan Coleman	Yadira Martinez
Maddie Cortopassi	Kaley Mulhern
Solomiya Furdas	Cherie Saram
Isabella Galarza	Emily Weiss
Cassidy Henry	Suzy Whiting

What is perched on the roof of Attea Middle school?

It's a bird, it's a plane....no it's a **WIND TURBINE**. With the help of the PTA Wish List program, a wind turbine was erected on a temporary platform on the North-East corner of the roof of Attea Middle School. The initiative was led by Attea principal, Dr. Jim Woell with the help of Mr. Joel Neumann, the inventor of the Renewable Energy Turbine.

This wind turbine is unique in that it is of "soft form", which means the petals of the turbine are made of fabric and open and close much like a flower. It is also bird friendly! The soft petals allow birds, who may happen to get caught up in the wind current, to fly through the turbine without injuring them. As it spins, it is also incredibly silent and therefore isn't a nuisance, as many other types of wind turbines can be.

Attea was the perfect place for the wind turbine, because if any of you have ever been on the Attea soccer fields, you can attest to the fact that it is windier than anywhere else in Glenview. The Attea turbine is unique in that it is the only turbine to accumulate and extract energy. The soft form turbine rotates with the wind, funnels the wind and extracts power. It is also extremely efficient, as the turbine functions at the exact speed of the wind. So, it begins to capture power at slow speeds and increases capturing the power at the rate of the wind as the wind speed increase.

The Attea wind turbine is powering the fish tanks in the Science lab. The students are able to track data generated from the turbines and practice the scientific method using the wind turbine data. Currently, the wind turbine is producing 1000 watts or 1 KW over a 24 hour period. A laptop can run for 15 hours on 1 KW; or 10 -100 watt incandescence lights for 1 hour. Will this turbine take Attea off the grid? Not yet. To give you an idea of the power that Attea consumes, in the summer months, Attea uses approximately 165,000 KW per month (May, June, July, and August). But...if Attea were to place 10 - 6 foot turbines on the roof, the turbines could generate just about enough power needed for the energy consumed in the months of May through August.

For more information about the turbine, contact our resident expert, Dr. Jim Woell or Mr. Joel Neumann of BN Balance Energy Solutions at www.bnbalanceenergysolutions.com.



From the Health Office- Absence / Attendance Procedures:

Please call absences or late arrivals in to the Health Office by 9:00AM.

Springman
(847)998-5025

Attea
(847)486-7712

The message should be brief, stating

1. NAME
2. TEAM NAME
3. REASON for ABSENCE
 - If it is for illness, give us a few more details (ie: fever, sore throat, headache).
 - If absence is for holiday travel, please give the departure and return date.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Jean Gray
Attea Health Coordinator

Cheri McNish
Springman Health Coordinator

