



# Springman Wildcats

## Weekly Newsletter



### From The Principal

It was a great first full week for students. Our sixth graders have started transitioning on their own between their classes and are really starting to feel at home here at Springman. The administration finished The Handbook talks with all students, reviewing all important guidelines and procedures to help keep students safe while also promoting a sense of responsibility and respect. We spoke to students about a variety of topics including the idea of increasing their advocacy skills as they move throughout their years at Springman.

This week our leadership team began talking about both Curriculum Night and Conference Day. Both of these events are great opportunities for parents to learn more about the school, see some classrooms, and learn from the staff what will be happening this year at Springman. Although curriculum night is approaching quickly (September 14th) please not that there will not be time to discuss individual students during this evening. However, all parents are encouraged to have regular communication with teachers throughout the year. This can be done through team websites, PowerSchool, email, phone calls, or meetings with staff members. If at anytime you need more information about what is happening in class, clarification about something your child shares, or just want to check-in to see how things are going, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher. Our goal is to build a strong partnership with you to support our students as they learn and grow throughout the year.

I hope you have a great holiday weekend.

Best,

Jason Kaiz

### Upcoming Event

9/4/2017

**Labor Day - No Student Attendance**

9/5/2017

After school activity buses begin

9/6-9/8/17

MAP Testing

9/9/2017

PTA Heroes for Hunger Pasta Dinner - 6pm

9/10/2017

PTA Hero Hustle Charity Run - 8a

9/12/17

PTA Meeting at Attea - 9:15am

9/14/2017

### Safety, Safety, Safety

Our parking lots and walkways are very busy before and after school. Parents, please take extra care when picking off and dropping off students. Students, please bike slowly and only on the sidewalk on school grounds. Please wear your helmets. Walkers should be alert and cross carefully.

### MAP Testing

District 34 strives to provide a comprehensive assessment program that aligns with our curriculum and informs our instructional planning and services. Teachers' observations of student performance are complemented by various classroom and standardized assessments to provide the most thorough picture of student progress throughout the year.

District 34 utilizes NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in grades 1 through 8 as one achievement measure for reading math, and language arts. MAP is one of the many tools that District 34 uses to determine students' instructional levels as well as to monitor the progress they are making throughout the school year and from year to year. We administer this assessment in the fall, winter, and spring. Fall assessment provides baseline data; winter and spring assessments provide achievement and growth data.

This year **September 6-8 will be MAP testing** for all Springman students. This year the entire school will be testing at the start of the day so please make sure students eat a good breakfast and are on time to school those three days. In addition, students should arrive with a fully charged iPad each day. Please note that lunches will be a little later in the day to accommodate morning testing

## Springman Health Office and Attendance Line

# 847-657-2194

Please make a note of this phone number

### STUDENT ABSENCE

- ✓ Parent must phone the Health Coordinator at 847-657-2194 by 8:30 a.m. on EACH day of the absence or give a range of dates.
- ✓ Leave message on the answering machine with the student's name, team, and reason for absence.
- ✓ If a parent notifies the student's teachers about an upcoming absence, the parent must also call the health office with the same information.
- ✓ If there is no report of a child's absence, the health office will contact home.

Best efforts should be made to make student's appointments (medical, dental, etc.) and family vacations when school is not in session.

### LATE ARRIVAL

- ✓ Parents should call the Health Office at 847-657-2194 if their student will be arriving to school after 8:20am to report the tardiness.
- ✓ If a parent calls in, they do **not** need to accompany their child inside.
- ✓ Parents who do not call are asked to sign in their child in the Main Office or send them in with a signed note.
- ✓ Students enter through the Main Office and must sign in at the Health Office upon arrival. After signing in, the student will then be issued a pass to class.

### EARLY DISMISSAL

- ✓ Parent send student to school with an explanatory note. Be sure to include the time of pick up from school.
- ✓ Student brings the note to the Main Office or Health Office upon arrival at school. A staff member will issue an Early Dismissal Pass, which they in turn will present to the teacher whose class they will be leaving.
- ✓ **A parent or authorized person must come into the office to sign out the student.** Children are not permitted to wait outside.

Students are required to have a note even if they will be leaving during passing period or lunch. They should present the Early Dismissal Pass to their next teacher so their whereabouts will be known.

On rare occasions, if a student needs to leave early for an issue that has come up after the child has left for school, parents may call the Main Office or Health Office to request an Early Dismissal Pass be sent to their student in class. These requests should be made as early as possible and will be only taken until 2:30pm. As a matter of course, office staff do not call into rooms to give students messages.

Adhering to this policy allows for a quicker exit from building as students are waiting in the office and limits the amount of interruptions to classes.



### PTA Meeting and Website Information

The first middle school PTA meeting of the year is on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:15am at Attea. All are welcome. If you haven't had the opportunity to connect with the PTA and would like more information about how to join or get more details about upcoming programs please click the following link below.

<http://www.spatpta.org/>.



**Did your student miss picture day?**

**Did you forget to order pictures?**

**Did you not like the original picture?**

**Picture Retake Day will be in a few weeks. If your student had a picture taken that you did not like you will need to return the envelope of pictures. The student hands it to the photographer the day of retakes.**

**If a student was absent or you did not order pictures they can have their picture taken on re-take day as well.**

**All orders are due the day of retakes without exception. Parents may order on line at [ordercp.com](http://ordercp.com) using school code **10030101** or by handing the order envelope to the photographer.**

### Curriculum Night - Please Plan Ahead

Please plan ahead for Curriculum Night on Sept. 14th. All grades will be attending on that evening with start times for 6th and 8th grade at 7pm and 7th grade at 7:30pm.

Please Note: The times listed are for the start of the evenings events. Parents should plan to arrive 15 minutes early to be in their first room by the listed start time. **6th and 8th grade parents should arrive by 6:45pm and 7th grade parents should arrive by 7:15pm.**

**Parking: Carpooling is highly recommended for this well attended evening.**