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### UPCOMING EVENTS

4/4

End of Third Quarter

Site Council  
All Welcome  
4-5pm

## An Eagle's Eye View...

*This column features topical conversations from both educator (Dr. Nancy Colbaugh, Principal) and parent (Jody Tetlow, PTA President) perspectives.*

### Technology

#### From an Educators Perspective: Dr. Nancy Colbaugh...

One of the facts we know about the future is that technology will play an important place in our children's lives. It both excites us and scares us as we see the rapidly-moving pace of technology in our world. One of our "burning questions" is, how do we, as adults, help our students develop an understanding of how to use technology in their learning, when we ourselves often find it a daunting task?

Technology is a huge blessing that comes to us with many challenges. We love it, but we don't understand it. Some things become evident very quickly. For example, the first time I saw baby chicks pecking their way out of the egg while the whole first-grade class looked, not into the cage, but larger than life on the classroom screen, I knew how the visual presenter, or as we affectionately call "the ELMO," (not a Muppet) could be used for inquiry-based learning. Every classroom has a laptop, projector, and an ELMO. <http://www.elmo.co.jp/doc-cam/what/>

This year, we purchased 'Alpha Smarts' for third and fourth grades, with thirty keyboards for each grade level; the individual keyboards have been used for student writing and the wireless system allows students to print what they type, giving them access to a different way of writing. <http://www.renlearn.com/neo/NEO2/default.aspx>

In the next four to six weeks, we will be receiving our SMART boards, which come as a result of bond money you voted on last year. Every classroom will have a SMART board installed by the end of this year. This interactive white board allows access to many online tools for student learning. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Each teacher will receive online training with time to work out the kinks in their own implementation of the SMART board. Training must always be an important consideration in implementing any new technology if we are going to maximize student learning.

The week prior to spring break, the SPS Library/Media Services department installed 12 new computers in Field's library, replacing

**4/5**

Early Release at 12:30

Bounce Party at AirTime  
(Wacky World)  
1-4pm**4/6**Springfield Council of PTA  
(SCPTA) Meeting  
at Field Elementary  
9amSPS Starcatcher Award  
Voting Begins! Our own  
Mrs. Aho is a finalist!**4/8**Outdoor Maintenance Day  
9amSkating Party  
Skateport  
4-6  
\$4 per skater; no  
drop-offs**4/14**Social Suppers  
11am - 6pm  
(Identify yourself with Field  
and 10% comes back to  
us)**4/19**Education Funding  
Group Card Sells BeginPTA Board Meeting  
1:30pmVolunteer Reception  
2:45 - 4pm  
All volunteers invited!  
Come and go as you can.**4/20****NEW DATE**  
Spring Pictures**4/22****SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**  
*Pending SPS Board  
Approval***4/29**

outdated computers. The new computers will greatly enhance the research process for Field students. PTA has agreed to make Technology the focus of our spring card sales fundraiser. You will be hearing more about this in the next few weeks... this is the fundraiser supported by the Citywide PTA, and results in a trip in a limousine to a pizza parlor! It is a favorite for students and results in our purchase of needed materials for our schools.

We are committed to continually moving ahead in this area of knowledge even though it sometimes stretches us! Our students play a unique role in our learning, since they are the 'natives' (technologically speaking) and the adults are the 'immigrants!' Thanks to you all for your great support as we move forward with technology!

**From a Parents Perspective: Jody Tetlow, PTA President...**

As a PTA, we are working together to support several identified needs for our school community with our next major fundraiser. We will be kicking off our Education Funding Group card sells on April 19. By participating in the fundraiser we help to support Springfield Council of PTA while meeting needs identified at Field. Last year we were able to purchase the storage shed and outdoor drinking fountains with the funds raised.

This year our goal is to support the following technology needs as identified by site council:

- 1) 2-3 Laptop Computers
- 2) Listening Center
- 3) Thumb Drives, Memory Cards, and Head Sets

With these goals in mind, I also wanted to impart this message.

Our children have grown up in a time in which they are immersed in a media-saturated world. They live and breathe technology and it will play an important part in their lives. Many things that we did not have growing up are at their very finger-tips. As learners, if they have a question or need a definition they can Google it.

As a parent, my goal is to help my children find a balance that I fear is lost as our children grow up with this automation. We, ourselves, came from a time of hand-written letters to a time of text messages and tweets. Our process, though, was gradual and developed with technology in comparison to our children who began to learn the ins and outs from birth.

How can we help to ensure that our children maintain balance? How can we help them to move beyond the automation of communication? How can we teach them how to utilize technology as a tool that facilitates the way they learn and communicate throughout their lives? These are questions I continue to ask myself as my children grow and develop.

We are in an exciting time - technology is helping make what was once viewed as impossible as possible. Where we are working together, utilizing technology to make each student's potential a reality. We do this by helping to ensure that they have the needed tools through our efforts in advocacy and support along with the balance and education to properly utilize them. While the tools may change over time our children will depend on the greatest tool of all- their own minds.

Principal's Coffee  
9am  
Field Library

Outdoor Maintenance Day  
*Immediately following  
Principal's Coffee*

### 5/2-6

Teacher Appreciation  
Week

### 5/3

Early Release  
Bounce Party at AirTime  
(Wacky World)  
1-4pm

### 5/4

Springfield Council of PTA  
(SCPTA) Meeting  
at Sunshine Elementary  
9am

### 5/6

Sock Hop to Summer!  
6-8pm

## Skate Party



**April 8**  
**Skateport**  
**4-6**

**\$4 per skater,**  
**includes skate rental**

**No drop-offs please.**

## SCPTA Clothing Bank

The clothing bank continues to have a major need for elementary sized boys and girls clothing.

This article can be viewed on the principal's blog.

<http://ncolbaughpossibilities.weebly.com>

You are welcome to submit comments and responses to the blog.

## Site Council

Site Council is currently participating in a book study, exploring the title, [Taking the PYP Forward: The future of the IB Primary Years Programme](#) by Simon Davidson and Steven Carber.

Anyone is welcome to join the conversation. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the library. If you would like to learn more or obtain a copy of the book to borrow for the study, please contact Dr. Colbaugh.

## Congratulations Mrs. Aho!



Recently, Springfield Public Schools was pleased to announce the four Starcatcher finalists for this semester: Carrie Aho (Field), Kerri Bruce (Holland), Todd McLain (Carver) & Jami Schulte (Middle school A.C.E.).

Four finalists for the Starcatcher Award have proven themselves to be innovators and exemplify what it means to go above and beyond in preparing Springfield students to be successful in the 21st century.

The winner will receive a prize package from Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, featuring a one-night stay in Falls Lodge, dinner for two at the Worman House and a carriage ride for two from Cedar Mountain Stables.

**Springfield Public Schools will ask the community to vote for a winner starting April 6, 2011.** Please be sure to vote!

Information on how to vote will be presented on the SPS website at <http://springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org/index.aspx>, through the SPS email account, and via Facebook.

To "like" Springfield Public Schools on Facebook, visit <http://www.facebook.com/springfieldpublicschools?v=info>.

To add your name to SPS email updates/newsletter updates lists, [please click here now!](#)

[CLICK HERE NOW TO WATCH MRS. AHO'S SPOTLIGHT](#)

## Sock Hop to Summer - DATE CHANGE!

Donations may be brought to the clothing bank during operating hours or may be dropped off at Field.

## Outdoor Maintenance



Spring outdoor maintenance days will be held on  
**April 8 at 9am**  
 and  
**April 29,**  
 right after the  
**Principal's Coffee.**

Please bring gloves, hand shovels and pruners. We will be cleaning up the flower beds. Come with planting ideas!

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please contact Allison Riddle for more information.  
[allirwr@hotmail.com](mailto:allirwr@hotmail.com)

## Glendale Falcon Basketball Camp

**May 11, 12 & 13**  
**Glendale High School**  
**6 to 8pm**  
 \$50 per camper

Come and have a great time learning basketball fundamentals! Participate in games and contests. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

[CLICK HERE NOW TO DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM](#)

## NEW DATE: MAY 6

6 - 8pm

Admission: \$1 per person or \$5 per family (max)

50s Sock Hop in Gym  
 Pizza Available for Sale  
 Free Games  
 PRIZES!  
 Raffle

The committee is currently seeking a DJ. If you know of one who might be available, please let us know.

Please contact  
 Sherry Peterson  
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Sonja Shaw  
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## Field's Backpack Program

Every single week during the school year, many of our students are supplied with backpacks filled with nutritious food to take home over the weekend. As the economy has been weakened, the need has become even greater.

Individually wrapped snack foods are especially needed right now. Monetary contributions are also welcome and help the committee keep backpack items uniform. (The backpack program committee often purchases food in bulk to help stretch PTA dollars further.)

Please give as you are able to help make sure every student in our school is concentrating more on their homework than hunger.



Questions? Please contact Molly Robb, [marybrobb@hotmail.com](mailto:marybrobb@hotmail.com).

## Box Top & Campbell Soup Labels



The final Box Top and Campbell Soup label collection for this school year will be held on **Monday, April 11**. Please remember to trim them for extra points for your class.



Field will be collecting Boxtops and Campbell Soup Labels again next year, so be sure to keep saving them!

### A Slice of Nice

See someone doing something exceptionally nice at Field? Turn them in for a Slice of Nice!

#### A Slice of Nice to:

Coach Bushman for his hard work in putting together the Food Power exhibit for Field students!

### Faculty Birthdays!

#### April:

4 - Debbie Fisher  
24 - Adam Bax  
24 - Patti Cline

#### May:

2 - Jodi Colwell

### Sign-up for Our E-Newsletter

If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, please send your e-mail address to [carolwooten@mchsi.com](mailto:carolwooten@mchsi.com).

### Submit Information for Next Month's Newsletter

Please contact Carol Wooten, [carolwooten@mchsi.com](mailto:carolwooten@mchsi.com), with your communication needs, concerns, or newsletter submissions.

**The deadline for May's edition is April 20.**

### PTA PURPOSES

To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship

To raise the standards of

### Book Buddy Bags

Mrs. Aho has set up a project on [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org). Her goal is to create book buddy bags with 49 book titles that will motivate, excite, and inspire her students. If you would like to support this project please visit her site at:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/we-teach/689933.1783024772>

Any and all donations are appreciated.



### Field Nights at Pasta Express

In the mood for some Pasta? Make Monday Night a Pasta Express Night!

Mondays from 4:00-9:00 PM are Field Nights at Pasta Express - 3250 E. Battlefield. Please note: Field Nights follow the school calendar



**Come on out on ANY Monday** school is in session (Field night) to support our school!

#### What to do...

Present the coupon below (coupon available on Field's website or [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)) when you purchase your meal. Be sure to write your child's teacher and grade on it.

15% of the total cost of your meal will go back to Field!

### SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, May 3 IB Program Evaluation Presentation - Tuesday, May 3

On Tuesday, May 3, Field, Rountree, Boyd, Pipkin Middle School and Central High School will present a program evaluation to the SPS Board. This evaluation of our program is done every two years as a part of the accountability process. The presentation can be viewed 24 hours following the board meeting on the SPS website.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Kraft Administrative Center, 940 N. Jefferson Ave.

**Any parents are welcome to attend the meeting to support our program!**

### 2011-2012 PTA Board Openings

#### Reflections Chair:

Reflections is a PTA program which provides students with an opportunity to submit artwork within several possible



home life

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into close relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

## 2010-2011 Field PTA

*executive committee*

### President

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categories. Each year the number of students who participate in the program has increased! This year, Field was the only Springfield Public School to have a student go on to the National Competition. Without Reflections leaderships at Field this would not be possible. This is a position in which you will be personally making a difference for many students at Field.

### PTA Membership Chair:

Our PTA membership is the driving force of all that we are and do. In this position you would run the membership campaign. This year we have gained 100 more members than last year. Without leadership this would not be possible.

Please contact Bill Enos at [enos0726@gmail.com](mailto:enos0726@gmail.com) and let him know you'd like to join the team next year!

If you would like to get involved but are not quite sure where to jump in, contact Jody Tetlow ([jodytetlow@gmail.com](mailto:jodytetlow@gmail.com)) or Bill Enos ([enos0726@gmail.com](mailto:enos0726@gmail.com)). Helping hands and new ideas are always needed.

## Community Partners

We welcome and celebrate our community partners!

Special thanks to:



### Starbucks Coffee

South Campell and Sunshine locations  
[www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com)

### Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper Bottling Company

<http://www.cocacolaozarks.com>

and The Henkle Family



### Springfield Regional Arts Council

<http://www.springfieldarts.org>

Panera Bread Company  
2924 East Sunshine Street



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[www.panerabread.com](http://www.panerabread.com)

Catering with Carrie Sissel



## Volunteer at Field!

Our volunteer program consists of community members, parents, grandparents, local businesses and organizations who acknowledge the importance between community involvement and education. Our volunteers work in a variety of capacities, both inside and outside the classroom from mentoring or tutoring a child to assisting in a school's office or cafeteria.

In order to become a registered volunteer, and keep your volunteer status current, volunteers must complete and return a Volunteer Registration and Background Check Form each year. This form may be obtained by clicking the SPS Volunteer Registration link below, in the Community Relations Office, or in the main office of our schools.

Upon a clear background check from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, you will be sent written notification (please allow up to 14 business days) which you may be required to present at the school you are volunteering.

### Policies and Responsibilities

<http://sps.k12.mo.us/communication/documents/PoliciesandResponsibilites.pdf>

### Volunteer Registration and Background Check:

<http://www.springfieldpublicschools.org/community/documents/2010-2011volunteerform.pdf>

*\*\*Please note district funding for volunteer background checks have recently been cut; the cost of the background check is \$17.50. Please contact Dr. Colbaugh with any questions or if assistance is needed. \*\**

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