

From the Principal

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Raising Kids Who Love To Read

What is it? What does it take? There is something absolutely magical about books for every age; yet some adults and children can't wait to turn the next page while others hesitate to venture beyond the colorful cover.

"Raising Kids Who Love To Read" is the theme of our very first panel discussion to take place at our PTA Meeting on November 13th at 7:00 P.M. in the Springer Multi - Use Room.

The goal of our PTA sponsored panel discussions is simply to raise awareness of educational topics. Over the course of each month's panel discussion, the PTA simply wants to develop interest and thought about a myriad of topics.

For November, the topic of interest based reading will take center stage. The PTA has invited four Grade Six students, an upper grade teacher who promotes student book clubs, a former upper grade teacher with many years experience in applying literature in the classroom, and our wonderful librarian. Parents as well as children are invited to attend the panel discussion. The grade emphasis of the evening will center around the upper grades (3 -6).

"Did you know . . .

Children like to read what *they* choose to read -
not what others choose for them.

Children will read magazine articles on topics that interest them. Those interested in animals read nature magazines; those interested in computers read *Nintendo Power*.

Children in grades three through twelve learn the meanings of about 3,000 new words a year - the majority of new words are learned incidentally while reading books and other materials.

Voracious readers are made, not born. No child is born loving baseball or pizza; they learn to like what they see their parents valuing.

Children who read most, also read best, according to national tests of reading ability.

Most avid readers go through a stage of reading 'series' books. Although the series may not qualify as 'good' literature, all that reading practice helps develop speed and fluency.

Research shows that if there is time for reading in school, kids will also read at home."

Cullinan, Bernice E., Read To Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read (New York, 1992), pp. 114 - 115.

If you find this topic of interest, plan on spending some time with your child and the panel next Tuesday evening. Who knows, the love of reading may just be a discussion away.

You Are Only Young Once , but You Can Make a Difference Forever

The volunteers from Avenidas came aboard on Monday. These senior citizens will be listening to children read aloud in the primary grades. If ever there was a sight to behold, the view of a

senior citizen reading with a child is something very special. We are very pleased we are able to develop and maintain this relationship with this organization.

Flag Football Season at Springer '07

The '07 flag football season has come to an end. Our A and B Teams performed very well throughout the season. This past weekend the teams played in the flag football playoffs at Mountain View High School

The boys and girls on both teams excelled in their performances. The B Team was particularly successful. They claimed the championship trophy for Springer.

The entire Springer Community was impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of these payers . Congratulations !

A GIANT appreciation goes forward to the coaches and assistants:

A TEAM

Coach	Eric M.
Team Parent:	Kirsten F.
Asst. Team Parent:	Nanci C.
Asst. Team Parent:	Jennifer S.

Players:	Zane F.	Julan P.
	Peter S.	Kyle A.
	Davis A.	Henry C.
	Isabella D.	Kate D.
	Alison F.	Will F-C.
	Collin F.	Natalie H.
	Aaron M.	Oren M.
	Carter M.	Emma O.
	Samantha S.	Andrew T.
	Daniel W.	Kian K.

B TEAM

Coach	Rich S.
Coach	Andrew T.
Team Parent	Janette K.
Asst Team Parent	Claire H.

Players:	Jack B.	Sasha D.
	Connor F.	Brad G.
	Daniel H.	Matt H.
	Matt K.	Nolan R.
	Cristian S.	Peter S.
	Andrew B.	Cameron B.
	Peter D.	Thomas H.
	Nicholas L.	Reagan M.
	Darius S.	Anna S.
	Nicholas T.	