

**From the Principal
September 4, 2007**

Come to our PTA meeting

The first PTA Meeting of the school year is always exciting and offers all members of the Springer community a chance to meet the PTA leadership, the staff members who make up the "T" of PTA, a chance to participate in learning about the goals of PTA for the new year, and to vote on the support budget for 2007 - 2008.

I usually get a chance to play a role in the meeting. Typically, I review the speaker series for the year. This series has met with a high degree of popularity. Speakers include the superintendent and others that provide clear information about the learning program at Springer Elementary School. There are many factors that "play" upon the Springer Program. Each month speakers address current topics that help all members of the community to stay informed. My goal is communication that will promote support and understanding.

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend the first of the year PTA Meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00. I will be the featured speaker this evening. The topic of discussion will be a review of the STAR Testing Program and a closer look at the recently released Academic Performance Index scores.

Making A Difference

Toward the end of the last school year, a parent approached and asked what plans I had to involve the students of Springer in environmental issues facing our society today. I have thought about that question for quite awhile. I believe the students should receive this question as well. What part do they play in the environmental issues facing us today ?

So, I posed this question to the student body on Thursday as part of the NED IS COMING LifeSkills Program. I decided to not only involve NED in our students' social values program for the month of September, but to also gather their input about the difference they can make in improving our environment.

I am looking forward to their responses. I certainly plan on sharing them with you in the upcoming weeks.