



- *Attea will also have one spirit assembly before Thanksgiving.*
- *Red Day is next Thursday.*
- *The end of Trimester one is coming soon and everyone will receive PowerSchool report cards.*
- *Band and choir participated in Veterans Day program at Park Center and choir is at Misericordia.*
- *Winter sports season is starting.*

Parent Question: re: taking practice psat tests in classrooms? Ans: Doubtful that much time was spent. It is similar to parcc test, so it probably didn't disadvantage others.

7:30 **Guest Speaker**

Dr. Elizabeth Swider

Parent Effectiveness Training for the Tweens

Parent effectiveness training. PET training is a good idea because parenting is harder than we thought. Learn how to listen, communicate, problem solve, and share values. Use a behavior window to determine who owns the problem and how to address it. Reviewed roadblocks to effective listening. Margaret Pasquesi and Dr. Swider role played negative and positive communication.

Thomas Gordon's program contains 8 sessions. There is "homework" in between where you try and work on what you learned each session. The next class session starts January 23rd. You can sign up at OLPH.

8:00 **Committee Reports**

Grants

Heather Adams/ Julia Brady

Julia Marquardt/Alison Sipe

Presentation and PTA vote/approval of 2018 grants

- *Thirty plus grants were submitted this year. Springman had more submitted this year. Last year Attea submitted more grants. This is not uncommon as grant submittal goes up and down for each school.*
- *\$6000/school, \$12,000 in total, is in the PTA budget for grants.*
- *First step: The grants were first reviewed by the principals and the district. The committee heads lead the discussion.*
- *Second step: A parent input meeting was held to receive input from the parent population.*
- *There were a couple grants submitted that included transportation costs to be provided by the PTA. The PTA was notified by the district that the PTA cannot fund transportation. Therefore, these grants have to either be revised to exclude the transportation or cannot be approved.*
- *The committee asked for \$10,500 be approved at this time.*
- *Moir made a motion to approve, and Margaret seconded.*
- *Vote: all in favor no opposed.*



Holiday Helper

Dana Palmer/ (Attea)

Liz DeMattia/Amy Eccleston (Springman)

- *Holiday helper Sign-Up Genius is live and people are already signing up!!*
- *75 plus families will receive gift cards*

Membership

Christina Shimon / Anne Hoffer

- *358 members to-date.*
- *Some glitches in system around listing two different schools on the a to z app, and allowing people to pay.*
- *The PTA will continue to investigate options to join the PTA in order to increase membership.*

Character Counts

Dana Doffin and Alisa Cios

- *The food drive went well.*
 - *The attea grade level money bin very successful.*
- *RED Day is Thursday Nov 15. Students will fill out kindness cards. Schools are exploring other ways to celebrate.*

Associates breakfast

Moira Hathcock

- *This will be held on Nov 19th for Springman, and November 20th for Attea*

Teacher Holiday Luncheon

Moira Hathcock/ Karen Hitzman

- *Holiday lunches set for December 19th—look for sign up genius soon.*

8:30 Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 pm

Upcoming events:

Holiday Helper Gift Card Drive	Nov 7-Dec 6
Apricot Lane MNO Shop for a Cause	Nov 15
Associate Breakfast	Nov. 19, 20
Dining for Dollars - Your Pie	Nov. 29
Holiday Staff Lunch	December 19
Meatheads 4-9 on December 19	
December PTA meeting	Dec. 12, 9:15 AM, at Springman
Movie day on Martin Luther King day	