

HAWK HEADLINES

MARCH 12, 2026



Families,

Shout-out to our 5th graders for giving their all on the Illinois Science Assessment this week—we're so proud of their focus and effort! And, speaking of science, in classic Chicago style the weather this weekend and Monday might try out all four seasons in one day, so make sure your learners come with coats, gloves, and a "bring it on" attitude. 🌞🧥🧤 ~Ms. Petelle

Headlines:

Classroom Placement Requests: As we approach the end of the school year, this is a friendly reminder that we are unable to accept requests for specific teachers when creating class placements. Our team carefully considers many factors to build balanced classrooms where all students can thrive, and we appreciate your trust in this process.

If there are specific characteristics or needs you would like us to be aware of regarding your child, please feel free to email me, and I will share that information with the placement teams. Thank you for your partnership. 😊

Fidgets at school: We value that fidgets can be helpful tools for students to support sensory or calming needs. We ask for your partnership in monitoring what your child brings to school and ensuring it is truly needed for that purpose. Recently, many students have had multiple fidgets in their desks, which can sometimes become more of a distraction than a support.

The 20th Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents will take place Saturday, May 2 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Registration information and further details to follow in the coming weeks.

One Book One School: I hope you are enjoying this opportunity to read together and build a shared love of reading, spark meaningful conversations at home, and strengthen our school community through a common story.

Family [website](#)

[Family Resources](#)

Here is a link to a [google slides](#) where Ms. Lundberg will also post the videos daily.

Literacy Night/Book Fair/Art Show: March 24th 5:30–7:30. Celebrate our culmination of One Book One School! We will have raffles, games, art displays, a PTO Sponsored book fair and a whole lot more!

5Essentials Survey: Last call to provide input for our school.

The Parent Survey is open to all parents kindergarten through 5th grades. To take the survey please visit the link and select Spring Hills Elementary. Link to survey: [5Essentials-Parent Survey](#). We need at least 20% of our parents to respond. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The survey window closes tomorrow.

Registration for 26–27: Last week, all families received information from Mrs. Dumelle about registering for next school year — and registration is now open! If your child will be returning, **please complete registration by March 27**. Our staffing and classroom planning are based on student enrollment, so it is very important that we have an accurate count of how many students will be attending next year. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this process and helping us plan for a strong start to the new school year!

Yearbook: Are you interested in having a yearbook for your learner? Please see the flyer linked [here](#) for information on how to order a yearbook.

NAEP Assessment for 4th grade: Our fourth grade has been chosen by the NAEP committee to participate in the NAEP assessment. The [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) (NAEP), commonly known as "The Nation's Report Card," is the largest congressionally mandated, nationally representative assessment of student knowledge in the U.S. Conducted since 1969, it measures achievement in reading, math, science, and other subjects for grades 4, 8, and 12, informing education policy.

IAR Testing March 23–27: Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade learners will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in reading and math. Please make sure your learner gets enough sleep, has a healthy snack or two, and comes to school on time. We utilize the information from this assessment to guide our instructional decisions and support our learners to be future ready.



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ATTENDANCE CORNER

School Attendance:

Routines are essential to helping mornings run smoothly in order to get to school on time. Here are 3 tips:

1. Keep a consistent routine. Set a regular bedtime and morning schedule so your child is ready for school on time each day.
2. Celebrate being present. Recognize and praise your child for coming to school regularly—small rewards or special acknowledgment can make a big difference.
3. Address challenges early. If transportation, health, or other issues make it hard to get to school, talk with teachers or school staff to find solutions together.

PTO CORNER

UPCOMING EVENT:

- PTO MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH 7PM AT SPRING HILLS SCHOOL
- BINGO NIGHT IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE-APRIL 10TH FROM 6-7:30PM. YOU MUST PRE REGISTER FOR THE EVENT. PLEASE CLICK ON THE [LINK](#) FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

- [PTO_YEAR_AT_A_GLANCE.PNG](#)
- [PTO Spirit Wear Shop](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 16	• 8:20 Arrival • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Student Leadership • 3:45M - 4:45PM Chess Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club • 7:00PM-8:30PM D12 Board Meeting At Lake Park High School East Board Room
Tuesday, March 17	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • 4th Grade NAEP Testing • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Girl Scouts • 3:45PM - 4:45PM Art Club (K, 1st & 2nd)
Wednesday, March 18	• 3:30PM - 4:30PM GEMS
Thursday, March 19	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Newspaper Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Friday, March 20	• 7:45AM - 8:45AM Chorus Practice
Monday, March 23	• 8:20 Arrival • 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Student Leadership • 3:45M - 4:45PM Chess Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Tuesday, March 24	• 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 3:45PM - 4:45PM Art Club (K, 1st & 2nd) • 5:30-7:30 Literach Night/Book Fair and Art Show
Wednesday, March 25	• 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 3:30PM - 4:30PM GEMS • 3:45PM-5:00PM Yearbook Club
Thursday, March 26	• 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 7:45AM - 8:15AM Newspaper Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Friday, March 27	• 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade IAR Testing • 7:45AM - 8:45AM Chorus Practice • 3:30PM Spring Break!
Monday, March 30	• No School-Spring Break
Tuesday, March 31	• No School-Spring Break
Wednesday, April 1	• No School-Spring Break
Thursday, April 2	• No School-Spring Break
Friday, April 3	• No School-Spring Break