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District 214 Holds Its First Entrepreneurship Day for Students

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PHOTO OP: Friday, FVEC, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Hts., 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Township High School District 214 will hold its first Entrepreneurship Day for students on Friday, Feb. 26, at Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights. Several District 214 schools have been working since last October to organize a mini-conference, featuring presentations by local entrepreneurs. The plans have come to fruition now, just in time for National Entrepreneurship Week (Feb. 20-27). In 2006, the U.S. Congress established National Entrepreneurship Week as a celebration of American entrepreneurs and the lifelong learning educational opportunities that prepare the NEW business leaders of the future.

More than 120 students will attend the conference, which will be broken into three sessions. During each session, students will have an opportunity to attend a presentation by one of three speakers. The entrepreneurs will discuss their businesses, how they formed their ideas, how they implemented their goals, their future plans and more. Each session will be 40 minutes in length, including time for audience feedback and questions.

The keynote speaker will be **Toni Portillo**, president of Brown's Chicken. Other speakers include **Jay Fortuna** of Jay's Beef, **Joette Doran** of Joette S. Doran & Associates, **Mary Ellen Hogan** of Urban Harvest, **Mike Nikolich** of Tech Image, Ltd., **Mike DeMar** of Fidelity Wes Builders, **Tom Bischoff** of Jimmy John's, **Jim** and **Ric Clifton** of On Time Embroidery, **Dr. Timothy Schening** of Schening Chiropractic Clinic, and **Courtney Hill** of Market M.

The teens and entrepreneurs will enjoy a networking lunch together, compliments of Brown's, where the students will have an opportunity to learn from the experts in a casual setting.

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