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Summit High School

ABA Spring Dinner Social

The Semi Formal is sponsored by the Student Council and all students who are eligible to attend are welcome. The requirements for eligibility are: a minimum of C in each class, good attendance, and no fines for the library or cafeteria. As inclusive as the Semi Formal is, the Student Council recognized a part of the school population that was absent from the dance.

Summit has had inclusive ABA and LLD classes for two years. These students are part of all school activities. The ABA room actually won the 1st Annual Hall Door Decorating Contest this year! The Student Council made plans with the ABA to have a joint bake sale celebrating Autism Awareness month. The Council had also spoke of pairing with the group for another activity. It was out of this concern for a segment of the school's population that the Spring Social was born.

The Student Council executive board met with the ABA and LLD teachers met to coordinate the evening's events. The main concern was the "guests" of the Spring Social be comfortable with the events and the location. To this end, a two hour time limit was set. The "guests" and their partner for the evening would create a calming jar as an icebreaker that would than serve as their party favor.

After the calming jar activity, the group would go into the dinner/party section. The section will be decorated with the spring theme before the guests arrive. Hanging lights and set tables all will add to the ambiance of the room. It is important to the Student Council that the evening is special and memorable for those attending. This dinner/dance may be the only dance these students experience.

Also, so the ABA and LLD students become familiar with the Student Council members a few meet and greets are arranged. My council is going to the ABA and LLD classes to spend

time with those students. We are also hosting a bake sale for the school students and for \$5 a dress down for the teachers to help defray the cost of the event.