What's Happening at South Side School
South Side PTA's Weekly Newsletter January 30, 2009

Please email newsletter submissions to Mark Atkinson at mark.a@southsidepta.org by 6 p.m. any given Wednesday.
South Side News list serv: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southsideschool
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IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

Annual South Side
FUN NIGHT

Friday, January 30
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Hope to see you there!!

Calendar Notes...

January
30 (Friday) Fun Night *

February (Black History Month)
3 (Tuesday) Fundraising Committee Meeting *
5 (Thursday) Founder’s Day Dinner *
9 (Monday) NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day)
12 (Thursday) PTA Forum on homework *
13 (Friday) Valentine’s Day Activities
16 (Monday) NO SCHOOL Presidents’ Day
18 (Wednesday) PTA Meeting
19 (Thursday) Science Night *
* = More info in this issue

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Put the FUN in Fundraising!!

The PTA Fundraising Committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m., to discuss the future of PTA fundraising.

Questions we’ll be asking ourselves include “What have we been doing right? What can we improve in our fundraising to advance the goals of the South Side PTA?”

Join us at the Beck home, 510 W William (just a few blocks east of South Side).

We need all the help we can get!

Questions - Contact Dave Beck at david_beck@antiochne.edu or 217-721-5344.

Save the Date for Spring ChessFest 2009!

The Spring ChessFest will be held on Saturday, March 14, at Jefferson Middle School. Please hold the date! Entry forms and more information will be distributed in mid-February.

“If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good” ~ Dr. Seuss
COMING SOON!

PTA DISCUSSION FORUM

Thursday, February 12th @ 6:30 pm in the school gym. Childcare Provided.

Topic: Homework Strategies

Join the South Side Community and special guests such as Dr. Eva Pomerantz from the University of Illinois in a casual, open discussion about the benefits and challenges of homework. See you there!

A Personal Note of Thanks

Dear South Side families,

Thank you for all of your visits, thoughts, gifts, and prayers while my father Bill Folts was ill and after his death.

Some of you knew him from when he worked at the University of Illinois, others probably saw him at my sons’ events or saw him at church or in his neighborhood.

We miss him but gratefully acknowledge and thank your for your kindness at time when it was deeply needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Terry Folts Hazlewood
and Family of Bill Folts

Yearbook Orders

It’s time once again to order yearbooks! Order forms for the 2008-09 edition should be coming home with your child this Friday (Jan. 30). Extra forms will also be available at school.

Each fifth-grader receives a free copy of the yearbook, courtesy of the South Side PTA. However, we are sending home order forms with those students as well, in case families would like to buy an extra copy.

The yearbooks will be delivered sometime in May. We also have a few copies of last year’s book left if anyone would like to buy one.

If you have photos you’d like to share with the yearbook committee, contact Julie Asmussen at 351-4096 or by email at hankmaodeng@aol.com.

Thank you!
Julie Asmussen
Yearbook Committee Chair

Book Review(s)

Kindergartener Mayahuel Gutierrez Malik says the book Dealing with Dragons by Patricia Wrede is one of her favorites. “It’s about this princess named Cimorene that doesn’t want to get married and gets lost in a forest. She finds a cave and decides to live with dragons. The surprising part is when some princes come to save her, and she tells them, ‘Go away. I don’t want to be saved!’ It was really funny, and I really recommend it.”

The book Bad Boys, written by Margie Palatini, is loved by 1st grade reader Tessa McManus-Mendelowitz. Tessa says, “It’s about two wolves who dress up like sheep and change their names to Wilamina and Walanda. It’s a really funny book!”

If you’d like to tell your South Side friends about one of your favourite books, find and complete the form on the PTA table in the upstairs hallway at South Side. You may send a photo of yourself to lammers@illinoisalumni.org.

SOUTH SIDE PTA TO HONOR FIVE AT ANNUAL FOUNDER’S DAY DINNER

This coming Thursday, February 5th, three South Side parents and two staff members will be honored by our PTA at the annual Founder’s Day Dinner hosted by the Champaign PTA Council. These annual awards are the PTA’s way of saying “thank you” to out-going (5th grade) parents who have made outstanding contributions to PTA programs, as well as exceptional staff members (and we’d love to honor more!!) who make a day-to-day difference in the education of our children. Please take the opportunity to thank the following individuals for their dedication to the children of South Side Elementary:

Staff: First grade teacher Julie Henry. Custodian Richard Reynolds
And for their devoted service to South Side’s popular chess club:


Science Night Sign Up

You have 2 opportunities to sign up. If you already know your topic, you can return this form to your teacher by MONDAY FEB 2nd. If you need some more time to decide on a topic the last chance to sign-up will be FRIDAY FEB 6th. By returning this form you will be added to a list of Science Night Participants and a display board will be reserved for you, if you need one.

_____ Yes, please reserve a display board_____ No, I will get my own display board.

Student Name(s): __________________________________

• if this is a team or group project, turn in one sign up sheet with all names and please provide the phone/e-mail of one contact parent.

Phone number: _______________ Parent E-mail ( if available) ___________________

Classroom Teacher : ______________________   Grade _______

Type of Science Project
____ I / We will be exploring a topic. _____ I/We will be conducting an experiment

The Subject of the Project __________________________________

QUESTIONS that will be explored for this topic:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________.

MATERIALS that can be used for this project
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________.

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” ~ Calvin Coolidge