Please email newsletter submissions to Mark Atkinson at mark.a@southsidepta.org
by 6 p.m. any given Wednesday
South Side News listerv: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southsideschool
WH online: http://sites.google.com/a/southsidepta.org/whats-happening/Home/pdf

Calendar Notes...
February (Black History Month)
13 (Friday) Valentine’s Day Activities
16 (Monday) NO SCHOOL Presidents’ Day
17-20 Jump Rope for Heart activities
18 (Wednesday) PTA Meeting *
19 (Thursday) Science Night
* = More info in this issue

Are you a South Side Parent?
Are you a South side Teacher?
If you answered yes to either of these questions, you are qualified to attend the next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 6:30-8pm in the South Side Library. Childcare will be provided.

South Side PTA Meeting Agenda February 18, 2009 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Call to Order & Welcome and Introductions – John Koontz
Secretary’s Report – Allie Shepko
Treasurer’s Report – Dave Beck
Membership Report – Kerry Rossow
Principal’s Report – Bill Taylor
Committee Reports
Fundraising • Fun Night • Science Night • International Night • Health and Wellness
PTA Forum • PTA Council - Founder’s Day • Building Council
Teacher Appreciation • T-Shirts
Fine Arts and Enrichment - Spring Fundraising, South Side Studio
Nominating Committee • Literacy • What's Happening?

Mea Culpa!
After re-reading last week’s issue of What’s Happening as well as hearing from a concerned parent, I would like to clarify my entry in the newsletter regarding International Night. In my haste to get something written in time to be published, I’m afraid I didn’t carefully edit my own work. Let me first apologize for that.

Second, I want to say to all that the only significant change from past International Months to this year’s is that our classes will not be taking a week away from the curriculum to visit other classes. As I’m sure most already know, Unit 4 has written curriculum for subject areas and a timeline that accompanies it. If we decide to eliminate one week of the curriculum timeline we would not be able to meet district expectations.

Classes will still “adopt” countries and learn about them in April. Classes will also work on projects to prepare for the culminating event – “International Night”. Our “specials” teachers (music, art, and PE) will be doing international-themed activities in April. As April and international activities approach, look for more detailed information.

Again, I regret the fact that what appeared last week was confusing. That is no one’s fault but my own. Hopefully, this clears things up a bit.

William Taylor, Principal, South Side Elementary School

Book Review(s)
Evan Bossenbroek, who’s in 4th grade, recently read The Witches by Roald Dahl. He reports, “Witches are the most dangerous creatures on Earth.” How can one identify a witch? “Have you ever met a woman who scratches her head a lot, always wears gloves, her eyes change colors, her teeth have a bluish tinge, and she has large nostrils?” asks Evan. His favorite part of this book is when the narrator turns all the witches into mice!

Fellow 4th grader Daniel Briggs recently reported on the best-selling book Eragon by Christopher Paolini. “The book is about a boy named Eragon who finds a dragon egg and names it Saphira. I think the most interesting thing in this book is the different races.” However, he also thinks this book is “kind of a copy of The Lord of the Rings”.

“Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.” ~ Robert Fulghum
Get out your paper and let your imagination loose! Be a part of the exciting 5th edition of our school's creative arts magazine. Place your entries in your classroom's submission box and don't forget that all entries must include an entry form.

**Categories:** Poetry (no more than 2 pages in length). Stories between 25-2000 words, non-fiction (essays, movie reviews, interviews, etc..) 2-D art (drawings, cartoons, paintings, photography, etc.) on *unlined paper*, 3-D art (sculpture, mobiles, masks, etc.), musical compositions, etc.

**Criteria:** The magazine is printed in black and white. Light colors and very thin lines will not reproduce very well. **No artwork on lined paper - please use plain white paper. We will be unable to accept art entries on lined paper.**

**Questions:** Contact Brenda Koenig at bakoenig@sbcglobal.net or Sonya Darter at sonya.darter@sbcglobal.net. For over-sized and 3-D work please contact Ms. Lozar.

Copies of the magazine will be available in late Spring. Each student will receive a free copy. Extra copies will be available for purchase.

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**ENTRY FORM**

**SOUTH SIDE STUDIO**

Creative Arts Magazine

Student's name ________________________________

Teacher and Grade ________________________________

Title of submission ________________________________ Date submitted ________________

Circle one: story poem artwork other ________________________________

Phone ________________________________ E-mail (optional) ________________________________

**Please tape form to back of entry. Be sure your name, teacher and grade are complete. Remember, no lined paper! Submissions due April 3rd!**