Scholastic Book Fair

The spring Scholastic book fair will be Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 20.

It’s your opportunity to buy some good books for your children or the classrooms and meanwhile raise money to purchase books for South Side’s library.

The book fairs are the one major fundraiser to benefit our library!

Please contact Sarah Tufte if you can volunteer: stufte2002@yahoo.com

The book fair will be open during these times:

- Tue., March 17: Lunch 11:30-12:45 and after school 2:45-3:45
- Wed., March 18: Lunch 11:30-12:45
- Thur., March 19: 3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (during conferences)
- Fri., March 20: 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (during conferences)

News from PTA Council:

The school board election will be here soon! There are many candidates this time around...how will you know who to vote for? The PTA Council is sponsoring a school board candidate forum on April 2nd from 7-9 pm in the Mellon building board room.

The forum will be moderated by Brian Barnhart of WDWS/WHMS, and will feature questions from PTA members and parents such as yourselves. Don’t miss this chance to learn about the candidates and their views on educational issues.

2009 Engineering Open House at the University of Illinois

This weekend - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.! It is an awesome display of student-conducted experiments, hands on projects for all ages, and is an excellent way to introduce our children to science!

Their website is http://eoh.cen.uiuc.edu.

It is something for the whole family to enjoy!

Thanks . . .Science Night Co-Chair Sujata Dey-Koontz

“Scientists investigate that which already is; engineers create that which has never been.” ~ Albert Einstein
Gearing Up for International Night!  April 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Volunteers will be needed throughout the evening. If you’d like to help with set-up, please contact me. Setup will be from 4:00 p.m. til 6:00 p.m.

We are in need of Artifact Security for the classrooms. Room Parents will be seeking out parents to watch classrooms for the first hour of International Night so artifacts and displays the children have made do not get lost or damaged in the Tour. We are still in the process of discussing the time for the Displays to be open to the Public, but as of this writing, it will be, by request of the teachers, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On another note

We would like all children, if they choose, to create a 8 x 10 poster, or shadow box (a shoebox or any kind of box or container may be used) expressing a cultural experience they have had, a moment where they stepped out of their comfort zone and into that of another culture.

For example • going to a foreign restaurant and tasting of food • experiencing a friends cultural celebration • experiencing their own cultural celebration • a trip they had taken to a country or even a different state where they do things differently — like drinking ice tea out of a mason jar • the Spurlock experience all our children have had

Dinner is Served 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite ethnic dish of their choice that evening. Enough for about 8 to 10 people. Please note on the title card of the food any known allergens (peanut; wheat; dairy) and/or if the food is a meat or vegan item. Title cards will be displayed with each dish.

Thank you . . Sujata Dey-Koontz Coordinator of International Night and International Night Coordinator

Let the Pixels Fly!

Join us on Saturday, March 14th, from 2-5 p.m. for the grand opening of a new exhibit at the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 2 p.m. by South Side children who contributed to the exhibit. At the event, your family will enjoy an art and music celebration and activities, create a post-it-note mural, and be among the first to try the exhibit. Flying Pixels is a collaboration with John Toenjes, a composer with Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. More information at www.orpheumkids.com.

Art at The Orpheum

The month of April we will have student art work displayed at the Orpheum! There will be an official opening reception Saturday, April 4 from 6-8 at the museum. Students that have artwork on display will be notified before the opening. I will send home official fliers to all students when we are closer to the date, but I’d like our families to be informed early of this exciting event for our artists! - Amy Lozar, South Side Art/Enrichment

Chess Club News

1. This Saturday will be the city-wide ChessFest at Jefferson Middle School, 12-5:00 pm
2. There will be no Chess Club on Tuesday, March 17, as the library will be set up for the Book Fair.
3. The last after-school Chess Club meeting of the year will be Tuesday, March 31.

“"All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” ~ Pablo Picasso