What's Happening at South Side School
South Side PTA's Weekly Newsletter
April 3, 2009

Please email newsletter submissions to Mark Atkinson at mark.a@southsidepta.org by 6 p.m. any given Wednesday.
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Calendar Notes...
April
4 (Sat.) Art at The Orpheum official opening 6-8:00 p.m.
10 (Fri.) NO SCHOOL Spring Holiday
15 (Wed.) PTA Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.

Musical Notes

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Students & Parents: Thanks to everyone who has already made donations to help bring the Indian tabla drummer to South Side for workshops! We are still a bit short on funding, so if you have not yet donated to the Music Workshop Fund, and you are interested in doing so, we welcome your donation. Thanks, South Side families, for your generosity in helping to make this special music project a reality for our students!

World Music Ensemble Students & Parents: The World Music Ensemble has received the honor of being asked to perform at the South Side Art Show at the Orpheum Children’s Museum in Champaign this Saturday, April 4, 2009. If you are available, we would like for your family to attend this performance. We will meet at the Orpheum at 5:45 p.m. this Saturday, April 4, 2009, to get ready, followed by a short performance from 6:00-6:15 as part of the opening of the art show. All ensemble members who attend this performance, along with up to 3 family members, will receive free admittance for the rest of the evening to the Orpheum.

Books by the Bushel 2009

This event will be held for 3 full days, on April 3rd, 4th & 5th, at the Barnes & Noble in Champaign.

Barnes & Noble will be holding a concurrent ALL CU Schools Book Fair Fundraiser during this time, which is being sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation (CUSF). This allows Barnes & Noble to give back a large percentage of the sales (in essence their profits) from the BBTB & Book Fair-Fundraiser!

You may also purchase books to donate to your school, and all donated books will be delivered to school Monday, April 6. Teachers receive their standard 20% discount.

Bethany Thompson, South Side Librarian, has sent a wishlist to the book store – titles that South Side library needs, as well as all the Monarch Award nominees for next year.*

* In the summer of 2002, several past presidents of ISLMA discussed the need for a K-3 children’s book award. The ISLMA Board established a work group to investigate creation of such an award. In April 2003, ISLMA approved the establishment and support of The Monarch Award: Illinois’ K-3 Children’s Choice Award.

The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 children and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children’s books, authors and illustrators. The program is open to all K-3 age children in Illinois.

Thank you from the South Side office

Our appreciation to parent Nickey Woods for helping with Spring pictures taken on April 1st.

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Chess Club News

CONGRATULATIONS to the South Side Chess Club for an outstanding performance at the Spring Chess Fest on March 14, 2009. The South Side Chess Club was awarded third place and the following students received individual awards: Nuha Fatima Mozumder, Nate Allen, Daniel Bernstein, Joe Mattson, K.J. Munroe, Cameron Robinson, and Kavi Naidu. We are very proud of all the 17 participants and thank you for representing South Side at this event.

We would also like to remind the after school chess club participants that we will not meet in April and May, but the lunch time chess club will continue as usual.

Art Show at the Orpheum - help needed!

As you know, some of our South Side Artists are going to have an Art Show at the Orpheum.

The opening for this show is this Saturday, April 4th between 6 and 8pm. Amy Lozar has asked us to provide food for this event. We realize this is short notice due to Spring Break but we are confident that we will be able to pull this event off.

First we need people to volunteer to set up, 5:15ish; people to monitor the table and replenish as needed; and people to help clean up. Next we need food.

In the interest of keeping things simple we have put together a list of foods for the opening. We’d like to serve:

- cheese cubes
- crackers
- red grapes
- strawberries
- cookies (store bought or homemade)

Please email amcmanus@parkland.edu to let us know if you can bring any of these items. If you are unable to arrive close to the set up time then please make arrangements for your food to get there first. You are welcome to drop any contributions off to Annie’s house, 403 S. New St. Saturday afternoon.

We are planning to take the giant water coolers from South Side and serve ice water as the beverage. Please pass this information on to anyone you think would be able to help and let me know as soon as possible what food and help you will be able provide for this event.

As a rough estimate, 100 children will have art on display and each child with art being shown will receive 3 free admission passes to the event, the South Side World Music Ensemble will be performing and I am sure several teachers will also attend. This presents us with the potential of around 375 people.

Thanks in advance for all of your help.

Annie McManus and Judith Hopping for Fine Arts & Enrichment Committee

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER

Thursday April 30th  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch your backpacks for project information - Cultural Experience Poster or Shoe Box display

Bring an International Food dish to share with at least 5 - 10 people.

This is a celebration of the different countries our children will be studying throughout the month of April!

The countries being studied (tentatively) include India, China, Egypt, South Africa, Greece, Japan, Mexico, Australia, Germany, Russia, Philippines, and Brazil! (What about the Isle of Wight? - Ed.)

A reminder to Homeroom Parents to please have "Artifact Security" available for the times the classrooms are open.(6-7 p.m.)

Thank you... International Night Committee.

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