What's Happening at South Side School
South Side PTA's Weekly Newsletter
May 1, 2009

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
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Calendar Notes...

May
1 & 2 1st Annual PTA Plant Sale
   Friday 2:30-6:00
   Saturday 8:30-1:00
4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
13 (Wed.) Early Dismissal 11:45
20 (Wed.) PTA Meeting

From Principal William Taylor

5th grade recognition will be held on Friday, May 29 at 1:15 in the Community Room.

Musical Notes

Mrs. Moline would like to say a huge thank you to our South Side PTA, who helped to sponsor our Indian tabla workshops last week for the third through fifth graders! The students learned about Indian music and culture, including specific Indian drumming techniques from Mr. Subrata Bhattacharya, who is a tabla expert currently working at the Center for World Music at the University of Illinois. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the parents who came to supervise the workshops, as well as Judith Hopping, our PTA Arts & Enrichment Committee Head, for all of her hard work to make the tabla project a success, and Sujata Dey-Koontz, who provided transportation and snacks for Mr. Bhattacharya as well as documenting the workshops through photography.

Mrs. Moline and the World Music Ensemble students would like to thank PTA for sponsoring our field trip to the Balinese gamelan orchestra room at the Center for World Music at Levis Faculty Center (UIUC) this Tuesday. We had a wonderful time listening to the collegiate students rehearse, followed by learning how to play the Balinese xylophones, gongs, cymbals, drums, and anklungs ourselves!

World Music Ensemble Families: We will resume our weekly rehearsals next Wednesday, May 6, from 2:45-4:00 p.m.. The following week we will have a Tuesday, May 12 afternoon rehearsal from 2:45-4:00 p.m. due to the fact that the next school day is a half day for the students. Mrs. Moline will be sending home final rehearsal and concert letters later this week, so please keep on the lookout for more information.

Lastly, Mrs. Moline would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our South Side students and families for your support while I was recovering from my illness. You really demonstrate what it means to be a South Side Family!

Teacher Appreciation Week  May 4-8

Let’s take some time to let all our teachers know how much we value them!

A list of items that teachers would like to have has been sent home with your kids and is detailed on page two of this week’s What’s Happening. Watch your backpacks and the PTA table upstairs at school for more information and ways you can express your appreciation!

Please encourage your kids to make a flower or a card for their teacher.

Instructions for making flowers out of tissue paper can be found online at www.FamilyFun.com. Teachers will each be given a vase to keep in their rooms during the week for any real flowers kids bring in.

We will have sidewalk chalk available for kids to write messages to their teachers before school, during recess, and after school. The Teacher Appreciation Committee has several other ideas up our collective sleeves that we will have to tell you about in the next edition of What’s Happening, as we don’t want to spoil any surprises.

If you want to be in the know early, there is still time for you to join in on the fun. Contact Annie McManus at amcmanus@parkland.edu for information on what you can do to help show appreciation for the teachers and staff at South Side.

“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” ~ Lily Tomlin
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
MAY 4 -8

Your PTA has asked the teachers, staff and administrators for a supplies wish list to finish this year and get a start for next year. They didn’t really know why they were doing this – ssshhh! We learned that the South Side faculty and staff need the following items to serve our students.

**TOP REQUESTS**

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**BOOKS**

- Books to send home with kids
- Books for literacy center
- Easy Readers

**NOTEBOOKS**

- Notebooks - 40 or so
- Primary notebooks - with dotted lines
- 6 Composition Notebooks

**PENS, PENCILS, & MARKERS**

- 30 boxes of 24 pack crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Erasable pens
- Regular pens - 2 requests
- 10 Boxes of classic color 8 count markers
- Colored pens - for teacher use in grading
- Markers - thick and thin - 5 boxes of each
- Black and red felt tip - 3 boxes of ea.
- Sharpie Chart Markers (don’t bleed through paper)

**FOLDERS**

- Red & Orange Pocket Folders
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Manilla File Folders

**GLUE**

- Glue Sticks
- Tacky Glue or Elmers Glue All (not school glue)

**OTHERS**

- Scissors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Boxes of Transparencies
- Big Pink Erasers
- Thermometer Cover (see office for correct ones)
- Cut Out Letters for the bulletin Board
- White Card Stock
- Foam Mounting Squares (Scotch 3M 108 1” x 1” 16 pack)
- ¾” Scotch Tape Refills
- 1 Package of “Cute” Stationary

**PLEASE LEAVE DONATED ITEMS IN THE BINS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, NEAR THE STAIRS, LABELED “SUPPLES”**.

We will distribute based on our list of requests.