What's Happening at South Side School

South Side PTA's Weekly Newsletter December 12, 2008

Please email newsletter submissions to Mark Atkinson at mark.a@southsidepta.org by 6 p.m. any given Wednesday
South Side News listserv: groups.yahoo.com/group/southsideschool

Musical Notes

All South Side Families: You are invited to our upcoming Annual Friends & Family Holiday Sing-Along on Wednesday, December 17, from 2:00-2:30 p.m., immediately following the 3rd-5th Grade Chorus Concert from 1:30-1:50 p.m.

3rd-5th Grade Chorus Members: Please turn in your envelope with $5 for pizza money (cash only) to Mrs. Moline A.S.A.P. The chorus trip itinerary is as follows:

8:50 a.m. - Departure from South Side, travel to Bottenfield
9:00-10:00 a.m. - Rehearsal with Bottenfield Chorus (Bottenfield gym)
10:15 a.m. - Performance for Bottenfield School (Bottenfield gym)
11:00 a.m. - Departure from Bottenfield, travel to Windsor of Savoy (Savoy, IL); Performance for residents of Windsor of Savoy (our school’s business partner)
11:45 a.m. - Departure from Windsor of Savoy, travel to Mellon Building
12:00 noon - Arrive at Mellon Building Board Room; eat pizza lunch; getting-to-know-you activities
12:50 p.m. - Clean-up/Walk back to South Side Music Room
1:00-1:25 p.m. - Warm-up & rehearsal in South Side Music Room; bathroom breaks
1:30-1:50 p.m. - Performance for South Side School
1:50 - Bottenfield Chorus departs for Bottenfield; South Side Chorus members join audience
1:55/2:00-2:30 - South Side Friends & Family Annual Holiday Sing-Along begins

Important Chorus Information:

1. We welcome parent chaperones for part or all of the day! We need help with the following tasks, in addition to regular chaperoning-video-taping the concert, setting up lunch items, setting up risers in the gym prior to the South Side concert, etc. If you wish to join us, please Mrs. Moline know A.S.A.P.
2. Chorus uniform for December 17-Please wear any combination of red, white, and black dressy clothing.
3. Students will be eating pizza and breadsticks for lunch. Please send $5 CASH ONLY to Mrs. Moline in an envelope marked with your child’s name, Chorus, and the amount enclosed. Please include pizza money for yourself if you will be joining us as a chaperone. Thank you.
4. We would appreciate donations of bottled water and vegetables/dip so the students can have some healthy food to accompany the pizza and breadsticks. You are welcome to drop off donated items the morning of our trip or bring them to lunch at the Mellon Building Board Room at 12:00 noon on December 17. Thanks!

World Music Ensemble Members: We will continue to have rehearsals up until Winter Break. On Wednesday, December 17, we have an ice cream party during the second half of our rehearsal to celebrate our fall semester’s learning!

Please bring an ice cream topping, bowls, or spoons, on Wednesday, December 17 that you can share with your friends. Thanks! (After Winter Break, we will resume our regular rehearsal schedule.) - Mrs. Moline

Calendar Notes...

Wednesday, December 17: Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange (p.2)

Saturday, December 17: Annual Friends & Family Holiday Sing-Along

Thursday, December 18 and Friday, December 19: EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15 p.m.

Friday, December 19: Class Winter Parties; 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19: Last day before Winter Break. End second quarter.

Monday, December 22 thru Friday, January 2: NO SCHOOL - Winter Holiday Break

Monday, January 5: NO SCHOOL - Institute Day.

Tuesday, January 6: School resumes - start of second semester.

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Support your South Side PTA!
To join, call Kerry Rossow, VP of Membership - 356-8317

“I worry that the person who thought up Muzak may be thinking up something else.” ~ Lily Tomlin
Book Review
This week’s book review is by 2nd grader Georgia Atkinson:

_Rascal_ by Ellen Miles

“It’s about a bad puppy who finds a home.”

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I’d like to tell my South Side friends about one of my favorite books!

The title is: ____________________________ The author is: ____________________________

This is what it’s about and why I like it: _____________________________________________

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My name: _____________________________ Grade: __________________________

Put this form in the “Book Review” box on the PTA table in upstairs hallway of South Side. Feel free to include a picture of yourself. (Parents may email photo to lammers@illinoisalumni.org) Reviews will run in “What’s Happening?” throughout the remainder of the school year. Happy Reading!

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Annual holiday cookie exchange

Parents dust off your baking sheets and start your ovens, the annual holiday cookie exchange for the faculty and staff has been scheduled for December 17th after school. We need your contribution of baked goods to make this event a success.

If you aren’t familiar with this South Side tradition, the Teacher Appreciation Committee hosts a cookie exchange for the faculty and staff of South Side. Each person who works in the building will be invited to come to the library after school and fill a box with holiday treats on Wednesday December 17th. Please contact me, Annie McManus either by phone; 398-8983 or by email: amcmanus@parkland.edu to let me know what you will be bringing.

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Buy Holiday Cards & Support our Public Schools

Are you getting ready to send holiday cards to friends and family? Planning to thank your teacher with a card and gift? Check out your local education foundation’s holiday cards.

Visit www.CUSchoolsFoundation.org and click on Idea Store. You can buy packs of holiday cards featuring children’s artwork. Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation strives to encourage educational initiatives and facilitate excellence in education in the public schools of Champaign-Urbana.

In the 2008-2009 school year, CUSF will award nearly $175,000 in Splash grants to CU public school teachers. By purchasing CUSF holiday cards, you’re supporting our public schools.

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Science Night returns!

Science Night returns in February! Which is approximately six weeks away; enough time to plan your projects or have Santa deliver experiment kits (or get them as presents).

If you want to do plant experiments, now would be the ideal time to get those started...let alone teaching mice to go through a maze, or putting together a computer that talks! Use your Noggins!

If you start early, then many of you will be able to have some fantastic projects... remember... science projects can be a subject you’ve researched or are interested in; even if you failed at something, you still learned from it.

It’s your subject! Your expertise. Remember you’re the Expert... The Scientist!

Sign-ups will be going out after the Holiday Break, in January, so check your backpacks!

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Thank you!

South Side Staff would like to send out a warm thank you to the PTA Moms who are working so diligently on the take-home library books for the classrooms. This is a huge service to the teachers and the students.

Soon, students will have more books at their reading level to read and share with their families at home. Thank you PTA Literacy Committee, especially Sheila Lammers, the chairman and organizer.

Amanda Bell

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“Think what a better world it would be if we all, the whole world, had cookies and milk about three o’clock every afternoon and then lay down on our blankets for a nap.” ~ Robert Fulghum