What's Happening at South Side School
South Side PTA's Weekly Newsletter
December 19, 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

Happy Holidays from the entire production team at What's Happening and the Southside PTA! We'll see you in the New Year!

Calendar Notes...

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.

Musical Notes

Mrs. Moline would like to say a big “thank you” to all of the parents who chaperoned our Chorus trip this week, as well as to the parents who donated bottled water and veggies for the chorus luncheon! Mrs. Moline and the Chorus students would also like to thank PTA for sponsoring the purchase of our chorus music. We are grateful for your support of this enrichment activity.

Mrs. Moline would also like to say “Congratulations to the Chorus Members on your hard work this semester and on singing three concerts in one day! You have really grown as singers over this semester in chorus class!”

World Music Ensemble Members: Great job practicing and performing together this semester! We will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. For your calendars - we will be traveling to the Windsor of Savoy on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, to perform for the Windsor residents during our regularly scheduled rehearsal time.

Skate success!

I would like to thank all the parents of South Side students in making sure this roller skating unit was a success. Every single student had the opportunity to skate due to the generosity of several parents who gave extra money for skate rentals.

Thanks, too, to all the teachers and staff for making sure all permission slips were obtained. It was a joy to have so many parents and grandparents come in to help tie skates and shoes. And it was especially fun to see all the talented skaters in this group of helpers as well.

Several teachers came to the gym to skate with their class which was a treat for all. I couldn’t have done it without all of you! I am looking forward to seeing how many of our students make it to Skateland over break to use their new skills. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Ms. Parnell

“A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours.” ~ John B. Priestly

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

This week’s review is by Caroline Dickerson, who’s in 2nd grade:

*Clever Beatrice* by Margaret Wiley

“It is about a very poor but clever little girl who tricked a giant several times and brought home a bag of gold coins to her mother.”

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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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**Special Delivery in January!**

Dear South Side Families,

Be on the lookout for the 2009 Wellness Committee Family Resource Guide.

It will be available as a downloadable .pdf on the southsideschool@yahoogroups.com listserv.

If you would like a paper version, please email co-chairs Cindy Wachter or Monique Rivera-Rogers.

wachter@illinois.edu or mrivera73@gmail.com

Hope that we’re all “feeling fine in 2009!”

Seasons greetings,
Cindy & Monique

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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!

Science Night Committee Co-Chairs,
Co-Chair Shawna Naidu and Co-Chair Contact Person Sujata Dey-Koontz

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**Cookie success!**

Annie McManus is grateful to all the people who baked cookies for the faculty and staff this week, in what will now be called the Annual Cookie Grab.

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**Shop for South Side!**

If you shop at Schnucks, we have a new way for you to donate to South Side. We have signed up with eScrip, which tracks your spending at Schnucks and then Schnucks pays South Side up to 3% back. If you have a Schnucks Customer Card, you can sign your card up on line and start sending money to South Side right away. See full details in the next issue of What’s Happening.

Janet Roadcap

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“The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds the most discoveries, is not ‘Eureka!’ (I found it!) but ‘That’s funny...’” ~ Isaac Asimov