

**Spencer Loomis
Newsletter
October 9th, 2009
Principal: Grant Seaholm**

Spencer Loomis...a partnership where individuals are valued and learning is inspired

Reminder: **Monday, October 12th** is Columbus Day and there is **NO** student attendance.

**Just a Reminder: The SL Attendance number is (847)719-3366. Please
Use this number to call in Late Arrivals, Vacations etc...**

Reading Incentive

I tried something new last week with my newsletter and it seemed to be very successful. Somewhere in my newsletter each week I will add "I love Spencer Loomis School" in a place it doesn't belong. I received over 50 e-mails from parents last Friday afternoon. In order to make this as fair as possible each week I will randomly choose a different numbered e-mail as the winner. Last week it was the first e-mail to tell me where it was found in my newsletter will win a free lunch with me for their child and a friend. My newsletter is scheduled to be sent at noon every Friday. Good Luck!

This week it will be the 7th e-mail!

Principal's Newsletter

If you know of anyone that is not receiving my weekly newsletter, please have them contact Sarah Packer or myself (847-719-3300). I have included a link and information about S.I.G.N. This link has many district and school related flyers available electronically. Please go to the following link:

<http://www.lz95.org/sign/>

**Character Counts
October = "Respect"**

October has been designated as "Respect" month for our Character Counts program. We will be having assemblies on October 9th for our K-2nd students as well as our 3rd-5th grade students. The assembly will focus on Character Counts and "Respect". The students and teachers will also be doing activities within their classrooms to reinforce the key concept for the pillar of "Respect".

The following students demonstrated the pillars of Character Counts with our "Golden Horseshoe Awards". I will be reading students' names during our Friday morning news broadcast. The following students received Golden Horseshoe Awards this week: Ethan Eckland, Ronald Hoffman, Kevin Thorne, Matthew Wach.

H1N1

If you have any questions regarding H1N1 please go to the District webpage www.lz95.org and read the most current information on this topic.

♪ Music in the Morning ♪

Next week's featured composer is Aaron Copland (1900-1991). Our featured composition will be:

Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes
4. Hoe-Down

For information regarding our *Music in the Morning* program, please contact Mr. Danz- michael.danz@lz95.org

SPIRIT WEAR

We will be distributing Spirit Wear orders to Spencer Loomis families on the evening of the Book Fair, Thursday October 22nd. If you are unable to pick up your order that evening, items will be sent home with your student the following week. Order Forms will be available at the Book Fair as well as some fun new items on display. Some items specifically for girls will be available, as well as flannel PJ pants. The next order deadline will be November 13th with delivery in time for the holidays.

Halloween

1. In the past we have had "Freaky Friday" and "Spooky Saturday" the weekend before Halloween. Since Halloween is on a Saturday, and Friday, October 30th is an Institute Day we are having both events on **Thursday evening, October 29th**. The K-2nd grade event is from 4:30-6:00 (Parents stay w/ kids.) The 3rd-5th grade event is from 7:00-9:00 (Parents drop-off.)
2. Since we have an additional 100 + students in our building this year, it would be virtually impossible to have enough parking for all the parents to watch their child in the costume parade for 10 minutes, therefore, we will NOT be doing the parade prior to the room parties. The parade will take place at the evening events.
3. I don't know what you have heard about costumes at the afternoon parties, but students WILL be allowed to wear their costumes at the Halloween parties.
4. Parties will take place from 1:45-2:45. Students can change into their costumes from 1:30-1:45.
5. The two Room Parents and no more than two other parents will be able to help at the party.

HALLOWEEN FEST – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to supervise games, sell tickets, food and drink, work the redemption room, set up, clean up and work in the Spook House. K-2 volunteers are The Spencer Loomis Halloween Fest is taking place on Thursday, October 29th 2009. required at the Fest from 4.15pm-6.30pm. Grade 3-5 volunteers will be required from

6.45pm-9pm. Set up and break down volunteers will be required 4pm-5pm or 9pm-10pm.

***Spookhouse volunteers will have separate hours throughout the day, since prep time before the students arrive is significant! Anytime you can help, in addition to times listed above, is VERY welcomed, as well as any Halloween themed donations. We are also in need of 11-inch balloon pack donations (not inflated) for a special game this year!

Please note, I love Spencer Loomis School it is important that we fill up the volunteer spots during the early K-2 event with parents that do not have a child that age, because those parents are supervising and enjoying time with their children. Though you may not have a child at that time period, we need your help. Consider carpooling with someone for your older children and helping out early! Thank you for volunteering; you are what makes these events possible. Respond to bunnyeverett@yahoo.com, send a note to school with your child, or call 847-438-9488 with your volunteer time or any questions you may have!

BOX TOPS

We will hold a classroom contest to see which class (es) can collect the most Box Tops from October 5th - 26th. There will be a plastic Pumpkin in each classroom. If you have any questions, please call one of the Boxtops coordinators: Judi 847-847-7810, Lorraine 847-847-7351 or Betty 847-726-9684.

HELP FUND RAISE FOR SPENCER LOOMIS

Target stores have a scheme called Take Charge of Education. Currently there are very few families from the entire school signed up for this scheme. Target donates up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to the K-12 school of YOUR choice. You don't have to be a parent of a child in that school. You can be an Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent, friend, etc. PLEASE, sign up for the fantastic scheme. You can either call **1.800.440.0680** or go online and register your card, it's fast and easy and best of all raises money for your school!

YOUR CHILD'S ART-SQUARE 1

Please be on the lookout for YOUR CHILD'S ART, it is on 20 large stickers going home in back pack mail soon. It is part of the Square 1 Art fundraiser for the PTO. You can order stationery, ornaments, puzzles, shirts, aprons, tiles and more all with your child's art on them. These items are great as gifts for family and friends, not to mention keepsakes too. For further information please contact Sherri Morrell via email sdmorell@aol.com, or www.Square1Art.com "Where creativity starts and memories last forever."

♪ Music in the Morning ♪

Next week's featured composer is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). Our featured composition will be:

Serenade in G Major, K. 525 "Eine kleine Nachtmusik"

1. Allegro

Scholastic Book Fair!

Please join us and “Read Around the World”!

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the Spencer Loomis Fall Book Fair being held Wednesday, October 21st thru Friday, October 23rd. The children will have the opportunity to preview and buy books during a classroom visit to the book fair. You will be able to buy gift certificates in advance of the Book Fair for your children or teachers and staff. Certificates will be coming home soon with other details related to the Book Fair.

A Pajama Party will be held on Thursday evening, October 22nd from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM in conjunction with the book fair! Please come and listen to some very special guest readers! Snacks will be for sold to enhance your listening enjoyment! Make sure you stop by the gymnasium to buy some books and “Read Around the World”!

Also, your children can check out the website to see a sample of featured books at the book fair at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/spencerloomiselementary> . See you at the Fair!

Art Parent News/Projects

Empty Toilet Paper Rolls Needed for Art Parent Project

We are in need of empty toilet paper rolls for our November/December Art Parent project. If you have a child in 4th or 5th grade you can send as many as you can collect to their classroom. If you do not have a child in those grades we could use your help as well so we will have a collection box in the Spencer Loomis PTO workroom. With your help we can make this project a success for the students!

Our October Art Parent project is now underway. Lead Art Parents should make sure they have scheduled the time with the classroom teacher. Any issues with scheduling time with teachers should be brought to Susan Vrenios at svrenios@foresitewireless.com.

Our next Art Parent meeting will be Tuesday January 12, 2010 at 9:30am in the Spencer Loomis Multi-purpose room.

This month the Art Parent program is highlighting Georgia O’Keeffe. She is a classic American artist who transformed realistic subjects into beautiful abstractions and challenged the boundaries of modern artistic style. The key of the lesson is to help the children understand and appreciate O’Keeffe’s careful attention to tiny details, the way scale can be used to draw our attention, and how one can “fill a space in a beautiful way.” If you have any general questions on the Art Parent program please contact Debbie Pike at debbiepikester@gmail.com.

Important Dates

Friday, October 9th
Monday, October 12th
Monday, October 19th
Tuesday, October 20th

Character Counts Assembly

No School

SL Vision and Hearing

Early Release Day Grades 1-5- 8:35-12:50

AM K-8:35-10:10

PM K- 11:15-12:50

Wednesday, October 21-23rd
Thursday, October 22nd

SL Book Fair

SL Family Event Night 6-8:30

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| Thursday, October 22 nd | SL Picture Re-takes |
| Friday, October 23 rd | 3 rd Grade Field Trip |
| Wednesday, October 28 th | 1 st Grade Field Trip |
| Thursday, October 29 th | SL Halloween Festivities K-2 4:30-6PM 3-5 7-9PM |
| Friday, October 30 th | No School |
| Tuesday, November 10 th | Early Release Day |
| Tuesday, November 10 th | Parent Teacher Conferences 2-7PM |
| Wednesday, November 11 th | No School |
| Thursday, November 12 th | Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7PM |
| Thursday, November 12 th | Innisbrook Pick-up 4-7PM |

PARENT UNIVERSITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
NOVEMBER 4, 2009 7-9 PM

Parent University – Part 1 is a FREE event open to all interested parents. This November Parent University will be hosting a session called “Active Parenting of Teens”. This session will be lead by the distinguished Bob Leece, who holds a Masters Degree in Guidance Counseling and has over 37 years in the Education field. His presentation will touch you and leave you empowered to take an active role in your child’s life...it’s never too early to start!

Please e-mail Lori Schwartz at parentuniversity@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending this event. We would like to have a count of the number of people planning on attending this worthwhile event! There will be no child care offered during this session. We look forward to seeing you there!



Don’t Forget To Mark Your Calendars...

Our 16th Annual Celebration of Parent University – Part 2 is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – held at Lake Zurich Middle School North – Hawthorn Woods. Look for details regarding breakout sessions and keynote speaker in an upcoming PTO newsletter.