

**Spencer Loomis
Newsletter
October 16th, 2009
Principal: Grant Seaholm**

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

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

Reading Incentive

The new communication process for my newsletter and incentive idea seems 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 100 e-mails from parents in the first two weeks. 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 7th e-mail that was the winner. Tommy Ortman in Ms. Church's class was last week's recipient. He and friend won a free lunch with me this week. My newsletter is scheduled to be sent at noon every Friday. Good Luck!

This week it will be the 5th 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/>

Early Release Agenda

We will be using the afternoon of October 20th to review and discuss all our students' MAP and ISAT results. We are in the process of using this data to help us better meet the needs of our students. We will be doing an analysis of our school improvement plan goals from last year and continue the process of establishing goals for the 2009-10 school year. We will be continuing these conversations at our **October 30th Institute Day**.

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”.

I will be reading students’ names during our Friday morning announcements. The following students received Golden Horseshoe Awards this week: Brett Lane, Rory Koif, Matthew Wach, Ethan Ecklund, Ronald Hoffman, Kevin Thorne, Josh Boreczky, and Claire Leng.

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 Georges Bizet (1838-1875). Our featured composition will be:

**Carmen
Prélude**

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

Recess and Proper Cold Weather Attire

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess. We had some students without coats/jackets, gloves, hats etc. at recess this week. Check with your child before they walk out the door to make sure they are all set for recess!

SPIRIT WEEK

Spencer Loomis and Student Council will have its first spirit week of the school year! Please show your school spirit by coming to school dressed appropriately for each day's theme!

Monday, Oct. 26th- Sports Day

Tuesday, Oct. 27th- Dress as your favorite teacher day

Wednesday, Oct. 28th- Twin Day

Thursday, Oct. 30th- Grades 1-5 - Bring your costumes to school
(Kindergarten students can wear their costumes).

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, 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!

BAKE SALE – HALLOWEEN FEST!

With your donations and help, we are going to offer a great selection of special treats for our ghouls and goblins on the night of the Halloween Fest, Thursday, October 29th. Please ensure that all donations are NUT-FREE, and simply placed on a tray (we will provide napkins for serving!). If you prefer to individually wrap your items, or purchase a store-bought candy, snack food or cookie, that is also VERY WELCOMED! Please email bunnyeverett@yahoo.com if you are able to help or have any questions. Thank You!

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!

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!

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."

ART PARENT NEWS

The Art Parent program is going 'Green'. In an effort to reduce paper consumption we will no longer be sending home information on the Art Parent projects with the students. The information on the artist and the project will be in the weekly Principal newsletter and will also

be in the monthly Loomis Loop. We are still 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!

For the month of October the Art Parent program is highlighting Georgia O'Keefe. 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'Keefe'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 questions on the Art Parent program please contact Debbie Pike at debbiepikester@gmail.com.

SPIRIT DAY AND FOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 23rd

Items that are most need this month are: Styrofoam or plastic cups, plates, bowls, Plastic silverware, Pre-sweetened Kool-Aid, Juice boxes, Decaf coffee, powdered creamer, Giant lunch bags (Jewel or Target), Lunch snacks, and Individual fruit or apple sauce cups

Important Dates

Monday, October 19th
Tuesday, October 20th

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
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Wednesday, October 28th
Thursday, October 29th

SL Book Fair
SL Family Event Night 6-8:30
SL Picture Re-takes
3rd Grade Field Trip
1st Grade Field Trip
SL Halloween Festivities K-2 **4:30-6PM**
3-5 7-9PM

Friday, October 30th
Tuesday, November 10th
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Wednesday, November 11th
Thursday, November 12th
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Saturday, December 5th

No School
Early Release Day
Parent Teacher Conferences 2-7PM
No School
Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7PM
Innisbrook Pick-up 4-7PM
SL Winter Wonderland

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.