

**Spencer Loomis**  
**Newsletter**  
**October 2nd, 2009**  
**Principal: Grant Seaholm**

*Spencer Loomis...a partnership where 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...**

*If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade student, please look for their MAP and ISAT scores in their backpack today!*

**H1N1**

If you have any questions regarding H1N1 please go to the District webpage [www.lz95.org](http://www.lz95.org) and read the most current information on this topic.

***Reading Incentive***

I have an idea to encourage everyone to read my weekly newsletter. Somewhere in my newsletter each week I will add "I love Spencer Loomis School" in a place that it doesn't belong. The first parent to e-mail me and tell me which article 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!

**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/>

You can also go to [www.lz95.org](http://www.lz95.org) and go to the "Parent" pull down menu and go to "SIGN". I hope this process provides a convenient way for you to access information.

**MAP and ISAT Data**

We will be sending home in backpack mail your child's most recent MAP scores along with their spring ISAT scores on **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Look for a reminder via the "School Messenger" system via an e-mail on October 1st to help you remember to look for this important information.

## **Character Counts October = “Respect”**

October has been designated as “Respect” month for our Character Counts program. We will be having assemblies on October 9<sup>th</sup> for our K-2<sup>nd</sup> students as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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: Matthew Maliekal, Srinivas Rayudu, Trevor Lear, Katie Graham, Jack Karris, Rianna Sebastian, Alexandra Hartman, Ranyard Bacardi, Kevin Thorne, Nicholas Skowron.

### **Music in the Morning**

Dear Spencer Loomis Parents,

Thanks to a generous grant from our PTO a couple of years ago, we are very excited to be able to offer our students the opportunity to experience the Brummitt-Taylor Music Listening Program.

Each morning while our students are in the cafetorium waiting for the bell to ring, I am guiding them as they listen to some of the greatest classical music ever composed! We listen to the same composition each day for one week. We’ll have a new listening selection each week.

Prior to listening, the kids hear a short paragraph about the music, the composer, instrumentation, etc. and each day the kids learn more about the week’s featured composition. Research has shown this approach to listening has tremendous benefits and it clearly fits with three of the national standards for music education:

- \* Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
- \* Evaluating music and music performances.
- \* Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

On the homepage of my website- <http://www.lz95.org/sl/finearts/mdanz/musichome.html> I will always list the current composition and composer for students and parents to see. This may help to facilitate discussions at home about our listening. For more information about this outstanding program, please visit the Tall Timbers (the publisher of the Brummitt-Taylor Program) website: <http://www.ttimbers.com/brummitt.htm> As always, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me via email or voice mail.

Thank you, and have a musical day!

Michael Danz, M.Med.

[michael.danz@lz95.org](mailto:michael.danz@lz95.org)

## ♪ 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

## **Everyone is invited to our 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 sale to enhance your listening enjoyment! "I love Spencer Loomis School". 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!

## **Seeking IAQ Indoor Air Quality Committee Participants**

Spencer Loomis School is seeking participants to join an Indoor Air Quality committee to implement a more pro-active IAQ program in our school. This program, adopted by the Board last week is outlined on our web page under "Updates". Our program will adopt the EPA protocol "IAQ Tools for Schools" which schools across the country are implementing. The committee will meet after school for one hour twice this quarter starting in late October and for one hour in each quarter thereafter to discuss the program and the tests and findings at our school. Please contact me at email address [grant.seaholm@lz95.org](mailto:grant.seaholm@lz95.org) to join the committee.

## **General Notification of Applications of Fertilizer, Herbicides or Pesticides:**

Whenever fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides are applied to District grounds, the Facilities Department notifies parents and staff of the applications which usually take place on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings, winter/spring break times or during the summer. We also do not apply these chemicals before weekend sports activities.

Notification is accomplished thru two methods:

1. A short notice is published in the school newsletters
2. Individual emails or letters will be sent to specific individuals who sign up for the "Registry" (for application of fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides). To sign up for the "Registry" send an email to [rick.marzec@lz95.org](mailto:rick.marzec@lz95.org) or call 847 540 3414.

## **Notification of Application of Fertilizer and Pesticide at May Whitney, Middle School North and South and the High School**

In early October, we will be applying a 1/2 rate application of fertilizer 21-1-5 blend, composed of ammonium sulphate, milorganite, composted chicken manure, nitroform urea, a very slight bit of naturally occurring phosphorus and sulphate of potash, with biological activators:

1. At May Whitney, Middle School North and Middle school South soccer fields
2. At the High School fields North of the field house and in the outfield of the baseball fields

In late October, we will be applying a combination fertilizer/herbicide product to try and eliminate our broadleaf weeds in the sports fields. The fertilizer base is the same 21-1-5 as above which will have either Surge or Super Trimec blended to the fertilizer. The most effective time for weed control is late fall. We are looking for this to give us a good head start into next years turf program for the sports fields.

## **Halloween**

Here's an update on the changes related to our Halloween parties, parades, Freaky Friday, Spooky Saturday, etc.:

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-2 event is from 4:30-6:00. The 3-5 event is from 7:00-9:00.
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 PTO is limiting the number of parents at the party to the two room parents and two others for a total of four parents in the room.

## **Innisbrook Update**

The Innisbrook fundraiser has been underway for almost two weeks now. In order to reach our goal we will be extending the dead line through **Monday, October 5th**. We will not be able to extend the sale any longer or we will not receive the items in time to hand out during the teacher's conferences. Remember, this year you are entering your sales directly into the computer yourself, printing the voucher and then sending in the collected checks with the voucher. If you have any difficulty with this new procedure, please do not hesitate to call either Kelly Naughtrip at 550-0556 or Jennifer Krause 726-8429.

Only two of the instant prize Monkey coupons were returned. Kevin Hunt received a family day pass for the HW Aquatic Center for next summer. Ranyard Bacardi was the golden ticket winner and won a \$50 gift certificate to Kits Sports Center! There are 9 more winners out there just waiting to receive prizes! All you have to do is go through your packet, find the Monkey coupon and call one of the co-chairs listed above. It is that easy!!

The Innisbrook goal is \$11,000! We can achieve this amount very easily and then the school can celebrate with an all school pajama party!! Let's do it!

## Wellness Plan

As a part of the “Child Nutrition and Women, Infants, and Children Reauthorization Act of 2004” the school district made some significant changes to our wellness plan several years ago. Those plans will continue this year as we ask you again to bring only healthy snacks to school for your child. **This includes birthday treats.** You did an excellent job of respecting the wellness plan last year and we ask for your continued support with the plan this year.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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’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 general questions on the Art Parent program please contact Debbie Pike at [debbiepikester@gmail.com](mailto:debbiepikester@gmail.com).

## Important Dates

Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ISAT and MAP scores sent home via backpack mail
Friday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Character Counts Assembly
Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School</b>
Monday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	SL Vision and Hearing
Tuesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Release Day Grades 1-5- 8:35-12:50</b> <b>AM K-8:35-10:10</b> <b>PM K- 11:15-12:50</b>
Wednesday, October 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>	SL Book Fair
Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SL Family Event Night 6-8:30
Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SL Picture Re-takes
Friday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
Wednesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
Thursday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	SL Halloween Festivities K-2 4:30-6PM 3-5 7-9PM
Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School</b>
Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Release Day</b>
Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences 2-7PM

Wednesday, November 11th  
Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**No School**  
Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.