

**Spencer Loomis
Newsletter
November 13th, 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...**

Reading Incentive

The new communication process for my newsletter and incentive idea seems to be very successful. Last week Matt and Elizabeth Crutchfield were the lucky winners. Matt and Elizabeth and a friend won a free lunch with me this week. My newsletter is scheduled to be sent at noon every Friday. Good luck finding the special phrase!

This week it will be the 4th e-mail!

Pick-up Procedures

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day please do not block the handicapped parking spots on the Spencer Loomis or MSN side of the building. We have parents that need access to those parking spaces. Thank you for your help with this matter. I love Spencer Loomis School.

**Character Counts
“Citizenship”**

When you have some time please take a moment and visit our Character Counts website. Mr. Danz has worked extremely hard to put together some very valuable information for the students, staff and parents. I know he would appreciate any thoughts or comments from you. The first link is for the Pillar of Citizenship. The second link is for the general Character Counts website.

<http://www.lz95.org/sl/care/citizenshippillar.html>

<http://www.lz95.org/sl/care/carehome.html>

November is “Citizenship” month at Spencer Loomis. We will be doing a variety of activities to reinforce the importance of being good citizens. A key part of District 95’s mission statement says we should help our students be “responsible, caring **citizens** in a global community”. Listed below are some of ways we can be better citizens:

- Volunteer
- Help your school be a better, cleaner and safer place
- Protect the environment/recycle
- Conserve resources
- Voice your opinion
- Play by the rules
- Obey parents, teachers and others with authority
- Observe laws/classroom and school rules

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 Sergey Prokofiev (1891-1953). Our featured composition will be:
Cinderella Suite No. 2, Op. 108
6. Galop

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!

Preschool Screening

CUSD 95 will be offering a preschool screening for 3 and 4 year olds. Screening Location: St. Francis de Sales Ministry Center. The screening will take place from 9:30-12:30 on December 3rd and 4th. For a screening appointment call 847-540-7060.

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 18th
Friday, November 20th
Wednesday, Nov. 25th -29th
Monday, November 30th
Thursday, Dec. 3rd & 4th
Friday, December 4th
Saturday, December 5th
Monday, December 7th
Tuesday, December 8th

Yogi's SL Fund-raiser
SL Movie Night 6-8PM
Thanksgiving Break- No School
Classes Resume
Pre-School Screening @ St. Francis 9:3-12:3
All District 5th grade Orchestra Concert @ PAC 7PM
SL Winter Wonderland 9-12
Author Visit
4th grade Orchestra Concert @ MW

HELP FUND RAISE FOR SPENCER LOOMIS

Target stores have an incentive 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!

Author Visit

We are proud to present Author Eric Rohmann at Spencer Loomis Elementary on December 7, 2009! Eric has won a Caldecott Honor Book award for *Time Flies*, and a Caldecott Medal award for *My Friend Rabbit*. Eric Rohmann lives in a suburb of Chicago. He holds degrees in fine arts from Arizona State University, and Illinois State University. In addition to writing and illustrating children's books, he has taught drawing and printmaking. His artwork has been featured in various exhibitions and permanent collections throughout the country.

Give your children the gift of books for the holiday season! Book order forms were sent home a few weeks ago. Books will be autographed by Eric and delivered by mid December. Please make checks to Spencer Loomis PTO. Please turn in envelopes marked Author Book Sale. All proceeds from the Book sale will support Spencer Loomis PTO programs.

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2009!

Any questions please contact Jennifer Beck 438-44849 or Cindy Kennedy 438-3441

Spencer Loomis PTO Restaurant Event!

Yogi's will be donating all day! Have lunch or dinner and a portion of the proceeds will go to the PTO.

When: November 18th, 2009

Where: Yogi's Pizza, 830 S Rand Rd, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

~Classroom with highest attendance between 5:30-7:30 pm will win an ice cream party~
~50/50 Cash Raffle~

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date--Come watch Monsters vs Aliens on Friday, November 20th. Seating will begin at 6:15 pm with the movie starting promptly at 6:30 pm. The cost of the event is \$5 per family or \$7 per family at the door. The cost includes a bag of popcorn per family member and (1) bottle of water per family member. Please note: this is a family event, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please return your reservation forms to the attention of family events: Movie Night. If you have any questions please contact Lora Rampino (llrampino428@sbcglobal.net) or Stacey Marguerite (staceyandtodd@comcast.net).

ART PARENT NEWS

For the months of November and December we are studying an art interest created by the Native American people. The tribes of the Coastal Pacific Northwest are unique in their woodcarving totems. A dip of the spoon into the culture of the area and the fine art of pole carving would not be complete without the creation of our own student and class totem poles in the Talking Trees Project. Thanks to everyone who sent in toilet paper rolls for the project. We have almost met our goal but could still use a few more. We have a collection box in the Spencer Loomis PTO workroom for the rolls. With your help we can make this project a success for the students! Art parents if you have not done so already please schedule your classroom time with the teachers as soon as possible as this is a busy time of year. If you have any questions about the Art Parent program please contact Debbie Pike at debbiepikester@gmail.com

Spencer Loomis Thanksgiving Food Drive

Friday, November 13th. Please bring in:

Kindergarten: Tuna

First Grade: Peanut Butter

Second Grade: Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Third Grade: Cereal

Fourth Grade: Canned Soups

Fifth Grade: Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Beefaroni, etc.)

All items collected will be donated to the St. Francis Food Pantry.

