

**Spencer Loomis
Newsletter
November 20th, 2009
Principal: Grant Seaholm**

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

*There will not be a newsletter next week due to the shortened week with Thanksgiving
Have a great Thanksgiving with family and friends!*

**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 Spiro and Evan Natsis were the lucky winners. Spiro and Evan 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 9th e-mail!

Change in Pick-up Procedures

I have been reviewing our pick-up procedures over the past several months. I have had some concerns regarding the safety and efficiency of our current process. Therefore, we are going to try a different procedure for our end-of-the-day pick-up procedures. **After Thanksgiving break** we will be moving our pick-up process to the MSN bus lane on the north side of MSN. We will dismiss our students from **Door #22** which is near the cafeteria. I would like to try this process from Thanksgiving to Winter break and then reassess it. I welcome your feedback once this change is in place. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at grant.seaholm@lz95.org

**Character Counts
“Caring”**

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.

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

December is “Caring” 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”. I love Spencer Loomis School. Listed below are some of ways we can be CARING:

- Be kind and considerate of others
- Share with others
- Be willing to listen
- Lend a helping hand

- Be willing to forgive and forget
- Be charitable
- Be compassionate

Look for more information coming home soon about some activities we will be doing at Spencer Loomis to show how much we care. Here are the Spencer Loomis Golden Horseshoe recipients: Caroline Bens, Jacqueline Hernandez, Ayden Fleming, Morgan Davis, Gianna Harris, Nicholas Vezensky, Ryan Schneider, Evan Handeland, Gabby Gerstein, Spencer Bacon, Elizabeth Crutchfield, Cullen Baldwin, Ryan Vrenios, Joey Boreczky, Brandon Charneske, Jada Farrington, Alexandria Hartman, Cincere Massey, Eric Soderquist, Christina Landry, Brianne Bonus, Abby Bens, Jack Dwyer.

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 Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971). Our featured composition will be:

- Firebird (1919)**
- 2. The Firebird**
- 3. The Firebird Variation**

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.

Toys for Tots-Chicago Bears Coat Drive

The Character Counts! Trait for the month of December is “Caring“. To show that the students at Spencer Loomis really “care” about others, we are inviting students to donate the following items to those people who are less fortunate:

- **New or gently-used coats**
- **New or gently-used hats, mittens, and scarves**
- **New toys (unwrapped for gender & age sorting)**

The coats, hats, mittens, and scarves will be donated to the **Chicago Bears Coat Drive** and to area families in need. The toys will be donated to the **Marine Corps Toys for**

Tots program. Our toy donations will be coordinated with the efforts of the **Hawthorn Woods Police Department.**

Children are invited to place their donations in the appropriate collection boxes in front of the Character Counts! bulletin board near the Gym and Music room.

To kick off this event we will have a Chicago Bears Spirit Day on Monday, November 30th. Please wear any Chicago Bear attire. The collection drive will take place from Monday, November 30th through Wednesday, December 16th.

Thank you for “Caring”!

Friday, November 20th
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Wednesday, Nov. 25th-29th
Monday, November 30th
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Tuesday, December 1st
Thursday, Dec. 3rd & 4th
Friday, December 4th
Monday, December 7th
Tuesday, December 8th
Wednesday, December 16th

Important Dates

Innisbrook Pick-up 5-8PM
SL Movie Night 6-8PM
Thanksgiving Break- No School
Classes Resume
SL Chicago Bear Spirit Day
SL Winter Wonderland 5:3-7:3
Pre-School Screening @ St. Francis 9:3-12:3
All District 5th grade Orchestra Concert @ PAC 7PM
Author Visit
4th grade Orchestra Concert @ MW
Last Day for Toys for Tots/Chicago Bears Coat Drive

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 20, 2009!

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

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