

Spencer Loomis
Newsletter
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Principal: Grant Seaholm

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

Labor Day...Reminder of no school on Monday, September 7th

Welcome Back

I want to welcome everyone back to the 2009-10 school year. We are extremely excited to have so many new staff, students, and parents this year at Spencer Loomis. The first week of school has gone very well. I am looking forward to getting to know all the new families. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions or concerns. (grant.seaholm@lz95.org or 847-719-3310)

Open House/Back to School Night

We will be hosting two "Back to School Nights" next week. The Kindergarten-2nd grade open house is Tuesday, September 1st. The 3rd-5th grade open house will be Thursday, September 3rd. Some of the non-homeroom teachers will be attending the Tuesday night forum and others will be attending the Thursday night forum. They will be available from 6:30-7:00 both evenings. Listed below are the non-homeroom teachers attending these nights:

Tuesday: Gayle Mancini, Tracy Albert, Michael Danz, Jan Powers, Sue Kiblin, Carol Suppress, Laurie Abboud, Jody Simmons

Thursday: Matt Coaty, Jan Powers, Michele VanArsdale, Tricia Neenan, Sue Kiblin, Sue Moyer, Georgia Hogan, Kathy Kierans, Kelly Wolinski

Reading Rituals

This is a great time to start the school year with a reading ritual. Begin the year by structuring time each evening to read with your child. Make a commitment to keep that time sacred every night. Pack a book with you wherever you go in case your child has extra time. One of the most important things you can do is model reading for your child. The more they see you read, the more likely they will want to read. Another key to reading is having your child be a part of the process by letting them choose their book. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible.

Paperless Newsletter

We are continuing to post my weekly newsletter on the Spencer Loomis homepage. We are doing our best to be a “Greener” school this year. To access the newsletter go to lz95.org-click onto Spencer Loomis- and go to Principal’s Newsletter. My hope is to send home my newsletter via an e-mail attachment by the end of September. We are in the process of gathering accurate e-mail addresses for all our families.

Many of the teachers are going to be sending their newsletters home via an e-mail attachment as well. They will be collecting your home and/or work e-mail addresses at the “Back to School” next week.

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.

Pick-up Procedures/End of the Day

Students should be dropped off **no earlier** than 8:20 and no later than 8:30. Pick-up your child no later than 3:00. Your child will proceed to the recess area with the other students and supervisors. Please drop off/Pick-up **ONLY** in the front of the school. Do not drive thru the bus lanes.

Tardiness

We have had excellent attendance the first week of school. The students have been arriving to school on time. Please continue to support our efforts to have all our students arrive at school **no later than 8:30** each day. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!

5th Grade Band Meeting

The Band Parent Meeting has been changed. It will be on Tuesday, September 8th from 7:00-8:00 pm at **Middle School South (east gym)**.

Also, the official Band Sign-Up Night will be Thursday, September 17 from 4:30-7:30 at Isaac Fox.

Orchestra Meeting

All 4th grade parents and students are invited to the Orchestra recruitment meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00PM in the Cafetorium. Attendance is necessary if your child is joining Orchestra: the meeting will conclude with Registration for 4th Grade Orchestra.

Character Counts

We are beginning our fourth year with Character Counts at Spencer Loomis School. We will be spending the month of September reviewing the six pillars. Your child should be familiar with the six pillars of **responsibility, citizenship, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, and respect**. You can help us at home by using those terms when discussing topics and issues that surface at home.

Important Dates

Tuesday, September 1 st	SL Grade K-2 Open House
Thursday, September 3 rd	SL Grade 3-5 Open House
Thursday, September 3 rd	SL Picture Day
Friday, September 11 th	SL Back to School Picnic 5-7:30
Monday, September 8-25 th	Fall Map Testing
Tuesday, September 8 th	4 th Grade Orchestra Recruitment Night 7PM
Thursday, September 24 th	Early Release Day
Monday, October 12 th	No School
Tuesday, October 20 th	Early Release Day
Friday, October 25 th	SL PTO Mtg. 9AM