

**Spencer Loomis  
Newsletter  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**Principal's Newsletter**

Thank you to the many parents that sent me positive feedback about my newsletter being sent via e-mail last week. I will be sending it to you every week as an e-mail attachment. I hope this process helps you to be more informed about activities at Spencer Loomis. I am including 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. Please feel free to give me any feedback regarding this change and any suggestions.

**MAP Testing**

We have successfully completed our second week of Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. The testing will be completed by **Monday, September 21st**. All our 2nd-5th grade students are taking two tests; math and reading. Each test takes approximately one hour to complete. There is no time limit so students can take as much time as they need. Since we began using the MAP data three years ago it has given us excellent information to help teachers modify curriculum based on the students' needs and provide appropriate interventions. MAP results will be sent home the beginning of October.

**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.

**Family Picnic**

Thank you to everyone that joined us at our Spencer Loomis Family Picnic last Friday evening. We had over 500 parents and students attend. The cotton candy was a huge hit with the students and adults. A special thank you to Lora Rampino and Stacey Marguerite for organizing and coordinating this event

## **Family Picnic Raffle Winners**

Baton twirling lessons with Ms. Nishimura---**Miranda Bacon**  
Baton twirling lesson with Ms. Nishimura--**Daniella Pombo**  
Book of your choice from Book fair from Mrs. Ruscheinski--**Hannah Wach**  
Dinner with Ms. Church plus (1) additional friend---**Tommy Ortman**  
Dinner with Mrs Raday plus (1) additional friend--**Daniella Pombo**  
Dinner with Mrs Shell plus (1) additional friend--**Toussaint**  
Breakfast with Ms. Ladenburger and (1) additional friend--**Miranda Bacon**  
Pick a book at the book fair from Mrs. Roach--**Callahan**  
(2) tickets to Bull's game when Mr. Spicer plays drumline for Bulls--**Michael Hutchison**  
(2) 1/2 hour private drum lessons from Mr Spicer--**Isaac Sharlach**  
Book at book fair from Ms. Petersen--**Sophia de le Reyes**  
Breakfast with Ms. Bergstrom--**Brad Szywala**  
Breakfast with Ms Rittner--**Julia McDevitt**  
Breakfast with Ms. VanderLinden--**Anthony Baldaccini**  
Basketball game with Mr. Seaholm, Mr Coaty, Mr Danz, Mr Spicer, & Mr Love--**Claire Enk**  
Homemade apple pie from Mrs Mancini--**Nicholas Vezensky**  
(1) after school instrumental lesson with Ms. Reitsma--**Nicole Marguerite**  
(3) basic basketball lessons with Mr. Coaty--**Jack Law**  
Large personalized choc. chip cookie from Ms Moyer--**Derek Beck**  
Pick out a book from the book fair from Ms Kay--**Kiersten McDevitt**  
Bus duty with Ms Powers--**Anthony Rampino**  
Ice cream party with (5) friends from Ms Werner--**Callahan**  
Book from book fair from Ms. Woodley---**Sophia de le Reyes**  
Breakfast with Ms DiGioia--**Simi**  
Breakfast with Ms Russis--**Jordan Dickson**  
Breakfast with Ms Gillespie--**Shara Karlin**  
Breakfast with Ms. DeNovo--**847-726-7924 (disconnected)--any help would be great!!**  
Bowling with Ms Petraglia--**Hannah Lopinski**  
Bowling with Ms Barnas--**Grace Ortman**

The raffles were a huge success...a HUGE thank you to the faculty for being so generous!! The kids were so excited taking "chances" to win the items donated. Any questions let me know and thanks again!!

Lora Rampino &  
Stacey Marguerite

## Character Counts

We are looking forward to starting a new year with our Character Counts Program. We have made some minor revisions to the order of the pillars. We are starting this year with the pillar of "Responsibility". The staff will be focusing on the importance of being responsible at school and home. Look for more information in my newsletters and the teacher's weekly newsletters and websites.

Listed below is the rotation for Character Counts pillars for 2009-10:

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| September | Responsibility  |
| October   | Respect         |
| November  | Citizenship     |
| December  | Caring          |
| January   | Caring          |
| February  | Trustworthiness |
| March     | Trustworthiness |
| April     | Fairness        |
| May       | Fairness        |

We are also beginning to acknowledge students for demonstrating the pillars of Character Counts with our "Golden Horseshoe Awards". I will be reading students' names during our Friday morning news broadcast.

## Messages to Staff

We have had several experiences recently involving parents leaving a voice message or e-mail for a teacher and the parent assumed the teacher received the message. If you leave a voice message or e-mail for your child's teacher regarding after-school arrangements, please do **NOT** assume the teacher received the message. If a teacher is absent they will not get the message, and the substitute teacher can't access the regular teachers' voice mail or e-mail. If you need to make changes to the normal dismissal arrangements that you have established with the school, a note should **always** be sent in with your child regarding any after school arrangements. Please contact the office at 847-719-3300 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

## Pick-up Procedures/End of the Day

Students should be dropped of **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!

## 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

**Attention all Art Parent Volunteers!**

We look forward to seeing **ALL of our Art Parent Volunteers, both experienced and new at the Art Parent Kickoff on Monday, September 21 from 9:30 - 11 in the MPR.** We have lots of new faces on the Art Parent Committee this year, and we're looking forward to sharing lots of good information with you about the plans for this year. You'll get final classroom assignments, orientation materials, guidelines for working with the teachers who are sharing their classroom time for this program, and get training on the first couple of projects. This is an important meeting, so please RSVP your **REGRETS ONLY** by sending an email to Debbie Pike ([debbiepikester@gmail.com](mailto:debbiepikester@gmail.com)).

## Important Dates

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| Monday, September 8-21st               | Fall Map Testing                                   |
| Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>     | Art Parent Mtg. 9:30-11:00 (Art Room)              |
| Thursday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Early Release Day</b>                           |
| Friday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>     | SL PTO Mtg. 9 AM                                   |
| Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | ISAT and MAP scores sent home via backpack mail    |
| 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</b>                           |
| Wednesday, October 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> | SL Book Fair                                       |
| Thursday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>     | SL Halloween Festivities K-2 4:30-6PM<br>3-5 7-9PM |
| Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>       | No School  |