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News from the Principal

Slavens K-8 School: Providing a rich academic experience for all children.
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Mark your calendars!

9/18 Professional Day - No school for students
9/25 Slavens Fall Carnival

Come One Come All To The Slavens Fall Carnival - Friday September 25th rain or shine. Games for *all* ages to include carnival booths, lollipop tree, cake walk, jumpy castle. Dunk your favorite coach, teacher, administrator or 8th grader. Invite your neighbors, cousins, friends and playgroup. All are welcome. Tickets on sale now before and after school on the playground or in the office during the day. A \$15 punch card buys you 13 games and if you buy early we include a coupon for a drink and a slice of pizza. Bring extra money for food and the jumpy castle. Individual tickets for the games are available the day of the carnival.

"Auditions for this year's Citywide Elementary Honors Choir" - will be held after school at Slavens on Tuesday, September 29th. To audition, you must be a 4th or 5th grader, ready to sing, and available for rehearsal and performance on November 20th and 21st. Please sign up for an audition time with Ms. Barnett before Monday, September 28th.

Parent Education Night - Please join us on Thursday, October 1 from 7:00 - 8:00 for a discussion with character education specialist Ken Fisher. The topic of the evening is *Developing your Child's Character in Today's Challenging Culture*. Ken serves as the Executive Director for the Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development and has over 20 years' experience in character education. He will be talking with us about how can we help our children learn to treat others with respect and care, strive to do their best work, increase their "moral intelligence" and make the right choices when it comes to negative influences in their culture (media, drugs, dishonesty, etc.). The event will be held in the Slavens Auditorium, and all Middle School and Elementary School parents are encouraged to attend.

Please Join Us As We Race For The Cure! - Many of us participate in this annual event because we know someone who has been affected by breast cancer - or know that someday, *we will know someone*. We have formed a team to show our support for our friends and family in the Slavens community who have been affected by cancer. The event is on Sunday, October 4th. Please visit the web link below to sign up for the race - there are lots of options available, including Sleeping in for the Cure! Our team name is **Slavens Cares**. We will set up a meeting point where we can gather before the co-ed race and will let you know when and where as we get closer to race day. Do it this year - in memory of Pam; in honor and support of Marianne, Kathy, Mary and Kary.

The Slavens Annual Golf Outing, Sunday, Oct 4th - Noon, Shotgun Start, at Wellshire Golf Course. Website is now up and running! Come out and have fun supporting our school! Register online now at

www.slavensgolf.com or pick up a form in the office. Families, neighborhoods, or companies are invited to sponsor a hole to help fund Slavens school programs. Questions? Contact Joe Graff 303-871-8910 or Brandon Collins 303-255-0550. **Donations for the Golf Outing Auction/Raffle are needed and appreciated! Gift certificates, sporting memorabilia, event tickets, getaways, etc. Contact Jean Graff 303-871-8910 or Lynn Collins 303-255-0550. Thank you!**

Come Join Slavens Garden Club - First meeting is on October 5th, from 3-4pm. We need parents to share their passion for gardening and who do not mind a little hard work. First meeting will be discussions of needs, future plans and new ideas. Help us maintain the garden as a wonderful outdoor classroom for the school. All **are** welcome!

THANK YOU To All Families And Friends From FOSS! Through your generosity, 294 families donated \$55,096 to the 2008-2009 Every Family Counts Campaign. Participation increased by 15.7% reflecting our community's commitment to a quality education and a culture of giving. With your financial support, FOSS funded instructor salaries for music and drama as well as purchased four interactive Promethean Boards. Copies of the 2008-2009 Annual Report available at the office. Because of you, learning at Slavens goes "beyond the basics"!

Helping Boys & Girls Learn—This year we will be sending home an additional monthly newsletter from The Gurian Institute which provides insights on learning for boys and girls. Last year, teachers attended a training here at school that identified the learning differences between boys and girls and as an outgrowth of our professional learning we wanted to share this newsletter with parents. *This newsletter is sent home with the youngest and only elementary student in each family and a different newsletter is sent home with middle school students.* Look for "Helping Boys & Girls Learn" in this Thursday Folder.

Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed! - We are trying to find a regular group of parents who are interested in being crossing guards from 7:45-8:15 a.m. It's both easy and a great way to help ensure our children's safety during drop-off. Once this grows we will expand to the afternoon hours. If interested please email patsuttongG@mac.com. Thanks parents!

Attention Slavens Community! Peace Action Club needs volunteers! - The meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 a.m. in the Library. The scheduled meetings up until Winter Break are: - September 15, -October 13, -November 17. Dates for community projects will be announced closer to the time of the event and at meetings. You don't have to come to the meetings to participate in the activities! All participation is greatly appreciated. With questions you can contact us at: eleanor_lindberg@yahoo.com; lizzielotus@yahoo.com; or sweetpuppybreath@yahoo.com.

School Board Elections - This November, four of the seven seats on the Denver Board of Education are up for election, making it one of the most important school board elections in recent years. Additionally, this year, voting will take place entirely by mail ballot. Because it is important that all voters have a chance to get to know the candidates, A+ Denver is co-sponsoring three candidate forums. Attached is a flyer with the details.