

## News from the Principal

Slavens K-8 School: Providing a rich academic experience for all children.

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Mark your calendars!

9/25 Slavens Fall Carnival

10-6 Picture Re-Take Day

10/16 Early Release @ 12:00

10/22 Slavens Chipotle Night (5-8pm)

**Distinguished**—is what Slavens was rated on our 2009 School Performance Framework (SPF). Please see the attached letter or see a copy of the SPF at the website: [www.dpsk12.org/spf](http://www.dpsk12.org/spf). We're proud of our accomplishments resulting from the hard work of students, parents and staff. Kurt Siebold

**CSAP SCORES** - You will be receiving a cover letter with the CSAP scores attached in your child's Thursday folder, please take time to review with your child.

**Fall Carnival Tomorrow September 25<sup>th</sup> 3:15-5:45pm** - Come one come all to the Slavens Fall Carnival. Games for *all* ages to include carnival booths, lollipop tree, cake walk, jumpy castle. Dunk your favorite coach, teacher, administrator or 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Invite your neighbors, cousins, friends and playgroup. All are welcome. A \$15 punch card buys you 13 games. Punch cards will be sold on the playground before and after school and in the office during the day on Friday. Individual tickets for the games and jumpy castle will be sold for \$1/ticket at the carnival. Snow cones, pizza, popcorn, pop, water and candy will be available to purchase with cash. We are expecting beautiful fall weather for this fun community event. **Enjoy incredible black belt martial artists performing at the carnival. The United Martial Arts Center Demo Team will be conducting a short performance at 4:30 on the Slavens Field for your entertainment!**

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

**Come support Slavens School Youth Farmers Market** - on Tuesday, **September 29<sup>th</sup>** & Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Enjoy fresh produce from local farms like Palombo's farm market in Henderson, Colorado, Certified Organic produce from Berry Patch Farms in Brighton, Colorado, and Certified Organic peaches and apples from Ela Family Farms in Hotchkiss, Colorado. Markets are from 3-5 pm next to the Slavens garden. Markets are sponsored by Slow Food Denver, Denver Urban Gardens and Live Well Colorado. All profits go back to the Slavens Garden.

**The Slavens Annual Golf Outing, Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** - Noon, Shotgun Start, at Wellshire Golf Course. Come out and have fun supporting our school! Register online now at [www.slavensgolf.com](http://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!

**Help Raise Money For Our School!** - Sally Foster orders due **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. There are raffle drawings each week for ski tickets, Nuggets tickets and Smuckers on Ice tickets. Don't forget to ask your relatives to help raise money for Slavens. Convenient online ordering is a great way to get your orders in, 50% of all sales go directly to Slavens!

**A Huge Thank You To Tom Moore** - for his support running the Internet and E-mail information exchange. We now have the most parents on email for distribution in the Thursday folders and this cuts down on paper more this year than ever before.

**A Huge Thank You To 8th Grade Girls** - for their hard work roofing the Slavens garden shed. Emily Bell, Paige Hellman, Ellie Linberg, and Lizzie Linberg worked together with supervision by David Bell to put the long needed tar paper and shingles on the garden shed. We also thank the Bush family for their donation of materials for this project. Tom Bush originally helped build the garden shed back in the summer of 2002. Teamwork made this a fun learning experience and an inexpensive improvement for Slavens.

**Slavens Cross Country Invitational** - Kirk Framke says: "Thanks to everyone that helped make the second running of the Slavens Cross Country Invitational go as well as it did. Slavens is the only school in the district, if not the region, that would be able to pull off an event of this scope. This is completely due to the willingness and dedication of our parents. We count on our parents to help create the unique experience that our cross country meet provides to the greater Denver middle school community. For most of the runners participating, this is the largest athletic event they will be a part of, and as a result of your work, all the participants leave feeling like they are the winners. I can't thank you enough!" The link for race results is:  
[http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms\\_sports/](http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms_sports/)

**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 [patsutton6@mac.com](mailto:patsutton6@mac.com). Thanks parents!

**Join Team Storm and Step out to Fight Diabetes!** - Step Out to Fight Diabetes is a fund-raising walk put on by the American Diabetes Association. This year our goal is to raise \$3,000. Come help us accomplish our goal by participating or making an online donation. The walk will take place on October 24, 2009 at Denver's Downtown Aquarium. Signing up is easy! Just go to [www.diabetes.org/stepout](http://www.diabetes.org/stepout) then select join a team. Next, type in Team Storm, under team name and continue with the registration process. If you would just like to make a donation, you can do so at this website under Team Storm or the name of a team member. You can also register by calling 1-888-DIABETES. If you have any questions about Team Storm, please contact Arielle Scena-Shifrin at [arielle427@yahoo.com](mailto:arielle427@yahoo.com). We can stop Diabetes one step at a time.

**Character Matters! Parent Education Night Is Next Week** - Ken Fisher will lead a discussion on *Developing your Child's Character in Today's Challenging Culture* on Thursday, **October 1** from 7:00-8:00 pm. Ken is a character education specialist and serves as the Executive Director for the Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development. 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. All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Seventh Grade students have volunteered to baby-sit children from ages 4-10 in various classrooms so all parents can attend! Please contact Wendy Daniel if you would like to take advantage of this \$5/ family child care opportunity at [wdaniel@isomedia.com](mailto:wdaniel@isomedia.com)