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Middle School E-Newsletter October 12-16, 2009

Congratulations!!!

As of this morning, Mrs. Courtney Miller is the proud mommy of a 5.5 pound, 18 inch baby girl. Both mom and baby are doing great! For those of you with 6th graders, conferences will continue as planned and Shelley Bershof will take an early position as Mrs. Miller's substitute.

Early Release

This Friday, October 16th is early release day. All students will be served lunch and be dismissed at 12:00. It is also Crazy Hair/Hat day for the entire school, so show some school spirit!!

Tuesday, October 20th is a big day for the 8th graders.

As a part of their exam on the Constitution, they will be participating in a "Mock Congressional Hearing" at 8:00 a.m. If possible we would like for them to "Dress the Part" as if they were going to a real life hearing. Boys: dress shirt and dress pants, girls: dress, skirt & blouse, or dress slacks and blouse or nice sweater. NO JEANS NO T-SHIRTS etc.. NO NEED to go out and buy new clothing!!!! It is imperative that all 8th graders are on time! Thank you for your help in guiding your child to this "Historical" day Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or e-mail Mary Pappas at mmpfloral@yahoo.com or 303-758-2397.

Best, Mary Pappas, Parent volunteer to Marcy Stoddard, 7th and 8th grade History

Looking for the perfect High School?

Come to the Denver Public Schools EXPO on November 4, 2009 at the Museum of Nature and Science. This exhibition of middle and high schools will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm and will showcase tradition, magnet and charter schools. If you are interested in Denver School of the Arts, please see the 4 attachments about visitations and auditions.

Do you want your children to be safe? If so, please consider being a Crossing Guard— 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. Thanks parents!

AUCTION 2010: Come be part of an amazing event to benefit Slavens. Tuesday October 20th, 2009 @ 7pm at Jordan's Bistro and Pub (2363 E. Evans Ave).

Destination Imagination –we need just a few more students to make teams!!

Slavens would like to form teams for the 2009/2010 school year of Destination Imagination (DI). This program fosters creativity and critical thinking skills as it develops team work, collaboration and leadership. DI is available for any grade K-12. We will sign up as teams begin to form. If your child would be interested in joining a grade level team, please let me know via email at melissa_hatchett@dpsk12.org. To have a successful after school DI program, we also need team managers. Please also let me know if you are interested in helping Slavens students gain new competence and enthusiasm for solving real-world problems by leading a group.

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.

Please join PTA. Dues are \$15 pp and checks can be made out to Slavens PTA. Your level of participation is up to you! These funds are vital to keep our school running smoothly.

If anyone is interested in coordinating a Fall Festival for Slavens please contact Liz Payne at paynex4@yahoo.com. We are open to ideas this year as to what the Fall Festival could be (i.e. bingo night, pumpkin carving contest with games and a hayride, etc.). Thank you for your support!

Important Dates:

***CSAP 3/1/2010-3/26/2010 Please do not schedule vacations during this time.

* 10/14 & 10/15—6th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences

* 10/16—Early Release @ 12:00

* 10/22—Chipotle Night (5-8 pm)

*10/27—Student social and dance 1:00-3:00

* Looking ahead---11/9 & 11/10—Parent/Teacher Conferences (10/28 will be no school)

*12/1—Fall sports athletic banquet

* 12/15—Dickens' Day for 8th grade

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