

## News from the Principal

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

January 31, 2008

Calendar Items:       2/18<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
                              2/19<sup>th</sup> No School For Students

**Student Reminder** - In the morning, students are not to be in the building unless attending a special class or meeting, they should remain outside until the bell rings unless it is a bad weather day. On bad weather days, starting at 7:45 am middle school students can wait in the auditorium; and starting at 8 am elementary school students may wait in the auditorium. Parents, please encourage your child to wait in the appropriate place until the school bell rings. Remind your child to look for the large pink signs indicating an "Inside Day".

**Parent Reminder** - In keeping with the respectful atmosphere that we would like to maintain at Slavens, we would like to remind parents when attending after school activities that they are the primary supervisors of their children. Students please be kind to our school and behave appropriately.

**A Good Meal + A Good Deed** - Please join us at Noodles & Company (located at 1502 S Colorado Blvd at Florida), Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-9 pm for a benefit supporting The Brianna Badger Foundation, 20% of sales will benefit this heart organization. The Brianna Badger Foundation is an organization that researches and fights against children's heart arhythmias. Sales from supporters will help research SADS (Sudden Arhythmia Death Syndrome) as well as benefit the American Heart Association.

**Ooey, Yummy, Icky, Slimy, Sticky, Crawly, And FUN!** - The bugauthor.com arrives Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for a super night. Michael Elsohn Ross is coming to do experiments, talk about his books, and writing. Hope you can make it to the auditorium for this great learning experience. If you did not order his books week you may go to any book store or on line to his web site to order his books. He will sign them that evening. If you did order his books I will be delivering them Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> during the day and you can bring them with you on the 6th. They are already signed - what fun! He will have some books for sale that evening. Classes have been going on line to check out his web site and his books - very cool!

**Hearts For The Arts** - FOSS invites you to the Black Pearl Restaurant to celebrate Valentine's Day and the arts at Slavens on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 6 pm. Enjoy wine tasting from some of the area's best wine distributors and sample the wonderful food at the Black Pearl, all while supporting your children's arts education at Slavens. Cost is \$50/person payable by check to the office or online at [slavens.dpsk12.org](http://slavens.dpsk12.org). Your support is appreciated!

**Final Ski/Ride Trip- Sun. February 24** - Register before Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to ski or ride at Keystone. Slavens has been given a \$5 discount per reservation/person- just mark on the attached registration form "\$5 discount" in the "less credits on file" line. 1-6<sup>th</sup> graders: \$97 that includes: bus, lift ticket, full day lesson and lunch. Middle Schoolers, Parents or Teachers: bus only- \$42; bus & lift-\$67; bus, lift, lunch, ½ day lesson- \$84.00 and everything with a full day lesson- \$97. We will need at least 1 chaperone. Please contact Kelly - [kpietrs@comcast.net](mailto:kpietrs@comcast.net). Have fun!

**We need auction items!** - Deadline for donations is Feb. 15th. We currently have 100 items but our goal is 250! Please get your items ready and return to Lisa Wuthrich (303-639-3070), Nina Reid (303-691-1701) or Jane Howard (303-722-4809). Items can also be given to the office staff. Thank you!!

**Student Artists, K-8th, Wanted** - to create hand-painted pottery for the 10th Annual Slavens Auction and there is only room for 30 kids. Two dates in February are available where students will work in small groups to create fabulous pieces. Leigh Montgomery, parent at Slavens and owner of Montgomery Designs, will provide direction and inspire our artists during the workshop. Fee is \$6. Sign up sheets are in the office. See attached flyer more information.

**Enrichment News** - Beginning Italian \$10 For 8 Eight Week Session - Che Bella Italia! Once again we are pleased to offer Italian to the students of Slavens Elementary. Our program has been expanded to include a new beginner class starting on **Wednesday Feb. 13th**. We will take your child on a sensory journey through Italian music, art, and food while learning one of the most beautiful languages, Italian. Students will learn to greet each other, count, say colors, address family members and say many other fun conversational phrases. A variety of games, cultural activities and songs will enhance the learning experience. The course will be taught by DU Senior, Danielle Jayanty, who has lived and worked in Italy. The cost of the course is \$10 (yes, ten dollars!) and will meet every Wednesday from 3:10-4:10. Please call Kelli Sessions @ 303-692-1018 NOW to register; we can only hold the class if you respond in advance. Other questions call Danielle @ 713-859-7792. Class Dates: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16.

**Thank You From Adopt A Family** - A sincere, warm thank you goes out to everyone in our Slavens community who gave to the Ellis Elementary School Adopt a Family drive. There were boxes and boxes and boxes of a wide assortment of items donated. We filled half of a classroom at Ellis with all the items given by you. A very enthusiastic group of families from the Peace Action Club and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basketball team (thanks Frank Rowe) hauled everything to Ellis. We were all treated to a performance by part of the Ellis Jump Rope Team. After the Ellis kids finished demonstrating their keen jumping skills they invited all the Slavens students to come jump with them. Everyone had a great time and the Slavens kids didn't realize how tough it is to do double dutch. After all that jumping, principal Khoa Nguyen had pizza and cake ready for everyone. So many Ellis families benefited greatly by all the donated items. Thank you again for caring and your generosity.

**Talent Show** - We collected \$300 for Matthew Keil from generous donations at the Talent Show. Thank you to all the students and parents who participated in this fun event.

### **Attachments**

[Hearts for the Arts, February 10](#)

[Student Artists K through 8](#)

[Letter from Principal Siebold](#)