

Middle School E-Newsletter Week of September 24th-28th

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!

DON'T MISS THE SLAVENS' CARNIVAL

Friday, October 5--3:15-5:15

Fun, games, competition, prizes and food.

All Slavens' families, friends and neighbors are invited.

Save Money!! Discounted tickets can be purchased on the playground before and after school through October 4. (Full priced tickets can be purchased at the carnival.)

8th Grade Families:

We still need volunteers. Please contact Dana Ryder @ 303-757-1604 or Leigh Montgomery @ 303-758-5134.

Please don't forget to bring 6-13 cupcakes to the carnival to be used for the Cake Walk.

Middle School Parent Socials:

We are looking for 6th 7th and 8th grade parents to host their class parent social.

Traditionally this is a parent only event held at the home of the host(ess) in the evening with food and drink provided by all the parents. It is a great way to get to know the parents in your grade. If you are interested please contact Kathy Gile at kathy@jimgile.com or 303-758-2766

More Middle School information is attached to this email

Athletics:

There are no games this week.

The games for next week are as follows:

Soccer	Thursday, 10/4	3:45 pm	vs Place MS @ Slavens
Volleyball	Monday, 10/1	3:45 pm	@ Grant Ranch
Football	Monday 10/1	3:45 pm	@ Grant Ranch
Cross Country	Monday, 10/1	3:45 pm	@ Grant Ranch
Softball	Monday 10/1	3:45 pm	vs Grant Ranch @ Eisenhower
	Thursday, 10/4	3:45 pm	vs Place MS @ Eisenhower

Go Teams! Have fun and make Slavens proud of your sportsmanship.

Eligibility:

All participants in the Middle School Prep League will be evaluated by ALL of their teachers on a weekly basis. Participants must have a score of "3" or higher in every "Work Habits" category in every class in order to participate. Participants who are unable to maintain a "3" will be declared ineligible for the following week.

Work Habits:

- Completes class assignments
- Completes homework in a timely and satisfactory manner
- Participates in class activities as a productive and respectful group member
- Self assesses and sets goals for further learning

Indicators of Effort

- 4--Effort exceeds expectation
- 3—Effort meets expectation
- 2—Effort sometimes meets expectation
- 1—Effort is below expectation

SEACAMP:

Our 8th graders are having a great time at SEACAMP! Everything seems to be going well. If you are not receiving email updates and you are an 8th grade parent, please let me know.

Grocery Store Certificates –

5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Families - Have you signed up to purchase grocery store gift cards to reduce your family's cost to send your child on the 8th grade class trip? Contact Wilma Shepherd for more information or to enroll. You can start any time, just get the paperwork in by the 1st of the month. Wilma Shepherd 303-757-6212

wkshepherd@att.net

Special Education Para Needed

If you know of anybody in need of a part time position who would love to work with our students, please let them know of our half time opening. The hours would be from 12:00-3:00 every day. Please contact Slavens for more information.

E Books

The E-books are for sale for \$10.00. Check the outside playground for a parent representative.

8th Grade Continuation

We would like to invite you to join the 8th Grade Continuation Committee! If you would like to be involved in any capacity, please call or email me. We would love to have you!

Julie Bush at 303-282-7924, julie.bush@comcast.net

8th Grade High School Handbooks

Please look for these in the Thursday folder the week following SEACAMP—Oct. 4th. Be alert to all the shadowing details as they are coming very quickly upon us!

Muchas gracias a todos!

Reading is an essential component in acquiring literacy in any language. Slavens Spanish students can reap enormous benefits simply by reading the Spanish language, particularly when it's presented in a simple format or in guided readers that contain high frequency vocabulary with lots of repetition. Thanks to the generosity of Slavens parents, the

Spanish program at Slavens has, among other things, classroom sets of Blaine Ray's beginning level "novellas breves totalmente en espanol."

Recognizing the need for language classroom libraries that offer opportunities for students to read voluntarily, the district's Language Coordinator, Diana Noonan, asked Chief Academic Officer Jaime Aquino for funds that could be specifically designated for building language classroom libraries. As a result, Mr. Aquino gave \$800 to each participating language teacher in the district. The bookstore Bookies then generously added to the gift by allowing a 25% discount on all books ordered through the district. It was quite a windfall, and one that Ms. Noonan is requesting again this year.

Between the generosity of the Slavens parents and that of the district, our school has benefited greatly. Please, please come in to see our growing library of Spanish books and to see what we're doing in Spanish. You will be heartily welcomed.

Middle School Activity Fund

Contribute to the Middle School Activity Fund, which supports a number of great events during the school year solely for middle school students. Events in the past have included a bowling party, day at DU, Valentine's Day Dance and the End of Year Picnic. We are asking that parents donate \$25 per middle school child to support these fun events.

Letters are going out this week but a copy is attached to this e-mail in case your address has changed or you are a new family. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!"

Please be on the lookout for a pink form that allows your student information to be released within the district.

CSAP scores were handed out last week.

October 3

This day is Walk to School Day. Please try to have your students walk to school this day.

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