

Middle School Newsletter
Jan. 28-Feb. 1

Hearts for the Arts

Please come to the Black Pearl Restaurant on **Sunday, Feb. 10** to celebrate the arts with the third annual FOSS **Hearts for the Arts** event. Cost is \$50/person payable by check at the office or on the website (slavens.dpsk12.org). Please plan on attending and supporting your child's arts education at Slavens. Flyer attached.

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.

Middle School Enrichment

Beginning Friday, February 1st we will be starting the enrichment classes. These classes run from 2:00-3:00 every Friday until April 25th. Each teacher will be leading an interesting class for the middle school students. Your student selected a class and was placed according to his/her top 3 choices. Enjoy and have fun!

Please help Us!

*We are sending Cheri Hanna's name in for the Denver Teachers' Award this year. Please, take time to write something to add to her portfolio. Cheri's dedication to students and to this school deserves this recognition. If you can add anything to our collection of documents, letters, and pictures . . . it will be much appreciated. We need to create a "personal teaching keepsake" for Cheri that can be sent in as her nomination packet. Please help us. We need all the documentation into us by February 1st . . . That is **THIS FRIDAY!!!!** You can give it to Kathy Degi . . . to Melissa Hatchett . . . or directly to Kathy Gile.*

SEACAMP—7th Grade Families

If you could not make it to the parent meeting this last Tuesday, please watch for the hard copy of the information that was discussed. The first payment of \$250 will be due on **February 8th**. Please write your checks to Slavens, put it in an envelope and place it in the plastic "in box" on Mrs. Hatchett's office door. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa (720)424-4200.

Talent Show—5th graders only

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.

Friday Afternoon Basketball for Slavens 5th Grade Girls

All 5th grade girls are invited to join their classmates in the Slavens gym on Friday afternoons in February for four weeks of basketball. Organized by Frank Rowe, Slavens Middle School Girls Coach, after school basketball will follow this schedule:

Dates: Feb. 8, 15, 22 and 29

Time: 3:10 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Location: Slavens gym

Tennis shoes are required. Girls have the option of changing into shorts and a t-shirt in the girls' bathroom in the Slavens gym if they prefer to play in something other than their school clothing.

All 5th grade girls are encouraged to come and play. There is no cost to participate and previous basketball experience is not necessary.

Questions? Contact Frank Rowe at 303-863-0521 (w), 303-829-1164 (cell) or

frowe@rppublishing.com

Students in Art

Art students will be visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art on Friday, Feb 1st. They are leaving at 9:15 and will return by noon.

Character Education

Character Education and the development of an “intentional culture” of responsible, respectful and self-reliant students is an important aspect of education at Slavens. Everyday, students are taught the rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. Often these lessons are woven into the curriculum. Teachers emphasize fairness and compassion while encouraging students to think globally as productive members of a community. We would like to highlight the things teachers are currently doing that promote the development of these important character traits. We would also like to strengthen the collaboration between home and school by promoting a common, shared language of character education. If you are interested in participating on a committee to reinvigorate character education at Slavens please call Kary Cramer at 303.322.7645.

Mark Your Calendars

2/1—Enrichment classes for students begin

2/8—1st SEACAMP payment due

2/10—Hearts for the Arts at the Black Pearl

2/13—MSPA meeting @ 7:55 am

2/15—End of 2nd trimester

2/18 and 2/19—No school for students

3/4 – 3/13—CSAP testing

3/7—2nd SEACAMP payment due

3/24-3/28—Spring Break

4/12—Auction @ DU Cable Center
4/18—No school for students
4/21-4/25—3rd round of Benchmark testing
2/24—Career Day
4/29—Day @ DU 10:30-1:30
5/2—No school for students
5/14—Athletic Banquet 5:30-7:30 at Slavens
5/16—3rd SEACAMP payment due
5/26—No school for students
5/28—8th Grade Last Day
5/28—8th Grade Graduation 5:30-10:00 pm @ Embassy Suites
5/29—Last Day of School

As you may have heard, all of your efforts have paid off! Slavens has won \$5,000 in the “go green with ‘all’ contest! Thank you, Slavens community, for all your hard work! (The grand prize was awarded to a school in Arizona.)

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