

**Middle School Newsletter**  
**Feb. 4-Feb. 8**

**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.

**SEACAMP—7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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!!

**Girls Basketball**

Another great team effort puts the girls in green and white into the quarterfinals. Here's what's ahead

- Today, Weds., Feb. 6 - No Practice

Please encourage your daughter to get some rest or, if she is looking for a great afterschool activity, have her check out the solar and hydrogen car informational meeting. Ms. DuHoux will have additional info if questions come up.

- Thurs., Feb. 7 - Morning practice at 7:30 a.m. and game at 3:45 p.m.  
- Plan on a shootaround before school. Doughnuts will be served.

- The game will be played at Henry Middle School and the girls will ride the bus from Slavens. Go team!

**FINAL SKI/RIDE TRIP- SUN. FEBRUARY 24:** Register before **Feb. 7<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 have 1 chaperone spot filled, but still may need another one. Its free skiing and no driving! Please contact Kelly – [kpietrs@comcast.net](mailto:kpietrs@comcast.net). Have fun!

**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.

**Ten Years of Auction History...** Did you know that the 1998 inaugural Slavens auction was held at Carmines on Penn?

In years past, some of the proceeds raised were designated to specific projects that enhanced our kids' learning environment. We added to our technology lab, renovated our library and developed parent and

character education programs. In 2005 district-wide budget cuts made it essential that every penny of auction profit go to our school's bottom line. Now all proceeds are used to keep everything going. Most importantly, the auction profits allow us to keep our priceless paras, who are invaluable to our children and their teachers.

Carmines on Penn has given us a fabulous gift certificate for this year's auction and we have 100 other fabulous donations so far. Donations are coming in daily. Stay tuned for a glimpse ... Donation contracts are due next **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please join us for the next auction meeting Tues., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Liz Payne's house, 2427 S. Saint Paul St.

### **Thank You**

For each of you that sent in a letter in honor of Cheri Hanna, we thank you for your time. Kathy Degi put together a very nice book and we will keep our finger crossed as this nomination is turned in to the district.

### **Middle School Enrollment**

Currently we have a few openings for next year in our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We possibly have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade opening or two. There is no waiting list at the moment. Please share with any middles school families that we would be happy to have them choice into Slavens for the 2008-09 school year.

### **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](mailto:frowe@rppublishing.com)

### **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**

2/8—1<sup>st</sup> SEACAMP payment due

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

2/13—MSPA meeting @ 7:55 am

2/15—End of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester

2/18 and 2/19—No school for students  
3/4 – 3/13—CSAP testing  
3/7—2<sup>nd</sup> 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—3<sup>rd</sup> 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—3<sup>rd</sup> SEACAMP payment due  
5/26—No school for students  
5/28—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day  
5/28—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 5:30-10:00 pm @ Embassy Suites  
5/29—Last Day of School

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