

**Middle School Newsletter**  
**Feb. 11-Feb. 15**

**SEACAMP—7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families**

The next payment for SEACAMP is due **March 7<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 this Saturday, **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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!!

**Please Note**—Report cards will be held from students with overdue library books. Please be sure to send any Slavens’ books back to school with your student as soon as possible. Classroom teachers and Mrs. Badger have the list if you need more information.

**Slavens Girls Basketball - 6th Grade Team for DPS Spring League**

For the first time DPS will offer a 6th grade-only basketball league this spring and girls interested in playing on the Slavens girls team are invited to attend an informational meeting in the gym following lunch on Thurs., Feb. 21.

At this meeting, practice and game schedules will be passed out. For parents planning ahead, you can expect the following:

- First practice will be Mon. Feb. 25 in the Slavens gym from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  
- The team will either practice or play games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through the first full week of May. All practices will be in the Slavens gym from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Games will be played in our opponents gym beginning at 3:45 p.m. The girls will ride the bus to the games with the soccer and baseball teams.
  
- Before any player can tryout, practice or play in a game they must turn in a "Physician Permit for Athletic Participation" (Physical Form). This document requires a doctor's signature that each player has had a physical exam in the past 12 months. Find the form at: [http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms\\_sports/](http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms_sports/) and turn in to Mr. Weiss or bring to the first practice. Girls who played MS sports earlier in the year may be covered providing their physical exam is "current."
  
- The Slavens girls will be coached by Frank Rowe and if you have questions, please contact him at 303-863-0521 (w) or [frowe@rppublishing.com](mailto:frowe@rppublishing.com)

**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!

**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>**.

### **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

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### **Mark Your Calendars**

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  
4/24—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 Continuation 5:30-10:00 pm @ Embassy Suites  
5/29—Last Day of School

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