

Middle School Newsletter
May 12- May 16

Calendar Items: **5/14 Athletic Banquet**—Tonight!!
5/14 & 5/15 Talent Show Tryouts
5/16 Third SEACAMP payment due
5/20 Washington DC parent meeting
5/22 8th grade Portfolio Night
5/27 Talent Show @ 1:00

Athletic Banquet

This year's middle school athletic banquet will be held tonight, **Wednesday, May 14th** from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please come join fellow student athletes and their families to celebrate a great year of sports participation.

The potluck dinner will be in the cafeteria at 5:30 followed by the awards ceremony and slide presentation in the auditorium. We are asking each family to provide food for our potluck.

Please refer to the list below for items to bring (by last name):

A – M-----main dish

N – Z-----side dish

Please call Sheila Winstanley with any questions 303-504-4249.

Girls Soccer

Playoff game 5/14 @ Slavens against Smiley at 3:45

IF WE WIN:

Games will continue upon outcome of each game.

Boys Baseball

The baseball playoff location has been changed to Skinner Middle School, for 5/14 at 3:45.

IF WE WIN:

Thurs 5/15 Game vs winner of Centennial/Kunzmilller

IF WE WIN:

Fri 5/16 Championship game

Save the date for the 11th Annual Slavens Arts Festival!

The annual Slavens Arts Festival will be on Sunday, May 18th from 2-4 p.m. Please mark your calendar! We need many volunteers to make the festival a success. Please join us on Thursday, April 3 from 2:05-3:00 p.m. in the art room (#207) for the volunteer kick off meeting. Please RSVP to Courtney Cotton Abbott, the chair of the Arts Festival. Her contact information is: 720-289-9323 courtney_cotton@hotmail.com If you want to volunteer but can not attend the kick off meeting, please call or e-mail Courtney.

8th Grade Continuation ~ Embassy Suites Southeast Denver May 28th, 2008 6pm-10pm

Registration begins promptly at 6:00. Ceremony begins at 6:30pm. Dinner will not be served, but there will be light hors d'vourers after the ceremony. Please call Julie Bush with any questions.

SEACAMP—7th Grade Families

SEACAMP will be here before we know it! I have made the airline reservations and we are set to leave on Sept. 29 with a return date of Oct. 3, 2008. The **third** payment for SEACAMP is due **May 16th**. After this point, you should have at least \$750 paid to your student's account. 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.

**Please look for registration and medical forms that were sent home on Monday with your 7th grade student. If you have any questions or need to set up a payment plan, please feel free to contact Melissa (720) 424-4200.

Thank You from Mrs. Hanna!

I'd like to thank all the students, parents, and staff who were involved in my nomination for the Denver Teachers' Awards. I feel quite honored to have even been nominated. It was a joy to read all the wonderful letters of support that had made their way into the nomination portfolio. The tribute by the sixth graders on the night of the banquet was quite humorous and warmed my heart. I couldn't believe they had kept their plan a secret for so long! Thank you to the sixth graders for their hard work and talents extraordinaire, and to their generous parents who helped get the kids where they needed to be. I'd also like to recognize Mrs. Kathy Degi, my awesome teaching partner, who spent hours putting together the nomination portfolio and organizing the tribute with the sixth graders. We are so fortunate to have her creative energy here at Slavens!

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are in and they look fantastic! Don't forget to get your orders in and please remember to make checks payable to the SLAVENS PTA. The yearbooks will be given to students the last week of school. If you have any questions, please email me at

sknauf@comcast.net

Slavens 2007-2008 Yearbook -- I've had several calls from parents wondering if it is too late to buy a yearbook. ABSOLUTELY NOT! You can still get your orders into the office. They have extra forms if you need them.

Interested in going to Washington DC?

We have the opportunity for our middle school students (current 5th, 6th and 7th graders) to become part of the Discover D.C. program organized by World Strides International at the end of the 2009 school year. Students would explore the Smithsonian Museums, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and many other historical landmarks.

This all inclusive program includes round-trip transportation, 4 nights lodging, a certified Course leader, adult supervision, insurance coverage, night chaperones for security at the hotel, all meals, all admissions, and driver/meal gratuities. This would be an exciting trip for any student to attend.

An interest meeting will be held on May 20, at 5:00. If you would like to explore the World Strides program on your own please link to the following website:

<http://worldstrides.com/parentpresentation/default.htm>

Boxtops for Education – Now is the final time to gather any **Boxtops for Education** you have at home. Please trim and bag them (in 50s if you have that many) and bring them to the Boxtops Box on the mailboxes across from the office by May 15. Thanks to your effort, we've raised over \$1100 for Slavens School this year!

CONTINUATION MAY 28th!!! Continuation Invitations were mailed out last week. If you did not receive one in the mail, please contact Julie Bush at julie.bush@comcast.net or 303-282-7924. **RSVPs need to be in by May 2nd.** This year's continuation will be held at the Embassy Suites Southeast Denver, by Tamarac Square. The event is from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Please contact Julie with any questions.

Enjoy Golfing? Here is a link to the Police Activity League summer FREE golf program. Several sessions are offered at Park Hill Golf Course (and others). They require a pledge "to stay in school, off drugs, out of gangs".
<http://denverpalsports.com/1206047983629.html>

Slavens Summer Basketball for Girls

All current 5th, 6th and 7th grade girls who will be attending Slavens Middle School next year are invited to come to an informational meeting on the Slavens Summer Basketball team on Friday, May 16 at 3:10 p.m. in the Slavens gym.

This will be the third summer that Slavens has participated in the DPS MS Summer League. The following information is from a recent DPS e-mail and contains "preliminary" planning info.

- Location: South High School Gymnasiums
- Participants: We will host an "Gold" (current 7th grade) division and a "Blue" division (current 5th and 6th grade) division.

- Start date: Thursday, May 22nd The kids are still in school and we can use DPS busses to transport the kids to South. We feel that if we engage them in the activity before the start of summer break we will have better participation.

- Game times: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Highlights: Summer League uniforms, Denver Public Library will issue summer reading program to kids, Denver Museum of Nature and Science tickets, and so much more.

- Sponsors: Comfort Dental, Denver Safe City.

- Participation fee: \$20 per students

Also all players 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.dusk12.org/MS>.

Girls who played MS sports this year should check with Ms. Pearson in the Slavens office to ensure their Physical Form is current through July 2008.

The next **MSPA meeting is Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm at Anne Rowe's house. Bring a drink or appetizer. All are welcome. Stay for the evening or drop in when you can.

Mark Your Calendars

5/14—Athletic Banquet 5:30-7:30 at Slavens

5/14-- Talent show tryouts 3:10-4:10

5/15-- Talent show tryouts 3:10-4:10

5/16—3rd SEACAMP payment due

5/18—Arts Festival

5/20—Parent meeting for students interested in going to Washington DC

5/22--8th grade Portfolio night 5-6:30 pm
5/26—No school for students
5/27—Talent show @ 1:00 in the auditorium
5/28—8th Grade Last Day—BBQ, Kickball, and Field Day
5/28—8th Grade Continuation 5:30-10:00 pm @ Embassy Suites
5/29—Last Day of School—6th and 7th grade Achievement Awards

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