

Solomon Principal Newsletter

April 29, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Math Night this past Wednesday evening. Students and families engaged in math activities, and parents picked up some pointers on how to support their students with their math homework. I would like to thank our event organizer for this powerful and fun event—Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Syoen, Mrs. Moldovan, and the Parent Advisory Council. Also, our 7th graders who led activities with parents and their younger peers were the stars of the show! We are so proud of you!

The email that I sent to all families last Friday (also available [here](#)) has all the information you need as we get ready for Friday's Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon. If you haven't seen it, please take a few moments to read and consider contributing to our fundraising efforts. Please click [here](#) to contribute.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- In this week's pictures in Snap, we have scenes from our Family Math Night, upper grade students working with peer buddies in 3rd grade on a math lesson, and upper grade students doing some planting on campus for Earth Day.
- Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated at Solomon during the week of May 6-10, 2024, and we can use your help! As part of our celebration, we will be stocking our lounge with a variety of items to promote wellness and show our gratitude to our staff. If you are interested in contributing to this initiative, please visit this [Amazon Wish List](#) and purchase some items that will go directly to staff. We've also had families provide lunch and other wonderful gestures; if you are interested in doing so, please reach out to Principal Gamble at crgamble@cps.edu to schedule. Thank you to the few families who have already
- Registration continues for the YMCA of Chicago's fee-based program at Solomon, lasting from June 10 to August 9 this summer. For more information about the YMCA programming at Solomon, please click [here](#).
- Additionally, we are offering a "Kick-off to Kindergarten" program for our incoming Kindergarten students, from June 24 to July 26. For more information about the program, please click [here](#). Advanced sign-up is required, and there is a minimum number of registrants that we will need to be able to administer the program, which will be taught by our Kindergarten teaching staff of Ms. McReynolds and Ms. Leiva.
- Registration for our new full-day Pre-K program continues, with families submitting an application by April 30 receiving notification of placement on May 22. Enrollment begins once families receive their offers and complete the verification process. Learn more at chicagoearlylearning.org.

- Bernie's Books will be delivering a shipment of books for our Pre-K to 6th grade students to swap on Tuesday; be on the lookout for those big green bags filled with some potential summer reads!
- We have two parent meetings this week. First, on Tuesday, we will have a special [Local School Council](#) meeting to discuss the SY25 school budget and school improvement plan implementation; that meeting will be at 4:30pm in our library. Second, on Wednesday, our [Bilingual Advisory Committee](#) will host its monthly meeting in our library at 9:15. Our featured guest will be from the Rohingya Culture Center, who will speak about English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes. We will also discuss planning for our May 31 International Night.

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization

- Our Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a parent and staff leadership group that promotes community and supports Solomon in our strategic plan. Please click [here](#) to read more about their mission and vision, as well as the dates for many of this year's PTO-led events.
- Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon is this week (May 3, 2024), and all proceeds will go towards supporting our visual arts programming with Idea Box for all students in grades Pre-K through 8. To learn how you can contribute, please click [here](#).
- Our school-wide goal of \$25,000 provides approximately a semester's worth of supplemental visual arts instruction for ALL students at Solomon!
- We have all sorts of great classroom incentives for reaching our fundraising goals—items from a kindness bag, classroom PJ and pizza parties, extra recess—and everyone's contribution goes towards those classroom incentives that the whole class will be able to enjoy!
- Additionally, we have a weekly raffle prize for everyone who donates that week. This past week's winner, Zoi F. in 6th grade, won a Chicago Blackhawks swag pack.
- Congratulations to Bella P. in 5th grade for creating the winning design for our WJR t-shirt that ALL students and staff will wear on May 3.
- This is our ONE big fundraiser of the year, so let's make it count!

Important Solomon Links

- To report a COVID-19 positive test, click [here](#).
- To find Solomon's breakfast and lunch menus, click [here](#) (search for "Solomon"). To learn more about the district's meals and nutrition program, click [here](#).
- To see our entry and exit procedures, please click [here](#).
- To find any Solomon staff member, their position, and their contact information, click [here](#) for our organizational chart.
- To register for before and/or after-school child care with the YMCA of Chicago, hosted in our lunchroom, please follow the directions in [this link](#).
- Please click [here](#) to read more about the differences between Level I and Level II volunteers and to complete the application process.
- To see our year-long community calendar, click [here](#).
- To see our year-long assessment calendar, click [here](#).

- Solomon spirit wear purchases can be made through our partner, Squadlocker. Check out unique Solomon gear [here](#).
- Student fees were approved by our Local School Council this past July. Please click [here](#) to see the student fee structure for this year and the methods of payment.
- Class supply lists are linked [here](#) and at our school website, solomon.cps.edu.

School Calendars

- **April 30:** Special LSC meeting (CIWP and SY25 Budget Vote in Library, 4:30)
- May 1: Bilingual Advisory Council meeting (library, 9:15)
- **May 3:** Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon!
- **May 27:** No School for Memorial Day
- **May 31:** International Night (Solomon gym, 6pm)
- **June 3:** 8th Grade Graduation (Solomon turf field, 10am)
- **June 6:** Final Day of School for Students