

Solomon Principal Newsletter

June 3, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

This is our final weekly newsletter of the school year. We will send a short end-of-year update in the middle of this week, with some goodbyes and introductions, and then we will resume weekly newsletters around August 1st. Snap will continue to be our primary mode of communication with families in SY25, but be on the lookout for a brand new website coming online this summer. Until new families have their Snap accounts ready to go, we will utilize the email function in Aspen to make sure that everyone has the beginning-of-year news that you need. I've also moved my professional account off of Twitter and have started posting on Instagram @solomonprincipalgamble, so please follow me there!

Thank you to everyone who makes Solomon a special place!

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 International Night, Asian American Heritage Assembly and Fashion Show, and Field Day.
- Big events at Solomon this week include our 8th grade graduation (Monday, 10am, turf), Pre-K (Room 108) End of Year Celebration (Wednesday, 10am, Hollywood Park), Kindergarten (Room 105) End of Year Celebration (Wednesday, 3pm, gymnasium), and Awards Ceremony (Thursday, 9:30am, gymnasium).
- Also this week: Students in grades K-7 will travel up to meet next year's homeroom teacher on Wednesday, June 5, at 9:20am.
- Thursday, June 6, is our final day for students. Quarter 4 Report Cards will be distributed to students on Thursday to take home via kidmail. Students return to class for the fall term on August 26, 2024. You can find the 2024-2025 calendar [here](#).
- A note from our PTO: School supply orders are due soon! Don't miss out on the opportunity to have a pre-packaged supply kit containing the exact items your child's teacher is requesting. This is also a fundraiser for the PTO, so your purchase helps support the PTO's mission. Orders are due by **June 7**. You can order online at www.shoptkits.com. Enter account number **40823**. Questions? Contact Joyce Baca at joyce.baca77@gmail.com.
- Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now underway, any day between 9:15-1:00 and 2:00-3:45 in our main office. If your child is currently enrolled in grades K-7, there is no action required—your spot is reserved. For incoming Kindergarten families, as well as any student new to the neighborhood or joining us through a GoCPS application, we will need you to come to the main office to register. Click [here](#) for what information you will need to bring with you.

- Registration for new Pre-Kindergarten families for the full-day program in the 2024-2025 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 6, from 1:15-4pm both days.
- 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](#).
- Registration for next year's before and after school childcare program with YMCA of Chicago is now open. The hours of the program remain the same: 7-9am and 4-6pm. To see the prices and learn how to register, please click [here](#).
- The Diverse Learners Recovery Fund is a collaboration between the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., dedicated to aiding families of students with disabilities affected by COVID-19. It operates as a lottery-style grant drawing, offering a one-time cash grant of \$500 to eligible K-12 students with disabilities. Up to 8,000 applicants will be selected through the lottery to receive the grant. Submitting an eligible application does not guarantee you will receive the funds. For more information, please click [here](#).
- Chicago Public Libraries is asking all children to take part in [their summer program](#). Kids can sign up at their local library or online starting June 8. When they come into the library, they will get an Explorer's Guide with activities for them to do and a log to keep track of their reading. CPL will also be giving out Grab and Go kits for them to do some art projects at home. All kids who complete 500 minutes, do 5 activities, and reflect on them to earn a t-shirt (while supplies last).

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.
- Our yearly meeting schedule is now complete. A preliminary schedule of next year's events can be found [here](#).
- As a reminder, when you purchase school supply kits through School Specialty, a portion of the proceeds come back to our PTO to support our core mission and vision.

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

- **June 3:** 8th Grade Graduation (Solomon turf field, 10am)
- **June 6:** Final Day of School for Students
- **June 24:** First Day of Kick Off to Kindergarten Programming
- **August 26:** First Day of School for Students in 2024-2025 school year