

Solomon Principal Newsletter

May 27, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, May 27, due to Memorial Day. The final day for all students is Thursday, June 6.

We've got a lot of fun things planned for the coming week: Field Day on Tuesday, our student Idea Box presentations on Thursday, and a big Friday--Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Assembly in the morning and International Night at 6pm. Please read below for more details!

Next week will be our final weekly newsletter of the school year.

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 Ms. Howsam Memorial Celebration this past Tuesday.
- 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.
- Student Voice Committee and Mrs. Gleeson have organized our annual Field Day for Tuesday, May 28. We are going to head out in the morning for the events, and you can assist by making sure your child is wearing sunscreen and bringing plenty of water to drink.
- Our 8th graders have their annual pinning ceremony and luncheon on Wednesday, May 29. Again, they will be outside most of the day, so water and sunscreen are highly advised!
- On Thursday, our students will show off what they have created in their time with our visual arts partners at Idea Box. K-5 will show their work from 9:30-10:45, and 6-8 will do the same from 11:15-12:15 in our gym. Parents are invited to join the celebration of learning.
- On Friday, we will have two AAPI assemblies and fashion shows at approximately 9:30 and 10:45. Again, parents are invited to join us in the celebration.
- Doors will open for [International Night](#) at 6pm on Friday, with ticket sales at Door #5 on Granville. Please note (and tell your neighbors): This is one week earlier than usual because students will have already had their final day of school on the usual date. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this [form](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to main office at 773-534-5226 and ask for Mrs. Patel or Mrs. Zaiya.
- 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

- **May 31:** International Night (Solomon gym, 6pm)
- **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