

Friday Flyer

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1/12/07
Upcoming Events

Monday, January 15.....NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 16.....7:00 p.m., PTO
Saturday, January 20.....5:00 p.m., Quail Run Swim Night, Indoor Aquatic Center
Tuesday, January 30.....6:30 p.m., 3rd Grade PE Night

FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERN

Parents, as you drop your children off for school, please ensure that they cross the street in the crosswalk. It creates not only a hazard for the children, but it also startles drivers when children unexpectedly dart across the street. Please help us in our efforts to keep all children safe.

SCHOOL FEES

For those of you who chose to pay your school fees with a payment plan, please remit now. Semester payments are \$56.00 for grades 1-6 and \$25.50 for kindergarten students. Monthly payments are \$14.00 for grades 1-6 and \$6.38 for kindergarten.

CONGRATULATIONS

The performance tonight (Thursday, January 11) at South Junior High was spectacular. Our sixth grade band was featured at the Martin Luther King, Jr. community celebration as the district's K-9 representative to the Kansas Music Educators' Association state conference at the end of February. The band played two songs. Both pieces were played with interesting details, a very full sound, and public performance quality.

I am very proud of our band teachers, Paul Morgenroth and Scott Robinson, and our students. All of you have worked incredibly hard after only 5 months of instruction to get to this high point. THANK YOU and congratulations on a stellar performance!

Paulette Strong, Principal

THANK YOU

Thank you first grade staff and students for your community service projects. Tonight, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. community celebration at South Junior High, I heard two of our first graders speak about those projects. The first graders had worked hard, along with Paula Barr's coaching, to create a clever, well stated presentation. Imagine those two first graders standing in front of several hundred persons, facing glaring stage lights, speaking in an articulate and clear fashion about the community service projects, and getting very loud applause!

I am very proud of all of you! Eileen Huang and Piper Rogers, thank you for representing our school and making us all look so good. You're the best!

Paulette Strong, Principal

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A POSITIVE READING ATTITUDE

As children grow older, they can become less positive about reading.

Research has shown that when children have a negative attitude toward reading, they don't read as well. So if your child remains excited about reading, she'll likely be a better reader.

The best way to inspire a positive attitude about reading is to encourage your child to read books and magazines she'll enjoy.

Generally, children like mysteries, adventure books and ghost stories. But your child will have his own taste in books.

To discover and support them:

- **Let your child** select books. Take her to the library. Browse through

different areas. If she's into sports or fashion, guide her to those aisles. Ask the librarian for help.

- **Set up a bookshelf** in your child's room. He can keep all of his favorite books there.
- **Observe your child's** viewing choices. Try to find books related to a TV program she likes. Get her the book on which her favorite movie is based.
- **Encourage your child** to read for pleasure. In school, he has to read many standard texts. So allow him to escape sometimes with scary stories and comic books.
- **Buy your child** a book when possible. Second-hand bookstores are a good source. Sometimes libraries sell used books as well. Owning books allows your child to reread and treasure them.
- **Introduce your child** to "series" books—the Baby-Sitters Club, Goosebumps books, etc. Tell her about books you read when you were young—Nancy Drew or Amelia Bedelia. Help her get started by reading the first book in the series aloud together.
- **Help your child** create his own books. They can be handwritten or designed on a computer.
- **Challenge your child** to keep a list of all the books and magazines she reads. Give her a special notebook where she can write down the titles and jot a few notes about what she thought of the books or articles.

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FROM THE PTO
NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 16TH, 7:00 P.M.

Please join us in the commons area on Tuesday evening next week to discuss upcoming events and issues. There are many changes being made in the district and we want to keep you informed and involved! We will provide childcare in the gym for those who call to request it (we need to know numbers and ages of kids who need care in order to have adequate coverage, so please call Barb Heeb at 838-4332 by Monday the 15th.) Also, we are looking for people who might be interested in serving on the PTO Board. Those offices that need to be filled for next year (August of 2007) include: Treasurer, Secretary, and Co-President. Please let us know if you might be interested in adding any of these titles to your resume!

QUAIL RUN SWIM NIGHT

Join us as the PTO hosts another Swim Night at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center on Saturday, January 20th, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per swimmer with adults and children under the age of 4 to swim free. Bring your friends and family! (Please note that parking will be tight because of a 'lap pool' swim meet which should NOT impact the typically light Saturday night public attendance in the 'leisure pool' during our Swim Night.)

**BEFORE SCHOOL
NETBALL CLINIC**

Parent volunteers are required to assist the head coach doing drills and practicing skills with small groups of 4th and 5th grade students. This is a free PTO sponsored clinic aimed at promoting health and exercise and learning a new sport. It will be from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 6th through March 1st. Please call Kelly at 842-0208 if you can help.

**SPRING BOOK FAIR
VOLUNTEERS**

Mark your calendars for the Spring Scholastic Book Fair coming February 12th through 15th! The fair will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m.; Monday and Thursday 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. (in conjunction with the Family Night Pancake Feed!); and Wednesday, 2:15 until 3:30 p.m. If you are able to volunteer to help out with

this wonderful event, please contact Diane Frook (312-7277). Please note that for every two hours you volunteer, you will receive a \$6.00 book. THANK YOU!

FAMILY NIGHT PANCAKE FEED

Back by popular demand, Chris Cakes, Inc. will be serving up our all-you-can-eat pancake, sausage, and orange drink dinner! This will be on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars to attend this event held in conjunction with the Spring Book Fair. We are also looking for volunteers to help with serving and other duties to make sure this is a fun family night! Please contact Diane Frook (312-7277) if you are able to volunteer.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Our Chess Club t-shirts look fabulous!! If you didn't get one, there may be a second order. Laurie will send an e-mail if she takes more orders. (If you are not on the Chess Club e-mail list and would like a t-shirt, let Laurie know.)

At our own Quail Run Tournament on January 6th, the Quail Run K-3 Team earned 2nd place, and the K-6 Team won the 1st place trophy! Everyone who played, even our newer players, did an awesome job! K-3 medalists were Josh Kallenbach 5th place, Jonathan Lesslie 11th, Eileen Huang 15th, Madison Reams 17th, and Hirsh Guha 24th. Ting Ting Shi, Ryan Flakus, and Natty Hoopes each won 1 or 2 games even though they only played part of the tournament. K-6 players earning medals were Cole Reams 2nd place, Luke Lesslie 5th, Sam Stephens 6th, Aaron Simon 8th, Andrei Elliott 15th, and Katie Conard 17th. Venkata Malladi and Atticus Madden also supported the team with several wins. Great job, everyone! Our next tournament will be Feb. 3rd in Topeka.

Huge thanks to all the parents who helped out with the tournament. And a special thanks to Brad Simon for providing such a great place to hold it.

FROM THE COMMUNITY
MATH COMPETITION

Here is an opportunity for school aged children in Lawrence to participate in the most popular international mathematics competition offered to kids. It is called Math Kangaroo and the 10th annual competition will be held

on March 14th, 2007; it takes place on the same date worldwide and the problems are the same worldwide. This event is offered to students in grades 2 through 12 (first graders can participate at the 2nd grade level if desired). The Lawrence location for participation will be at Langston Hughes Elementary. To register your child, go to www.mathkangaroo.org. The deadline to register is January 15, 2007. For more information, contact Milena Stanislavova, at stanis@math.ku.edu or 864-4369.

FOOD BANK DRIVE

Tiger Cubs from Pack 3072 have set a goal to kick off the new year. They are attempting to collect 208 cans or boxes of nonperishable food items to be donated to one of the local food banks. If you would like to help them meet their goal, please send your donation to school with your child. Donations can be placed in the marked boxes outside the first grade classrooms. Thank you!

HELPING THROUGH HARMONY

The Senior Girl Scouts of Troop 623 are working on earning the Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. They are conducting a musical instrument drive to benefit the Lawrence school district. The scouts are collecting donated instruments, reconditioning them and then donating these instruments to the district. This will provide more opportunities for young students who cannot afford instruments to rent them through the school district. All of the Girl Scouts involved with the project are current USD# 497 student musicians. If you have an instrument you are willing to donate, please bring it to the school office. Thank you!