

Solomon Principal Newsletter

April 8, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

This week we have our twice-a-year parent-teacher conferences and report card pick-up on Wednesday, April 10, between 11:00-2:30 and 3:15-6:00. Parents can elect to attend in-person or virtually; if you haven't signed up for a time yet, please look for an email from your child's teacher(s) for sign up information. If you are having any difficulties, please let us know in the main office (773-534-5226) and we will happily assist you. As a reminder, please arrive a few minutes early for your appointment so that you can pick up the report card and other materials in the lobby prior to the conference.

We also host our Local School Council elections on Wednesday from 6:00am to 7:00pm in our gymnasium. We have a full roster of candidates, so please be sure to stop by the gymnasium to select your candidates. All candidate statements are currently posted outside of the main office.

There is no school for students on Wednesday, April 10. Thursday, April 11, is a regular school day.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- In this week's pictures in Snap, we have our staff wearing Autism Awareness t-shirts, as we celebrate Autism Awareness Month at Solomon. A big thank you to parent and LSC Chair Sherry R. for setting up our decorations in the lobby!
- You may have seen many emails about Monday's eclipse and the district's guidance. Several of our teachers have distributed permission slips so that students can view the event safely, with safety glasses. With the eclipse happening during part of our assigned recess time (12:51-3:22), all students will take recess indoors tomorrow; the only students going outside will be those whose permission slips have been returned. Thanks for your understanding—I've never had to amend recess plans due to an eclipse!
- [Solomon Spring OST \(after-school\) programming](#) resumes this week. Families that were able to secure a spot in 1st/2nd Basketball and Elementary Drawing Classes for Kids were notified by Mrs. Tamborino last week. As a reminder, 1st/2nd Basketball will be on Monday (April 8) this week only, with the remainder of classes happening on Wednesdays through May 17, the last day of the term.
- We are in the process of making summer plans at Solomon, but one thing that has been confirmed is that we will be hosting summer programming with YMCA of Chicago on our campus between June 10-August 9. For more information about our YMCA programming at Solomon, please click [here](#).
- Congratulations to our very own Octavian S. for winning two awards for his efforts at the city-wide Science Fair—the Anti-Cruelty Society Award and the Shannon Campbell Award. We are so proud of you!

- This Tuesday we have our monthly PTO meeting (8am, library), PAC meeting (4:15, room 112), and LSC meeting (5:30, library). We hope to see you there!

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 next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 8am in our library. We will discuss planning for Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon and Staff Appreciation Week. You can expect to get more information about this year's Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon in the April 1 newsletter.
- We have our next restaurant giveback on April 19 at [Oberweis](#). April 19 is the date of our musical performance, so we can all have an ice cream treat to celebrate! Our April 3 giveback at Chipotle made \$111 for our FOSSPTO.

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 10:** Report Card Pick-Up Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences, 9:00-11:45 and 12:30-4:00 (no school for students)
- **April 19:** Solomon Descendants performance (Wright Community College, 7pm)
- **June 3:** 8th Grade Graduation (Solomon turf field, 10am)