

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## April 15, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is always a great day to connect with families, and we appreciate the opportunity to speak about your child's progress. Thank you for connecting with our staff this past week. If you still haven't had the chance to do so, please use [this staff directory](#) to get the contact information for the teachers you would like to connect with, and our staff will gladly set up a time to meet with you. We also have report cards in the main office to be picked up.

Congratulations to our newly-elected Local School Council for the 2024-2026 term, starting July 1, 2024:

- Parent: Amanda Coleman, Gillian Deppeler, Megan Lehmann, Erin Patsiopoulos, Sherryl Reiss, Chris Smith
- Community: Jeff Rose, Andi Sass
- Teacher: Deirdre Kenney, Chris Martin
- Staff: Linden Lindquist

Our student election will be this week, and there is one candidate up for election: Gloria L. in 7th grade. As always, I am grateful to our parent/community/staff/student leaders who step up for this important role in shaping our school's path!

Please read down to our Friends of Solomon School PTO section for important information about how you can contribute to the one big fundraiser that we do at Solomon each year, our Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon. There is a special incentive for anyone who contributes this week!

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- In this week's pictures in Snap, we have our students and staff participating in the Monday eclipse.
- This week is performance week for our 4th through 8th grade students participating in our Solomon musical, *Disney's Descendants*. They have been rehearsing since early January, and they are eager to show off their skills. Our Pre-K through 3rd graders will be able to see a performance at Solomon on Thursday at 2:15, and then our 4th through 8th graders will be getting on the bus to see the show at Wright College on Friday at noon. The performance for parents and community members will be at Wright on [Friday evening at 7pm](#). Tickets are available at the door (\$5 for children, \$10 for adults). After the show, head over to Oberweis on Lincoln for ice cream with our Solomon giveback (see more details in the PTO section).
- We are starting Week 2 of [Solomon Spring OST \(after-school\) programming](#), and sign-up for the spring session is now closed. As a reminder, 1st/2nd Basketball will be on

- Wednesdays after school from 4:00-5:15 for the duration of the season.
- During parent-teacher conferences, YMCA of Chicago was at Solomon to help sign up families for their fee-based program at Solomon, lasting from June 10 to August 9. 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.
  - Just a reminder that we are holding our next community event at Solomon on Wednesday, April 24, from 5-7pm: our first [Family Math Night!](#) Pizza, math games, and take home items are all available in this event sponsored by our Parent Advisory Council.

## 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.
- On Friday, April 19th the delicious and generous Oberweis (6469 N. Lincoln Avenue) is donating back 20% of Dine-In, Takeout & Delivery orders to support a great cause -- Friends of Solomon School PTO! On behalf of Friends of Solomon School PTO you’re invited to join us and eat out, not only in support of the organization, but to show one of your Lincolnwood restaurants some love too! We ask that you RSVP here: <https://group.prai.se/e275904> (even if you’re not completely sure) so Oberweis knows roughly how many orders to expect & so you have access to all the event details. We hope you can make it, and please feel free to forward this invitation to your friends and family. Thanks in advance for your support!
- Walk Jog Roll-a-thon is 3 weeks away, and we have started fundraising for the event, with proceeds going 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](#).
- We have all sorts of great classroom incentives for reaching our fundraising goals, so every little bit helps us reach our goal. Also, this is a very cool incentive for this week only: Every student who has a contribution this week will be entered into a raffle for a basketball autographed by Chicago Bulls star guard Coby White.

## 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](http://solomon.cps.edu).

## School Calendars

- **April 19:** Solomon Descendants performance (Wright Community College, 7pm)
- **April 24:** Family Math Night at Solomon (5-7pm)
- **May 3:** Walk, Jog, Roll-a-thon!
- **June 3:** 8th Grade Graduation (Solomon turf field, 10am)