

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## January 29, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

We are looking for volunteers that will be able to assist with Spanish translation. If you may be available to assist with translation services during the day, please fill out [this brief form](#). We are working to identify specific times during the day when translation support is most needed, and from that we will share a sign-up form with those interested for particular days and times. We are grateful for anything that community members can provide! All volunteers will need to have completed registration as a [Level II CPS volunteer](#), if they haven't done so already.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- Each year our 5th graders with Mrs. Bakula participate in a partnership with Lyric Opera to create an operatic performance from a text they read in class. This month the Lyric is highlighting their efforts at Solomon in their latest program, which you can find [here](#). Kudos to our 5th graders for showing how arts partnerships like these make Solomon a gem in our community!
- Our newcomer breakfast originally scheduled for February 2 [has been postponed](#) for later in the month.
- We have had members of our community ask how we can support our newcomers and their families at Solomon, and I would like to share some information from the 39th Ward: The Hollywood North Park Community Association (HNPCA) has been doing tremendous work helping new arrivals in the 39th Ward. You can access donation wish-lists here: <https://www.hnpca.org/inclusivecommunity>. Partnering with our office and the shelters in 39, the HNPCA creates weekly wish lists of items that are highly requested by folks in the shelters. The items then get shipped to our office and we deliver them *directly* to the staff at the shelter to distribute accordingly. The HNPCA Facebook also remains very active with up to date information: <https://www.facebook.com/hnpcachicago>
- Many thanks to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lara for their assistance in translating our [student handbook into Spanish](#).
- Kudos to both our 7th/8th grade Boys and Girls Basketball teams for their games this weekend. The boys came from behind to defeat Peterson Elementary and remain undefeated; our girls lost a tight game to Peterson but fought hard.
- Our make-up January LSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, at 5:30 in our library. Our January 16 meeting was postponed due to a school closure that day.
- The deadline to file as a Local School Council candidate is February 8, 2024. You can file paperwork at Solomon or send your completed forms to the CPS Office of Local School Council Relations. The forms are available at Solomon, as well as [cps.edu/lsc](https://cps.edu/lsc), along with more information on the candidate forums and the LSC election process

overall. Let's get a full slate of candidates for our April 2024 election!

- Save the date! Join the North River Youth Council on Saturday, February 3rd from 12-3 pm at the American Indian Center, 3401 W Ainslie St, for an unforgettable community gathering where you can access essential resources for mental health, well-being, social services, and more! Bring your family and friends and be part of building a strong community while creating unforgettable memories together! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others and have fun! Enjoy FREE Activities including: Zumba, Loteria, Arts & Craft, Games & Prizes, Children's Reading Circle, Drum Circle, AND MORE! Lunch will be provided. This event is organized by the North River Youth 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.
- Our January 18 Restaurant Giveback Night at Panera brought \$74.89 back to our PTO. Our next scheduled giveback night is at Chipotle (5931 N. Lincoln) on April 3.
- Friends of Solomon School PTO invites you to a Family Dance on Thursday, February 15 from 5:30pm to 7pm in the gymnasium! We hope you will join us for a night of family fun, Photo Booth, Bake Sale and lots of dancing. This event is free to attend.

## 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

- **January 30:** Local School Council meeting (5:30, library)
- **February 8:** Week 25 Progress Reports go home
- **February 9:** No School for Students (professional development day)

