

Solomon Principal Newsletter

February 13, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

We have our first restaurant giveback of 2023 scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, February 13, at the Panda Express (6201 N. Lincoln). The hours of operation are 10:30am-9pm. For the uninitiated, restaurant giveback events are when a restaurant will give a portion of its proceeds back to our Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization. In turn, the FOSSPTO uses these funds to support its [general mission](#); more specifically, these funds help make community-building events like the Fall Festival possible.

When visiting or ordering from the restaurant, please let them know that you are with Solomon and show them the attached flier ([digital](#) or a paper copy).

Thank you to our FOSSPTO for coordinating this event, as well as upcoming events at Oberweis (March 3), Panera (March 28), and more!

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- Shared in the Snap! pictures below, 2nd grade celebrated the 100th day of school this past week by listing the 100 things they love about Solomon!
- As a kind reminder, we need your help in keeping our drop-off and pick-up times safe for students. Especially now that the weather is improving, your best option is to park briefly on our surrounding streets so that you can drop off your child. With bus service on Avers, cars that stop in the middle of the street on Avers to have their child jump out is creating an unsafe situation. Please don't do that. Cars cannot park on the school side of Avers between the No Parking signs to accommodate bus traffic. Our paraprofessionals are out there to support students utilizing the bus service, so please work with them to make sure that everyone stays safe. That is our main priority!
- We host our next monthly Solomon Local School Council meeting on Tuesday, February 14. You can find the agenda and the Google Meet link [here](#).
- As a reminder, we host our next [vision and hearing screening](#) for all Pre-K through 3rd graders and 8th graders this coming Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in our lobby.
- Congratulations to Marlena P. for her election as our new Solomon LSC Student Representative. Her 1 year term will begin July 1, 2023.
- Week 25 Progress Reports traveled home with students on Friday, February 10..
- The Albany Park branch (3401 W. Foster) of the Chicago Public Library hosts homework assistance for students every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3-6pm. For more information on their programming, click [here](#).
- The Free Closet at Network 1's Parent University (3121 W. Byron) has school supplies, clothes, backpacks, hats, and more for students and families in need. Check out the attached flier for more information. It is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am-1pm, as well as by appointment.

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (FOSSPTO)

- You can find our monthly meeting dates in [this document](#).
- Two restaurant givebacks are on the calendar over the next month. These are great opportunities for you to get a delicious dinner, with a portion of the proceeds coming back to the Solomon FOSSPTO to support our mission. On February 13, [Panda Express](#) (6201 N. Lincoln) will donate 20% of its proceeds, and on March 3, [Oberweis](#) (6469 N. Lincoln) will donate 20% as well.
- For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for schools — with products they already buy! Today, you can find hundreds of participating products throughout the store. Box Tops for Education has gone digital, so just scan your receipt with the Box Tops app and Solomon Elementary will automatically earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy. For

- more information on how to earn that credit for Solomon, please click [here](#).
- To learn more about the mission of the Solomon FOSSPTO, click [here](#).

Important Solomon Links

- Our Solomon [school organization chart](#), which has the contact information for all of our teachers and staff.
- The [opt-in form](#) for COVID testing for your child at Solomon weekly.
- Our Solomon [breakfast and lunch menus](#).
- Our Solomon [school assessment calendar](#) for the year.
- Our Solomon [merchandise link](#) from our partners at Squadlocker.
- The [volunteer registration form](#) for anyone interested in volunteering at Solomon this year.

Solomon Calendar

All Solomon community events can be found on our school Google Calendar, linked at the Solomon website, solomon.cps.edu. You can also view our year-long calendar of community events [here](#).

A few of the important upcoming dates:

- **Monday, February 13:** Restaurant Giveback at Panda Express, 10:30am-9pm (6201 N. Lincoln)
- **Tuesday, February 14:** Local School Council meeting, 5:30 (library or virtual)
- **Monday, February 20:** No School (Presidents' Day)