

Solomon Principal Newsletter

January 16, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

Today our district and the nation celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, as we honor his life and legacy in fighting for racial and social justice. The Kid President videos always bring a smile to my face, and [this one](#) that he created in 2015 addresses Dr. King's legacy in a child-friendly way. I hope you find this useful!

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- We are excited to announce a few save-the-dates for some upcoming events at Solomon:
 - Thursday, February 2: Game Night at Solomon, courtesy of our Friends of Solomon School PTO
 - Friday, March 3: Performance of Annie, Jr. at Northside College Prep
- Sports Update:
 - 5th/6th Boys Basketball will practice on Tuesday, January 17, at 8am and play a game at 4:30 on January 18 at Albany Park Multicultural Academy. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - We are excited to announce a twice-a-week open gym for 7th/8th grade girls basketball players, coordinated by Bill Myatt (parent of a 7th grader). For more information, please click [here](#).
- Sign-up for the winter session of our after-school (OST) program went live on Thursday. For more information about the program (courses, days and times, etc.), please click [here](#). To sign up for a program, please complete [this form](#)
- Solomon hosts our next monthly Local School Council meeting this coming Tuesday, January 17, at 5:30pm. Join us in person in our library, or join us virtually at [this link](#). You can find our agenda [here](#).
- Report cards traveled home with students this past Friday, January 13.
- 8th graders will have their graduation photos taken by Lifetouch at Solomon on Thursday, January 26.
- I would like to share a request from our upper grade science teacher, Mrs. Reis: We desperately need science fair judges for our upcoming VIRTUAL fairs in January. That's right - it is all virtual!!! [Volunteers] can judge from anywhere!!! If you might be interested, please click this [sign-up form](#) to get more information and sign up. Thanks for your help!
- Sign up for Gompers Park Athletic Association's baseball and softball 2023 leagues is now open. You can click [here](#) to register and/or check out the attached flier (in Snap!) to get more information.
- 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](#).
- Online shopping through Amazon's charitable giving site Amazon Smile gets you what you need, while Amazon gives back to our school. Make sure you log in to [smile.amazon.com](#) and choose Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization as your designated charity and watch the donations add up!
- 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, January 16:** No school for students or staff (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- **Tuesday, January 17:** Local School Council meeting, 5:30 (Library and virtual)
- **Monday, January 23:** First day of Solomon Winter Session for after-school (OST) programming
- **Thursday, January 26:** Solomon 8th Grade Graduation Photos
- **Friday, February 3:** No School for students (Professional Development Day)