

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## January 30, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

Join us for our new annual tradition, Game Night, this coming Thursday evening (February 2) at Solomon. Students in grades PK through 5th are encouraged to bring a board game or a card game to play with friends. Our Student Ambassadors in grades 6-8 will also bring some games to play with the younger students. All students in grades Pre-K through 5th must be accompanied by a parent. For more information on the Student Ambassadors, please read below.

Doors will open at 5:30pm, and we will wrap up by 7pm. There is no school for students on Friday, so this is a great way to come together at the end of the week and build community. There is no fee for this event. Please keep those technology based games at home—we are going old school this evening!

As a reminder, there is no school on Friday, February 3, due to a Professional Development day for our staff.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- In this week's pictures on Snap!, check out our after school Lego Club in action, a visiting artist working with our students in Mandarin to create lanterns for the Chinese New Year, and Alderman Nugent stopping by to drop off a shiny new sawhorse for our parking lot.
- On February 6 at 4pm, we are hosting a community meeting in our lobby to discuss the mural project at Solomon and solicit feedback on which artist to work with. This mural project is a result of the 2021 39th Ward Participatory Budget. The location of the finished project will be on the brick wall outside of Door #3, facing our playground. A copy of Chicago Public Art Catalog that lists the available projects and their prior work can be found [here](#). We are soliciting feedback from our community on which artists we would like to work with for this project. Please complete review the Chicago Public Art Catalog and complete [this survey](#) to have your voice heard. Please respond no later than Monday, February 6, at noon so that we can discuss the results at that night's meeting.
- The week of February 13 Solomon will be hosting vision and hearing screenings for students. Please review [this document](#) to see who is eligible.
- After-school programming for our Winter Session continues this week. In addition to our Solomon staff-led programming, we will be bringing back the YMCA Art Club on Tuesdays, starting on February 7 and wrapping up March 7. For information on how to sign up for this fee-based program that we host in our student lunchroom, please click [here](#).
- Calling all 6th and 7th grade student leaders! Solomon is accepting applications for any 6th and 7th grade student interested in serving as a student representative on our Local School Council for a one-year term. Applications are due to the main office by Friday, February 3. We will hold our student candidate form the week of February 6, and the election will be held on Friday, February 10. For more information about the position, please click [here](#). To print a copy of the application packet, click [here](#). Application packets are also available in our main office. Please reach out to Principal Gamble with any questions.
- We are also looking for Student Ambassadors in grades 6-8 who will assist with our Game Night this coming Thursday. Interested students should complete this [form](#). Students selected will be notified by Principal Gamble and will turn in a permission slip prior to the event. Another great leadership opportunity for our upper grade students!
- 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](#).
- Our next event we sponsor is the annual Game Night on Thursday, February 2 from 5:30-7:00. The free event is an evening for parents and students in grades PK-5 to join us in our gymnasium for an evening of board and card games. You can bring your own game, or you can play games that the school has. Principal Gamble will work with a small number of 6th-8th grade students to serve as student ambassadors during the event, and he will visit classrooms this week to solicit some volunteers.
- 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](http://solomon.cps.edu). You can also view our year-long calendar of community events [here](#).

A few of the important upcoming dates:

- **Thursday, February 2:** Game Night, 5:30 (gymnasium)
- **Friday, February 3:** No School for students (Professional Development Day)
- **Monday, February 6:** Solomon Mural Community meeting, 4:00 (lobby)
- **Wednesday, February 8:** Friends of Solomon School PTO meeting, 6:00 (lobby or virtual)
- **Friday, February 10:** Week 25 Progress Reports go home