

Solomon Principal Newsletter

May 29, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

Thank you to all our staff and volunteers that made last week's event so memorable for our students--Field Day, the 8th grade class trip, the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage performance and fashion show, the field trip to North Park, and more. I've attached a few pictures from this week's fun in Snap! app.

This week the fun continues, with International Night (6pm on Friday), 8th grade graduation (10am on Friday), and a few more community events. Please check out our calendar below (and at solomon.cps.edu/calendar.html) to get those details.

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, May 29, due to the observance of Memorial Day. Let us remember the heroes who courageously gave their lives in service to our country.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- As shared in a previous newsletter, our 7th graders shared their civics project with students and staff in the Solomon Civics Fair. To learn more about the Navajo Water Project, you can click [here](#). The student project, along with information about where you can donate to support the project, can be found [here](#). Kudos to our 7th graders and Ms. Liu for their inspiring work!
- This Wednesday, Dr. Wendy Borlabi, Director of Mental Performance and Health for the Chicago Bulls, will be speaking with our students in 5th-8th grades about mental health, as we wrap up Mental Health Awareness Month at Solomon. For more information about the presentation, please click [here](#).
- From our FOSSPTO: The Friends of Solomon School is excited to share that we're continuing our fundraising efforts this year with our annual school supply sale. If you would like to support our school and avoid the hassle of shopping for school supplies over the summer, please use the link or QR code provided to place your orders online. The school supplies in these sets have been selected by the teachers and school administration and will provide everything your child will need for the 2023/2024 school year. **You have until June 9th** to place your order, and the school supplies will be delivered directly to your home by early August. Ordering school supplies through our online shop is not mandatory, but utilizing this service helps the PTO sponsor events like Fall Fest. Order Online at www.shopltkits.com, and use Account # 40823."
- The date for our Kindergarten Connection for incoming Kindergarten families is this Wednesday, May 31, from 9:15-10:00. We look forward to welcoming the parents and students of the Class of 2032! Please see [our flier](#) for more information.
- Additionally, our next [Tot Time](#) for new and prospective Pre-K families in room 108 will be June 1 from 4:30-5:30.
- Our main office is open daily for registration between 9:30-3:30 each day through June 9, and our summer registration hours will be released shortly.
- As I shared last week, I am happy to announce that the YMCA of Chicago will be providing both before-school and after-school childcare for Solomon students in the 2023-2024 school year. To register for next year's programming, please follow the directions in [this link](#). This past year our morning program did fill up to capacity, and there was a waitlist, so I recommend registering sooner rather than later if you are going to require that programming. We will supplement this fee-based program with some Solomon-staffed options, starting in September or October, as well.
- The Albany Park branch (3401 W. Foster) of the Chicago Public Library is asking all children to take part in our [summer program](#). Kids can sign up at their local library or online starting June 10. When they come into the library, they will get an Explorer's Guide with activities for them to do and a log to keep track of their reading. We will also be giving out Grab and Go kits for them to do some art projects at home. All kids who complete 500 minutes, Do 5 activities, and reflect on them will earn a t-shirt (while supplies last).

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (FOSSPTO)

- 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

- [Sign-up information](#) for our 2023-2024 before- and after-school programming with YMCA of Chicago.
- Our Solomon [school organization chart](#), which has the contact information for all of our teachers and staff.
- 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:

- June 2: 8th Grade graduation, 10:00 (turf—weather permitting)
- June 2: Solomon International Night, 6:00-8:00
- June 7: Final day of school for students
- June 12: Summer hours at Solomon begin, through August 9, 2023