

Solomon Principal Newsletter

November 14, 2022

Dear Solomon Family--

We have a busy week ahead of us: Veterans Celebration Day, Solomon Alumni Panel, Scholastic Book Fair, Picture Retake Day, Local School Council meeting, and more. Get all the information you need below.

As a reminder, there is no school for students the week of November 21. I will send a brief update next weekend to remind everyone about Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 21, but this will be the last full newsletter until November 28.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

In the school pictures shared in Snap!, you'll see our 8th graders visiting Mather High School, our Leaves of Love initiative started by our Student Voice Committee, and student work reflecting on the lessons of Red Ribbon Week.

With the weather getting colder and to expedite getting students into the building in the morning, we will be closing all entry doors (3, 5, 6) at 9:05am. If students arrive after 9:05, please enter the building through Door #1 (our main entrance on Hamlin).

Solomon sent all 1st Quarter Report Cards home with students on Friday, November 11. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 21, between 9am-12:00 and 12:45-4:00. Parents and guardians have the option of in-person or virtual conferences. For more information about our conferences, please click [here](#).

We are hosting our next Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 14-18. For more information about the virtual catalog and the e-wallet feature, please click [here](#).

Annie Jr. musical tryouts will be Monday, November 14, from 4-5:30pm in our gymnasium.

Our monthly Local School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, at 5:30. At this meeting we will hold our annual State of the School address. For the agenda and link to the meeting, please click [here](#).

To participate in our annual [Veterans Celebration Day](#) on Wednesday, November 16, please see this note from Mrs. Reis:

- *It is that time of the year again where we are organizing our beautiful celebration for our veterans. We would like to ask the following from you: Please send me a list of any names of personal veterans from our military that you may know (living or deceased) to be honored. Please send it to my email. Please send me their full name and rank and force (Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy, National Guard, etc). Please include a picture if you can! Digital is best! If you have family members who have served or are serving in our military, please send this information to Mrs. Reis at amreis@cps.edu. Thank you for your support, Ann Reis*

We are excited to host a Solomon alumni panel on Wednesday, November 16, at 6pm. Solomon graduates who attend a variety of different high schools (selective enrollment, charter, IB, neighborhood, private) will speak with our current 7th and 8th grade students about their experiences, as our 8th graders finalize their GoCPS applications before the December 2 deadline. All members of the Solomon community are welcome to join us as well.

Any student that wants a re-take or missed our first picture day, our scheduled retake day is Thursday, November 16. For more information about ordering, please click [here](#).

We are going to be [hosting 3 vaccination events at Solomon](#) this winter, the first one being on Parent-Teacher

Conference Day, November 21, from 9am-12pm. For more information on the vaccines available, please click [here](#). You can make an appointment at that link, or you can sign up for another vaccination event at a more convenient time. Walk-ins are also welcome. Our other vaccination dates are December 12 and February 6, 2023.

We are soliciting parent interest and ideas for a new Solomon holiday event, Solomon WinterFest, on Wednesday, December 21, from 5:30-7pm. To learn more about how you can participate and share ideas about this event, please click [here](#).

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](#).

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (FOSSPTO)

We are hosting the Solomon Holiday Shop on December 6-8, and we are looking for crafters to sell their items. If you are interested, please complete [this survey](#). If you are available to volunteer for the event, please sign up [here](#). All volunteers will need to have completed their Level 2 Volunteer application (see below).

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, November 14 to Friday, November 18:** Solomon Scholastic Book Fair
- **Tuesday, November 15:** Local School Council, 5:30 (virtual/library)
- **Wednesday, November 16:** Veterans Celebration Day
- **Thursday, November 17:** Picture Day Retakes
- **Monday, November 21:** Parent-Teacher Conferences