

Solomon Principal Newsletter

November 28, 2022

Dear Solomon Family--

I hope that everyone had a restful and restorative holiday. We are grateful for your partnership last Monday during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you haven't had the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher yet, please use this [organizational chart](#) to find the contact information for their homeroom teacher and then reach out to schedule a time to conference.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

We are in need of a few parents or community members to assist us with judging upper grade Science Fair projects this coming Thursday, December 1, from 9:15-11:15. If you are interested and available, please contact Principal Gamble at crgamble@cps.edu or 773-534-5226 to volunteer. Thank you!

Week 15 Progress Reports will go home with students this Friday, December 2.

As a reminder, the [GoCPS](#) application closes this Friday, December 2, at 5pm. Pre-Kindergarten families that live outside of our attendance boundary must apply through GoCPS to be eligible for a seat in our Kindergarten classroom.

An ask from our Nurse Nancy: We currently have 38 families that have not submitted their vaccination information or current physicals. We kindly request that you turn those into the main office as soon as possible. You can also mail the forms directly to her at nglevin@cps.edu. Thank you!

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).

We are going to be [hosting 3 vaccination events at Solomon](#) this winter. If you missed our first one on November 21, you can still attend vaccination dates on December 12 and/or February 6. For more information on the vaccines available, please click [here](#). You can make an appointment at that link, and walk-ins are also welcome.

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 volunteers. 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:

- **Friday, December 2:** 15 Week Progress Reports are sent home
- **Tuesday, December 6, through Thursday, December 8:** Friends of Solomon School PTO Holiday Shop
- **Thursday, December 8:** Friends of Solomon School PTO meeting, 6pm (lobby or virtual)
- **Tuesday, December 13:** Local School Council meeting, 5:30 (library or virtual)