

THE SOULARD SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL ...

Last year we celebrated the **Roots to Bloom** transformation of The Soulard School community. During a bundling session for that year's annual auction, **Patsy King** shared a great quote with me. She knew it from memory, but I asked her to write it down. "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea." (Antoine De Saint-Exupery) I kept that small yellow piece of paper on my desk and used it to properly spell the author's name when I copied it to the foyer blackboard on the first day of school this year. At that time, **Jay Gibbs** was hard at work designing and building "Adventure Ship II" for our outdoor classroom. I copied the quote again for the Open House several months later. In December, the launch of our first Annual Giving campaign drew on the analogy. Fittingly, the Soulard Soiree is continuing and completing the year with a grand nautical celebration. When we refer to the Annual Campaign and the Soiree, we have often talked about raising the sails. It may be more accurate to refer to those endeavors - which supplement the school's operating budget so that it can support our sliding scale tuition system - as a means to buy the material and construct the sails. **Money builds a boat, but it can't sail it.**

Have you ever watched a sailing race, or one of those powerful sailing movies? Sailing is not about a big sail full of wind cutting through the blue ocean water. It is about the crew's timing and teamwork required to manage the force of the wind in the sails; adjusting the rigging, rudder, and dagger or centerboard. There is a great deal of responsibility and intensity in those continuous adjustments. It is about harnessing energy and honing experience. There are in essence two sails on a sailing vessel: one capturing the aerodynamic force of the wind in the sail, and the centerboard or hull itself utilizing the hydrodynamic force below the water surface. Sailing requires crews to effectively manage both. In the same manner, **the Parent Association and the administrators work together on our ship.** This year's officers: **Patsy King, Lenny Jones, Beth Hyser, Rhonda Holt, Shannon Chance, Erin Quick, Mary Waskow, and Doug Rasmussen** have been steadfast and dedicated sailors. On behalf of the administration, we offer a sincere and humble thank you.

Throughout human history sailing has been instrumental in the development of civilization. Like history's great adventurers, three of the Parent Association officers have *been at sea* for many years now; Patsy, Beth and Rhonda. They have been instrumental in the development of our community. I share their enthusiasm **looking forward to next year's crew of officers** and deeply thank them for inspiring others to "yearn for the vast and endless sea."

- Kelly Bock

THE RESULTS ARE IN!



PARENT ASSOC. ELECTIONS | Thank you to everyone who attended last week's meeting to elect **new officers for the 2008-09 Parent Association.** And, particular thanks to our new Officers. They are:

Lenny Jones – President
Greg Redmond – VP/President-Elect
Shannon Chance – Homeroom Support Co-Chair (EE)
Amy de la Hunt – Homeroom Support Co-Chair (EC)
Diane Keaggy – FUNraising Liaison
Mary Waskow – Community Outreach Coordinator
Kristin Reeder – Secretary
Rebecca Schmitz – Treasurer
Patsy King – Past President

To The Soulard School Parents,

The Soulard School is beginning a capital campaign that will help support the school financially with funds from sources outside of the current school community. One of the **critical measures that donors use to determine if they will give to an organization is the percentage of members of who make contributions to their OWN ORGANIZATION.** In the case of Soulard School, that is the number of parents who give to the annual fund.

Kelly Bock has and will continue to focus much of her time on this endeavor. In order to support these efforts, **please give to the Annual Fund.** A five or ten dollar gift is important as it increases the overall percentage of families giving to the School and increases the effectiveness of the capital campaign.

Thank you,
Brent Waskow
Soulard School Board President

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Soulard School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Soulard School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



LANDSCAPING NEWS | On February 28, parents and teachers met to discuss plans for the Soulard Children's Garden. Thank you to all who attended for your exciting ideas! Some ideas were complex (Jay's tree house plan) and others simple (Katie's washable paint and traffic signs) – all were invaluable! Keep your eyes open for some great changes. The main feature this spring will be an **improved "dirt dig" area**. The area will feature an **arbor** (to provide shade and support vining plants) and **sitting area** complete with drop down table.

Other garden news: **Thank you to Forest ReLeaf** who donated two trees to the school yard and **Gateway Greening** who awarded the school several garden tools, hose reel, and both adult and kid-sized wheelbarrows. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming: We will have **2 garden work days** before the end of school--look for dates in the Friday Notes. If you have questions, please contact Kristine Mothershead (lennykristine@yahoo.com or 865-1253).

TEACHING PEACE PARADE | has been rescheduled! The new date for the parade is **April 22nd**, Earth Day. We will leave the school around 9:30 to make our way to Pontiac Park and at the end, stop for a **snack in the park**. Families, friends and neighbors are welcome to join in spreading our message of peace and respect for others and our Earth.



ART & GARDEN FESTIVAL | Our end of the year celebration will be **Saturday May 31st**. What to expect...**BBQ, Games, Art and Performances**. The **Pre-K classes** will put on performances and their priceless artwork will be on sale. The **Elementary students** will have portfolios to show what they have learned and experienced this year.

Photograph taken by Jacob S., of Jacob S., during studio class with our photography project

Camp SOULARD

Summer Fun in the City

CAMP SOULARD | Calling All Campers! Plans are being finalized, and a brochure is in the works for Camp Soulard 2008. We will send a brochure home with elementary students in the next two or three weeks, but here again are dates and themes for each week. If you're ready to sign-up, email or talk with Teresa. Also, feel free to pass along information to friends and family outside the school community. There will be a stack of brochures at the McGurks Room door once they are printed.

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| May 27 -30 | Get in the Game <i>(creating a life-size board game and playing our favs)</i> |
| June 2-13 | On Stage <i>(creating and performing a play)</i> |
| June 16-20 | Run, Jump, Kick! <i>(a sports camp)</i> |
| August 4-15 | Feel the Beat <i>(rhythm, percussion and dance with performance)</i> |
| August 18-22 | Cirque du Soulard <i>(circus practice and performance)</i> |
| August 25-29 | Art Smart <i>(drawing and painting, sculpting and creating!)</i> |

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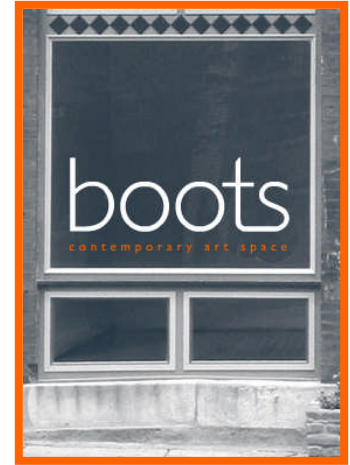
What in the World is a Sign-Up Party?

These are unique experiences that families and friends of the school have donated. Each event has a **set date**, a **set price** and a **limited number of spaces**. At the auction, there will be boards set up with fuller descriptions and places to sign up. There are some really fun opportunities for kids and grown-ups alike.

- ◉ **Irish Whiskey Tasting** hosted by the inimitable Lucky of McGurk's
- ◉ **Pool-a-palooza** swim party hosted by Kate & Miles (Subjunctive Friends)
- ◉ **Röbller Vineyard Winery Tour** with the Owner followed by wine tasting and French Country lunch
- ◉ **High Tea** for Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and their lucky girls
- ◉ **Private Tour of The Contemporary** with the Director and wine & cheese reception
- ◉ **Stables Tour/Picnic/Hike** for the over 7yr. crowd
- ◉ **(GrownUp) Girls Night Out** – Jumping @ the SkyZone followed by dinner & drinks @ McGurk's Public House
- ◉ **Tumbling Party** for the under 4yr. set hosted by Kelly & Sarah
- ◉ **Schlaflly Bottleworks Tour**
- ◉ **Fitting Party at Daisy Clover Boutique**

STUDENT ART SHOW | Our 2nd Annual Student Art Show has its opening night **Wednesday April 30**. The show will remain up over the weekend for friends and family to see. There will be an **opening reception Wednesday night** for all the families. **Dinner and drinks included** like last year.

Every Elementary student will have work displayed, so **everyone needs to come see!** More information to come but plan on a night out April 30th.



Artist in Residence, Cbabi Bayoc, during his first visit with the Mosaic class. The work created under Cbabi's guidance will be on display at the Kids Art Show at Boots.

April is Poetry Month



Check out the hallways and classrooms this month for some wonderful poetry the students are reading and writing. The **Thrive and Mosaic classes will have a guest poet** for three hour-long workshops during the second and third weeks of April. Many **thanks to Sharon and Clyde Jones**, grandparents of **Sasha Mothershead** in the Thrive room for sponsoring this visiting poet from The Poetry Center. **Kristine Mothershead**, mom of Sasha, has been working on making a magnetic poetry wall on the door in the hallway between the girls' restroom and the sink. Try this at home on your refrigerator! To get your creative juices flowing, here's a Haiku poem written by **Jackson Gibbs**, Thrive room.

I was the person
who lived in water and flowed
I was the water

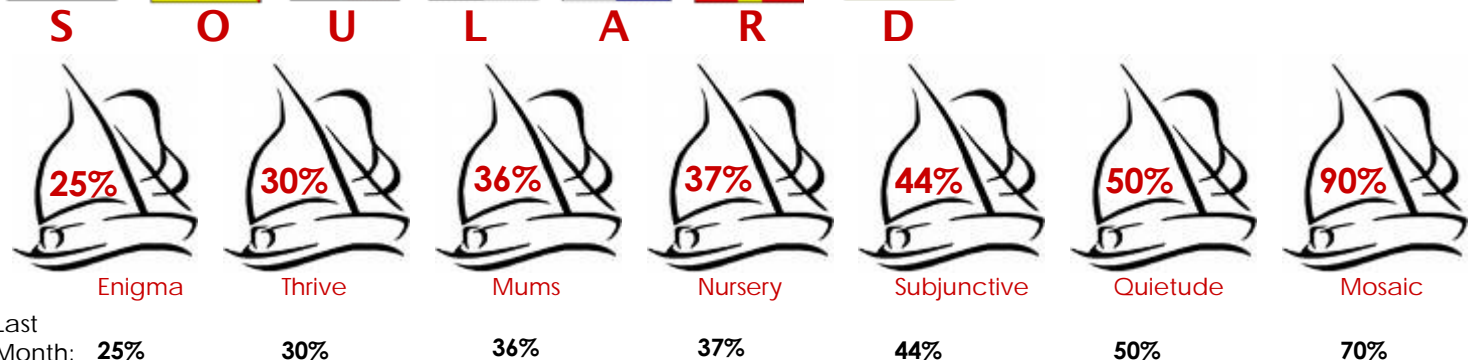
| April | | | EC | EE |
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| Friday, April 11 | 2:30 PM | Student Assembly | | ○ |
| Saturday, April 19 | TBA | Soulard Soiree - 4 th Annual Spring Auction | ○ | ○ |
| * Tuesday, April 22 | 9:30 AM | Teaching Peace Parade | ○ | ○ |
| Friday, April 25 | 2:30 PM | Student Assembly – EE Families Invited | | ○ |
| Monday, April 28 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Officers' Meeting | | |
| * Wednesday, April 30 | Evening | Student Art Show (with dinner) | ○ | ○ |
| May | | | EC | EE |
| Saturday, May 3 | 5:30 – 10:30 PM | Parents' Night Out | ○ | ○ |
| Tuesday, May 6 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM | Monthly Coffee for Parents | ○ | ○ |
| Wednesday, May 7 | TBA | Student Art Show | ○ | ○ |
| Friday, May 9 | * TBA | Assembly – * Strings & Piano Performance | | ○ |
| Friday, May 16 | All Day closed 12:00 – 6:00 PM | School Closed – Records Day (EE) School Closed – Records Day (EC closes @ 12 PM) | ○ | ○ |
| Friday, May 23 | 2:30 PM | Last Day of School – Assembly Party – Elem. Families Invited | ○ | ○ |
| Monday, May 26 | All Day | School Closed – Memorial Day | ○ | |
| * Tue., May 27 – Fri., May 30 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “Get in the Game” | | ○ |
| Saturday, May 31 | TBA | Art & Garden/Picnic & Portfolio | ○ | ○ |
| June | | | EC | EE |
| Monday, June 2 | TBA | Officers' Meeting (with newly elected officers) | | |
| * Mon., June 2 – Fri., June 13 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “On Stage” | | |
| * Mon., June 16 – Fri., June 20 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “Run, Jump, Kick” | | |
| August | | | EC | EE |
| * Mon., Aug. 4 – Fri., Aug. 15 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “Feel the Beat” | | |
| * Mon., Aug. 18 – Fri., Aug. 22 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “Cirque du Soulard” | | |
| * Mon., Aug. 25 – Fri., Aug. 29 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Camp Soulard – “Art Smart” | | |

* **New (or revised) events** are noted with an asterisk.

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ANNUAL GIVING REGATTA



Remember: No dollar amount is too small.

What we need most is 100% participation!

This is a critical piece of information when large donors consider gifts. Also remember that family contributions are applied to all children of the family in the school.