

# THE SOULARD SCHOOL NEWS

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## niki sculpture

There were many amazing Niki sculpture proposals to choose from but after careful consideration from the Pre-k to Mums there was a sculpture selected. The announcement was made at our last assembly of the school year that, with the help of **Sarah and Tim Bliss**, Lily's "Cobra" would become a permanent addition to our yard. **Congratulations Lily!** and Thanks to Sarah & Tim for all the work and planning they are putting in to make it come to life. Sarah will let us know of opportunities to help with the sculpting process but everyone will help as we mosaic the final piece.



Lily K. poses with "Cobra," her winning Niki-inspired sculpture that will be recreated as a larger-than-life permanent outdoor installation.

## 2009-10 classroom teacher roster

**Pre-K:** With a few months under her belt, we welcome back **Sarah Klein**. And from the acclaimed Journey School in Boulder, Colorado (by way of New York,) we welcome **Diana Giattino** to the Midwest.

**Kindergarten:** With charter school experience in Denver and independent school experience in Arizona, we welcome **Lindy Belk** moving home to St. Louis.

**1st Grade:** We are thrilled to have **Brandy Hux** returning to the Enigma Room.

**2nd Grade:** With experience in co-teaching environments, we welcome **Laura Hansen** as our 2nd grade teacher and classroom co-teacher in our 2nd and 3rd grade Mums homeroom.

**3rd Grade:** Partnering with Laura in the Mums homeroom, our veteran **Kerri Fair** will loop with her lucky students into 3rd grade.

**4th-5th Grade:** Like our current Mums, the Mosaics will have the great advantage of a looping teacher as **Nicole Post** continues next year with them.

**5th-6th-Plus:** With her educational focus on middle school math and science, we welcome **Denise Bidwell** to our community.

## administration notes

### Just a Reminder...

If you selected to pay your 09/10 **tuition deposit** via FACTS, it will be processed on your regular monthly date in June. (6/5th or 6/20).

FACTS forms for next year will be available soon. You will get an email notification.

2009/10 **Enrollment Information** packets will be mailed to families on **June 25th**.

## updates & events

### mosaics study owl pellets



Digestion was a topic the Mosaic students were studying in Nutrition class, and questions were asked in the classroom about animals' ability to eat bones. This **inquiry initiated a study of owls and the pellets that are formed from the prey material** (bones, fur, feathers) that is not digestible by the predator (barn owl).

Mosaic students were busy **dissecting their owl pellets** and identifying the bones within. The students were able to use a bone chart to **organize their findings** and discover what animal ended up being dinner.

### “repetition” student art show

The annual art show and strings concert took place at Mad Art on May 13. The event titled, *Repetition*, combined the idea of **repeating and continuation in artwork and music**. This was the first year combining the two events and hosting them at Mad Art instead of the nearby Boots Contemporary Art Gallery. Fortunately, the venue could house a turnout of over 200 people.

The concert was the culmination of violin and piano practice for the year, along with vocal performances from each class. Following the concert, families were allowed to survey the artwork on the walls with complimentary refreshments and desserts in hand. The artwork displayed included: printmaking, stencils, collages, drawings, posters, and animations from the Enigma class. Overall, the night was a smashing success.



### summer reading club @ the library

**Lisa Apple**, head of youth services at the Downtown branch, visited our final assembly to invite all the students to participate in the **Saint Louis**

**Public Library's** summer reading club. **Every child can participate** at their level, from story-books read by parents to teens

reading novels by themselves. **Prizes** are awarded although we are proud of our school of book-lovers who need no convincing that reading is a great way to spend time this summer. The summer reading club **runs from June 1 to August 8** and is just one of the ways the SLPL offers to keep busy this summer. Check out these links for fun at the library; <http://previous.slpl.org/kidzone/kidzone.htm> & <http://www.slpl.org/slpl/library/article240160338.asp>





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*Gabrielle D., excited to share her artwork with her parents (and new baby sister) at the Annual Student Art Show.*

### soulard soiree ... recap

So many families and faculty members worked tirelessly to make the 5th annual Soulard School Soiree and Auction an unprecedented success, but a special someone deserves **extra praise** . . . **Mother Nature**. She waited until Soiree's final moments to unleash a Midwestern monsoon. But by then, some 370 -- yes 370! -- revelers enjoyed a (wide) open bar and plates loaded with lamb, salmon, roasted vegetables, fresh berries and scrumptious brownies. The shopping also could not be beat with lucky buyers snagging a baseball bat signed by Stan the Man, a trip to Niche, stays in Colorado and Arizona and invites to unique sign-up parties, including a rooftop wine taste, girls' trip to SkyZone and an intimate dinner at an urban farm. The event made a whopping **\$40,000** - some \$17,000 more than last year! That money helps to cover the school's operating expenses, keeping the school affordable for our diverse body of students. - **Diane Keaggy**, Soiree Co-Chair

Welcome!

**Ezra Harris**, and congratulations to proud parents **Heath & Erin Harris**, big brother Eli and big sister Audrey.

And an early congratulations to all the Soulard School Summer Babies

### social events committee ... recap

Thanks to everyone who braved the ridiculously bad online directions, the one-lane bridge and the ominous-looking road signs to make it to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge for the Social Event Committee's **bike ride** on April 24. It was a fabulously sunny day, and the two dozen participants all got a hearty dose of fresh air and exercise! The ride was the committee's final event of the '08-09 school year, but as our end-of-year farewell, we've put together a list of local **campground recommendations** from your fellow Soulard School parents. You'll find it on the McGurk's room bulletin board.

### soccer & volleyball registration

If your child is interested in playing Soccer or Volleyball in the fall, please **fill out a registration form**.

Soccer is available for kids entering Kindergarten and Volleyball is available in Grades 3-8.

Please respond by **June 3rd** in one of the following manners:

\* Return the registration form (available on the information board by the driveway door) to the proper envelope.

\* Contact **Mark Panzeri** via email [markpanzeri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markpanzeri@sbcglobal.net) or call (see buzzbook).

## updates & events

### supporting the neighborhood

**PASTE** ... a new craft shop opening in the Soulard Fine Arts Building on Russell. On their **grand opening weekend, June 26**, they will be have several demonstrations and creative experiences for people to take part in. Not only will there be fun for families but owner, Katie Shanahan is **donating 25% of the proceeds** from the weekend to The Soulard School. We will send out a reminder email with more information but make sure you mark your calendar to come by and **shop for some great summer crafts supplies**.

### garden update

Our **May garden day** was a great success. Those who showed up were ready for the task at hand. We had **MANY** donated plants (I'm talking 3+ carloads) from Gateway Greening and **Sheena & Dan Koester**. Our crew worked hard and fast and I'm amazed to say that we planted almost everything that afternoon. In addition, the pond got another cleanup and Canna bulbs were planted along the school fence. Did you notice the **new teepee?** Soon pole beans and hummingbird vines will grow up the netting to make a great escape from the heat this summer. Our hard workers included **Amy Corey, Shannon Chance, Angela Cooper, Katie Mack, Jamie Stinson, Jim Barnes & Teresa Mulvihill**. We also had help from Soulard students begging to use a trowel.

I want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped in the yard this year. We had good conversations and great gardening. For me, the best part was getting to know new parents at the school. Don't forget – even though school is out, the weeds still grow and the plants still get thirsty. If you can

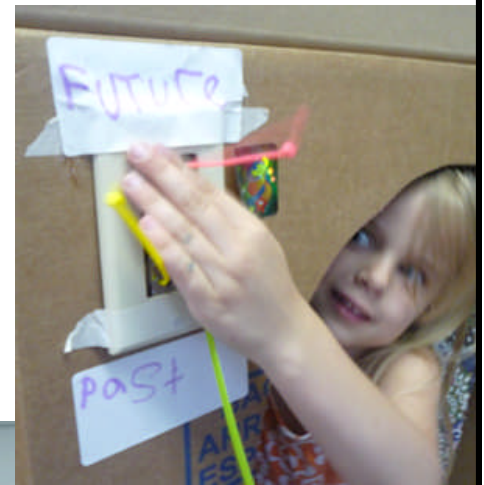
**help this summer** send me an e-mail:

[lennykristine@yahoo.com](mailto:lennykristine@yahoo.com).

**-Kristine Mothershead**

### the time machine

Having spread our web of the year into a timeline, we've begun drawing pictures of **favorite things we've done this year**. It was rather encouraging to find that the children had more exact recall of the order of things than did the teachers a few times. These pictures will **allow us to journey through time**. We really can't say more than that, or I'll be committing a security breach. Our Time Machine already has quite a groovy door, not to mention a working switch for both the Past and the Future...but the **inner workings will have to remain a trade secret**.



*Michael F. works with Quietuders to build the Time Machine. while Astrid B. demonstrates the proper use of the Past/Future switch.*



# THE SOULARD SCHOOL

## 2009/10 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2009

21	F		Welcome/Welcome Back BBQ
28	F	10:00 – 10:30 AM	Meet & Greet Your Teacher
28-29	SA/SU		Festival of Nations

### SEPTEMBER

2	W		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School
4	F		Ride Your Bike to School
7	M		School Closed – Labor Day
10	TH	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Volunteer Rally
14	M		Breakfast with Grandparents
22	TU	7:00 – 8:30 PM	Parent Orientation/Curriculum Night

### OCTOBER

6	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
9	F		School Closed – Professional Development Day

### NOVEMBER

2	M		Annual Giving Kick-Off
3	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
13	F		School Closed – Records Day
20	F		Feast of Thanks
			End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
26-27	TH/F		School Closed – Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

1	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
18	F		Holiday Strings Concert
21 – Jan 1	M-F (2 weeks)		School Closed – Winter Break

### JANUARY 2010

5	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
6	W		Work Night
13	W		State of the School Meeting
15	F		School Closed – Professional Development Day
16	SA		Trivia Night
18	M		School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
23	SA		Open House

### FEBRUARY

2	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
13-14	SA/SU		Mardi Gras
15	M		School Closed – President's Day
28	F		School Closed – Records Day

### MARCH

2	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
12	F		End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester
15-19	M-F		School Closed – Spring Break

### APRIL

2	F		School Closed – Professional Development Day
6	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
22	TH		Teaching Peace Parade

### MAY

tba			Soulard Soiree
4	TU		First Tuesday Coffee
14	F		School Closed – Records Day
28	F		Last Day of School

\* New (or revised) events added to the calendar each month are noted with an asterisk.  
Last updated 5/28/09.

## Race for a Child

5K Run/Walk  
& 5K Competitive Walk  
& 1/2 Mile Kid's Run

### Saturday, August 29th

Join our Boy's Club friends for  
some good exercise and a  
great cause!



*James W. and fellow violinists perform for the crowd at the Student Art Show.*

### 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.