

THE SOULARD SCHOOL NEWS

December, 2010
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annual giving

December is the last month in our Annual Giving Campaign. This effort is VITAL to our school's success. Tuition fees cover only 70% of our annual operating budget. The remaining 30% comes from endowments and gifts – including gifts from you. Annual giving can affect our shortfall in two ways: as a direct contribution and as a measure used by foundations, grant underwriters, and benefactors.

As a direct contribution, the annual giving fund can help maintain reasonable tuition rates. Our actual cost per student is \$9,540. Maximum tuition rates are far less. All students, whether or not they are on the sliding scale, benefit from annual gifts. Furthermore, unlike tuition fees, annual giving contributions are 100% tax deductible.

Additionally, the percent of families that contribute to annual giving is used as a measure by foundations, grant underwriters, and benefactors in determining their level of charitable contribution. Before an individual and/or group contributes, they seriously weigh the commitment within an organization before they contribute from outside.

When we are able to boast 100% participation from our families, it sends a clear message of our community's commitment.

- Kelly Bock, Head of School

THANK YOU to all the families that have already contributed:

Bock	Gibbs	Moomey
Caramane	Keaggy	Mothershead/Jones
Clements/Gavril	King (Matt & Erin)	Nea
DeLaHunt	King/Sherman	Schober
Dunn/Johnston	Kitipitayangkul	White



Guests begin to arrive at Gene Slay's Boys Club for the Feast of Thanks.

trivia night

Are you smarter than a Soulard School student?

Find out at the annual Trivia Night, one of the year's best parties. We are working on some very fun and exciting categories and not one of them will demand knowledge of advanced calculus or obtuse historical dates. Beer and wine are included and pizzas from Joanie's may be pre-ordered. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Registration packets coming home soon so you can easily organize a neighborhood or office team.

Where: Mad Art Gallery, 2727 S. 12th Street

How much: \$250 for a table of ten

More info: Contact Sarah Christman, sarah.christman@soulardschool.org

Saturday, February 5

doors open @ 6:00 PM, questions start @ 7:00 PM

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parent association open meeting

Come be part of the action!

Babysitting, drinks and snacks will be provided beginning at 6:30PM in the McGurk's Room. The meeting will start at 7:00.

On the agenda ... evaluating funding requests and discussing upcoming events such as Annual Giving, Holiday Gift Bags for staff, Trivia Night, and Open House. We'll also have time for parent questions and a discussion of how the PA can better work with parents to support the school.

Deadline to RSVP to info@soulardschool.org for babysitting is Wednesday, December 8th.

Friday, December 10

refreshments @ 6:30 PM, meeting @ 7:00 PM |

happenings



Maxine, Kate & Luke present their play & poem about the First Thanksgiving

strings notes

Orchestra- The purpose of the orchestra is to give students an opportunity to **perform in a large ensemble, and learn about the audition process.** These are crucial skills to have when a student continues to study music in middle school and beyond. The audition process will consist of the student learning several short excerpts that present various technique issues. **The students' practice history and class participation are also considered.** Students in the orchestra will also have additional opportunities to perform outside of school. In the spring they will be joining my band, Trigger 5, for another show.

Concert songs— the Alchemy and Mosaic classes have been working on the more complex aspects of performing. The Alchemy class has been focusing on controlling the dynamic level (volume) during a song. The Mosaic class has also been working on adjusting tempo (speed), phrasing, and articulations.

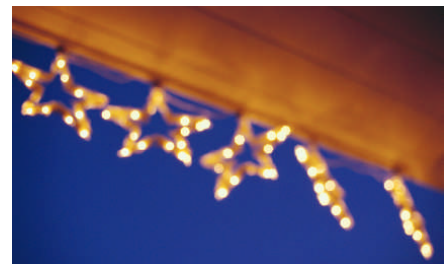
alchemy notes

The Feast of Thanks marked a wonderful ending to our study of the First Thanksgiving. The students of the **Alchemy room presented an accurate and thoughtful time line and poem** during the start of the feast to share their **knowledge of this celebrated historical story** using their newly acquired **pantomime skills** learned from the Metro Theater Company.



The Alchemists, with Liam in the lead as the First Settler, take a bow.

shhhhhh.....



Holiday Appreciation Gift Project

A letter is going home today to families from the Parent Association regarding the annual Holiday Appreciation Gift Project. This is a special way that our community recognizes ALL the staff during this season of thanks and giving. Please participate however you're able. And let us know if you have questions.

- Anne Nea & Patsy King

book fair — thank you!

THANK YOU! to all the volunteers who helped make Book Fair a success. Watch next month's newsletter for details on how it helped grow our classroom & school libraries.

more happenings

winter concert

At Trinity Lutheran Church

(Please **RSVP for extended family** only- so we make sure we have chairs!)

This year the **Mosaic class** will be offering **baked goods for sale** (to take home). There will be no formal desserts following the concert this year. Mosaic students are raising money for their trip to Jefferson City this spring.

Thursday, **December 16**

concert @ 6:30PM, K+ arrive by 6:00PM, Pre-K arrive by 6:15PM



*Good food, good friends, good conversation ...
we are **THANKFUL!***

open house

The Annual Soulard School Open House
will be Saturday, January 22nd from 1:00— 4:00 PM

This is our opportunity to **share our school with the larger community**. **Parents and students serve as ambassadors** to show guests around and answer questions. Please **plan to be available to help with the event** that day and/or to prepare for the event on our work nights. There are many ways to be a part of this event, from bringing in refreshments to helping clean the school, so keep an eye out for sign-up sheets and more information.

*With so many
delicious op-
tions at the
Feast of
Thanks, Enzo
really has to
concentrate.*

Work Nights: Wednesday, **January 5**
5:00—8:00 PM (come anytime)

Thursday, **January 20**
5:00—8:00 PM (come anytime)

Open House: Saturday, **January 22**
1:00—4:00 PM

food drive & aftercare notes

We've been busy in the kitchen lately in after-care. As a group we've been baking pretzels, mixing homemade play dough, and making chicken noodle soup. Our older students have shown an interest in Japanese cooking and **Sarah B. and Quinn H. made Japanese rice balls for everyone** to try and even the finickiest eaters enjoyed them and asked for seconds. Our next project will be to make vegetable noodle soup so our vegetarian friends can participate more fully.

All this sharing and eating has sparked an important conversation. We have been talking about how lucky we are and how cool it is that we are able to give back to our community. The proximity of the food drive barrels to our tables are a great reminder that we can help others by donating food. We are talking as a group about ways to help the food drive and contribute together. We also want to encourage others to give and support other families in need. **Don't forget we are collecting for Operation Food Search.** If you haven't already,

please bring Food Drive donations by December 15th.

2010/11 calendar

note: school is **CLOSED** on Monday, December 20—Friday, December 31 for Winter Break

December

7	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee, hosted by Alchemy
* 10	F	6:30 pm	Parent Assoc. Open Meeting
16	Th	6:30pm	Winter Concert (students arrive early)
20-31	M-F		School Closed- Winter Break

January 2011

4	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee
* 5	W	5-8 pm	Work Night #1 for Open House
13	Th	7-8pm	State Of The School
14	F		School Closed- Prof. Development
17	M		School Closed- MLK Jr. Day
* 20	Th	5-8 pm	Work Night #2 for Open House
22	Sa	1-4pm	Open House
31	M	2:30pm	Assembly: Birthday Book

February

1	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee
5	Sa	6:00 pm	Trivia Night @ Mad Art
18	F		School Closed- Records Day
21	M		School Closed- President's Day
28	M	2:30pm	Assembly: Birthday Book

* event added/changed this month + mandatory attendance

culinary arts recipe

Black Bean and Sweet Potato Chili

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, and chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded, and chopped
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, diced
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced (about 2 tablespoons)
- 2 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable or chicken broth
- 3 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained

Garnishes: chopped fresh cilantro, green onion slices, sour cream

Preparation

Heat oil in a heavy large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat; add onion. Reduce heat to medium, and cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 to 15 minutes or until tender. Add bell peppers and sweet potato; cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, and cook about 1 minute. Add chili powder and next 5 ingredients; stir and cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes and broth. Simmer, uncovered, about 30 minutes. Stir in beans, and continue to cook 10 minutes. Garnish, if desired.

March

1	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee
5	Sa		Mardi Gras
8-10	Tu-Th		Conferences: Parent, Teacher (& Student K+) End 2nd Trimester
11	F		School Closed- Spring Break
14-18	M-F		School Closed- Spring Break
28	M	2:30pm	Assembly: Birthday Book

April

1	F		School Closed- Prof. Development
5	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee
22	F	10:30am	Teaching Peace Parade
25	M	2:30pm	Assembly: Birthday Book

May

3	Tu	8:30am	Parent Coffee
tba	Sa		Soulard Soiree
13	F		School Closed- Records Day
23	M	2:30pm	Assembly: Birthday Book
25	W	6-8pm	Student Art Show & Concert
27	F		Last Day: Field Day & Portfolios



Paul Krautman, or "Farmer Paul" as Soulard School friends know him, enjoys the Feast of Thanks offerings. This time it's OUR turn to share the bounty.