

February 2009

DSIS Homeschool Information Calendar of Events

Feb 9th - School closed in observation of Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 10th - Celebrate the 100th day of school

Feb 12th - Talent Show and Valentine Exchange

10:00 - Deliver Valentine mail in post office

10:30 - Valentine Talent Show

11:30 - Open mail and visit



Please bring a cardboard box to make your Valentine mailbox to your DSIS teacher.

Please come share a talent or be a part of the audience for this exciting, annual event. In past talent shows we have enjoyed a huge variety of talents: juggling, magic tricks, singing, playing an instrument, reciting a poem, putting on a skit with friends, demonstrating a sports skill such as basketball or gymnastics, dancing, sharing a joke, and more.

We will also have a Valentine Post Office set up before the show so that we can deliver Valentines. We ask that if you will be making Valentines, please include everyone in your group. A list of students who will have a Valentine mailbox will be available in February. Please sign-up in the lobby of our north wing if you are planning an act for the Talent Show program and/or bringing treats for the event.

Feb 16th - School closed in observation of Presidents Day

Feb 17th - Positive School Climate/Site Council Meeting 5:00-6:30

All are welcome! Please come share thoughts on how our school can be the best it can be.

Feb 18th - Field Trip to Arboretum with Donna Billick

In preparation for our DSIS mosaic project, we will visit the UCD Arboretum with Donna and view mosaic art for inspiration. We will learn more about how she works with other artists creating group mosaic projects. Sign up in the lobby of the north wing.

Feb 19th - T-shirt Designs Due for DSIS T-shirt design contest

DSIS students please create a design for a new DSIS T-shirt. If possible limit the number of colors you use in order to keep our printing cost down. The Leadership class and Amy will collect the designs and put them up in the DSIS main office for voting from February 23-27th. People who might like to buy a shirt may vote on a favorite. The winning shirt will be printed and available for purchase at cost. Please turn in designs to Amy's office or her DSIS mailbox in the main DSIS office by February 19th. T-shirt order forms will be available in March. Thanks!

March 3rd - 4th - STAR writing with 4th and 7th grade students

March 5th - Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration

Mark your calendars and come to celebrate a morning of reading. More details will follow.

March 12th - DSIS Open House/ Science Fair / 9th Grade Geography Fair - 6-7:00
Please mark your calendar for this fun event. Information about participating in the science fair is available either in your mailbox or from your teacher. You can talk to Amy or your DSIS teacher if you have any questions. Students, please sign up in the lobby of the north wing or the DSIS main office if you plan on participating in this event.

Announcements

Thank you - for Bringing in S.T.E.A.C. donations and Helping with Craft Day

We had a car full of boxes of food and toiletries! STEAC was very appreciative of our donations. Craft Day was a tremendous success thanks to our MANY volunteers and help from Leadership class. Thank you SO much for all your help!

Spring '09 Master Agreements

Please be sure you have turned in a signed second semester master agreement if you have not yet done so. They were due by January 26th, the first day of the new semester, at the very latest. State law requires that a new agreement be signed for every semester that a student participates in independent study.

Box Tops for Education Fundraiser

We are collecting the box tops for education to raise money for supplies at our school. If you see Box Tops for Education coupons on packages from products your family uses please save them for our school. There is a jar across from Melinda's Desk in the Library where they can be deposited. If you have any questions Eleanor is organizing this activity.

Pennies for Peace

Pennies for Peace is an organization started by Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*. He is a climber who is now committed to building schools in villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan. DSIS students are organizing a Pennies for Peace campaign to collect pennies in support of education for children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Every teacher will have a collection box at his or her desk, and there will be one in the main office. Find a penny, clean out your change drawer and help us make a difference in the lives of children. You can visit their website (penniesforpeace.org) for more information.