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12:30pm

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2-3:15pm

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No school
President's Day

2/17

Field volunteers at
Clothing Bank
9:00-3:30
501 W. Central

A Letter from PTA President

The other day I was in one of those heated debates with a group of friends. I forget the exact subject, but you know the types. They usually involve politics, religion or other "hot button" issues. The discussion got to be very rigid in its concept with no gray area. Several people had concluded that for this topic, we all had to be on the same path. This bothered me and I found myself thinking about that for quite some time.

Fortunately, I had an epiphany while holding the door open for our kids at Field sometime after the snow storm. I was watching with great amusement at how differently the kids all entered the building. There were those that stayed on the nicely shoveled sidewalks and made a straight line to the door. Some stayed on the sidewalk but zigzagged, skipped or literally hopped into the building. Others made sure they completely avoided the sidewalk and trampled through every last inch of snow they could find before entering the door. I also found it interesting that about ten percent of the kids would not enter the door I opened for them but had to push the automatic door button. Nevertheless, they still made it into the building.

I realized from all of this that it is not always important which path we take, but that it is more critical to know the direction we are going.

At Field, we also have a direction we are attempting to take our kids. As a PYP school, Field has a specific PYP Learner Profile. It provides that the children should be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. We also promote specific PYP attitudes of appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect and tolerance. These are all great traits and actions to incorporate into our life. I would ask you to think about the path you and your child are walking, skipping, running or possibly even crawling on to reach the ultimate destination. The wonderful and even scary part about all of this is that there will be times your child will walk this path without you. However, you can still provide the needed direction when they hit a stumbling block. Remember, there is value even in the stumbling blocks and hurdles that we face. It is my hope that the PTA has been, and will continue to be, a positive force in assisting you, the school and the children in heading in the right direction. Enjoy the journey!

Bob Grosser
Field PTA President

2/19

Middle School
Informational Meeting
with Judy Atchley,
SPS Parents for Change
1:30pm
Field Library

Skating Party
4:30-6:30pm
Skateport

2/26

PTA Board Meeting
8:45am
Field Library

PTA Gen. Mem. Meeting
& Principal's Coffee
9:15am
Field Library

3/2

Early Release
12:30pm

Support the Clothing Bank!

Jeans Drive!



Bring in new or gently-worn jeans to help support the clothes closet.

Also, Field's assigned work days at the clothing bank are coming up on **Feb 17 & March 17**. We need people 2 volunteer 2 work those days.

Questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Amy Scheihing, mpschea@yahoo.com.

Counselor's Corner

Check out the Field website and download the latest "Counselor's

PTA General Membership Meeting and Principal's Coffee

Friday, February 26 · Field Library · 9:15am

Please plan to attend the PTA General Membership Meeting and Principal's Coffee on Feb. 26.

At the February General Membership Meeting, slate for the 2010-2011 PTA Executive Officers will be presented and voted upon. Slate for these positions (President, President-elect, 1st VP-Fundraising, 2nd VP-Programs, 3rd VP-Communications, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian) is currently being prepared by the PTA's recently elected Nominating Committee.

A quorum of 20 PTA members in good standing is required to make motions toward and hold this important vote.

Field PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA Nominating Committee is busy at work preparing a slate of officers. Ideally, candidates should have served previously on the PTA Board at some point. Executive Officers include President, President-elect, 1st VP-Fundraising, 2nd VP-Programs, 3rd VP-Communications, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

If you are interested in serving, or if you know someone who might consider service, please contact one of the five members listed below:

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Kim Woodworth kwoodworth7@yahoo.com

Please send in names for consideration no later than Friday, February 5.

Field Helps Haiti - \$1 for \$7 Campaign



Recently, the island nation of Haiti experienced an earthquake that has affected millions of lives. People are homeless, hungry, thirsty and hurt. Kids Against Hunger is one organization that is trying to bring relief and hope to families and individuals from this nation. Field Elementary would like to take action and make a difference in the lives of Haitians who are in desperate need of food and clean drinking water. By working with Kids Against Hunger, and participating in their relief plans, Field students will make a difference by touching lives.

How can you help? Students may bring monetary donations into school that will be sent directly to Kids Against Hunger. **Each dollar you donate is the equivalent of \$7 of food in Haiti.** Kids Against Hunger will purchase necessary food supplies to build a bundle that will feed a family

Corner."

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Faculty Birthdays!

2/8 - Stephanie Brown

2/12 - LouAnn Kennedy

2/15 - Lisa Burton

2/25 - Tory Zettl

2/27 - Stephanie Burgess

2/28 - Jamie Quirk

Sign-up for Our E-Newsletter

If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, please send your e-mail address to carolwooten@mchsi.com.

Submit Information for Next Month's Newsletter

Please contact Alice Weimer at alice@weimer.cc or 844.4792 with your communication needs, concerns, or newsletter submissions.

The deadline for March's edition is February 20.

2009-2010 Field PTA

executive committee

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Robert Grosser
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Vice President of Programs:

of 6.

How can I donate? Your child came home with a plastic sandwich bag. Please have your child return their donation into their classroom teacher. If you don't have a bag, simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Haiti."

Can I donate more than once? Yes! Field Elementary will accept donations for the **\$1 for \$7 Campaign** through the end of the school year, so that we can continue to help Haiti through this difficult time.

Field Kidz Council

Field Kidz Council has been very busy. Recently we raised enough money from Holiday Card sales to buy 30 IB shirts for new students. Kidz Council sold around 2,300 cards to make this possible. Thanks for your support!

Currently we are helping raise awareness for the jeans drive at Field. This drive will help the clothing bank. We encourage you to clean out your closets!

Kidz Council is gearing up for Care-Gram sales. Care-Gram sales will begin February 5th, and will be sold on a donation basis. All proceeds will go to **Kids Against Hunger**. This organization will send prepared food packages to Haiti with assistance from **Convoy of Hope**.

Backpack Program - Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers needed for a variety of opportunities in The Backpack Program. Opportunities include shopping, organizing, and distributing, with availability day or night.

Please contact Anna Gintz at agintz0808@yahoo.com or Molly Robb at mollybrobb@hotmail.com.



Spring Party/Dance Committee... HELP WANTED!



Enjoy throwing parties? Like decorating? Then this is the committee for you!

Have a blast helping throw this spring's biggest event! Your ideas and enthusiasm are needed to bring this wonderful, annual party to life!

To volunteer or for more information, please contact party coordinators: Paige Rankin, 883-8001
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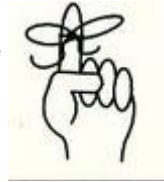
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MEMORY BOOKS - Orders due Friday, Feb. 26

Memory Book (yearbook) order forms were sent home in January. Additional forms are available in the school office.

You'll want to be sure to order one and maybe even include your own personalized message to a special student!



Memory Books will be full color and are \$12.50 each. Special messages (30 word max.) will be included for an additional \$5.

To reserve your book, your order and payment must be received by Friday, February 26. (Sometimes additional books are made available, but this is at the publisher's discretion. Please don't take that chance! One year, only 6 "extra" books were sent!)

Questions?

Contact Carol Wooten at carolwooten@mchsi.com.

Learn More About Middle School Choices

Friday, Feb. 19

1:30

Field Library

All are welcome to attend.

Judy Atchley, SPS Parents for Change, will be present to help us wade through some of the middle school options; there is a lot of information to absorb! She has worked with a parents group in Springfield, SPS Parents for Change, that advocates for better middle school choices. Please go to this site, <http://www.freewebs.com/spsparents4change/>, and read as much as you can prior to the meeting. It will give you a lot of information about what is going on right now in middle schools and perhaps give you a starting point for questions and discussion for our meeting.

Questions? Please contact Ann Howard, bah3@mchsi.com.

Reflections Winners Announced

Thank you to all students who participated in the Reflections program. Below is a listing of those who work placed at the school or city level.

Congratulations!

Field Elementary Competition

Dance Choreography - Intermediate Division

1st - Anna Frederick

Film Production - Intermediate Division

1st - Ashley Gustaveson

Literature - Primary Division

1st - Graham Mortimore

Literature - Intermediate Division

1st - Max Penny

2nd - Makena Githegi

3rd - Andie Smith

Musical Composition - Intermediate Division

1st - Marleigh Banaei

2nd - Bryce Boswell

Photography - Primary Division

1st - Joseph Tetlow

2nd - Lane Boswell

3rd - Charlie Woodworth

Photography - Intermediate Division

1st - Katelyn Arthur

2nd - Hanna Shupert

3rd - Jonah Reichert

Visual Arts - Primary Division

1st - Max Skolnick-Schur

2nd - Jordan Quirk

3rd - Colin McNew

Visual Arts - Intermediate Division

1st - Logan Quirk

2nd - Maximillian Nichols

3rd - Anna Frederick

City-Wide Winners (representing Field)

Dance Choreography - Intermediate Division

1st - Anna Fredrick

Film Production - Intermediate Division

1st - Ashley Gustaveson

Literature - Intermediate Division

Honorable Mention - Max Penny

Visual Arts - Intermediate Division

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Honorable Mention - Logan Quirk

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