

## **January 19, 2016**

### Principal's Report - Jill Gebeke

Student Rights and Responsibilities - Jill shared a letter written by the Superintendent. It lists shared responsibilities between students, parents/guardians, and SPPS staff and school community. Copies of the Rights and Responsibilities were also available. Teachers create classroom and grade level and school communities - an important goal at Chelsea. The goal is to keep students safe and able to learn. Climate is important.

Students who are struggling in the classroom are working with the school. If you have any questions, please talk to Jill.

School Choice Fair - Thank you to the parents and teachers who volunteered their time. We have given 25 tours so far and have 7 planned as a result of the fair.

Concerts - Ms. Flinner is done teaching at the end of the month.

3rd & 4th grade concerts are at 1:30 and 7:00 on Thursday, January 21st. (Please note the time change.) Look for a green paper in your folder - sent to impacted students.

1st & 2nd grades at 2:00 and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 26th.

### Family Fitness Night

This was a huge success! Thank you to the parents who coordinated the event. They made some small changes to better accommodate both older and younger kids. We had 255 people signed in. The night included yoga (Como Park Yoga & Wellness donated their time.) giant twister, nutrition station, obstacle course and the dance party was a huge success. Hamline Cross Country & Track and Murray & Como Park Senior High students volunteered

NW Como requested help with clean up of the obstacle course.

### National African American Parent Involvement Day

Morning of February 8th - District wide event in honor of Black History Month

The event is for all Chelsea families. A committee is organizing an activity and each teacher is doing something in his/her classroom. Look for announcements. Bagels and coffee and juice will be available.

### Literacy Night - Feb. 19th 5:30-8:00

We are adding pizza back into Literacy Night. Brian the Story Man from England will be back again this year. There will be themed classroom stations, catering to different age levels - Dr. Seuss, Harry Potter - activities will be appropriate for all ages. We are looking for volunteers, email [chelseaheightspto@gmail.com](mailto:chelseaheightspto@gmail.com). We've added an extra half hour to the event to accommodate pizza. The bookmark station has been popular in the past. We noted that each room could possibly have a bookmark station.

We will do a school story again for I Like to Read Month. A story begins in one classroom and ends in 5th grade where the students tie the story together.

PTO sent home forms last year for a Read-a-Thon. We plan to do that again this year. Classrooms that are already doing reading minutes or pages in the classroom could count those minutes/pages for the Read-a-Thon too.

The baggie book volunteer isn't always able to be here and you may have noticed less change with the books in backpacks.

Look for "Reading is Cool" activities on Fridays.

The current Cheetah Challenge is for hallway behavior.

### Specialists Rotation

Ms. Flinner is retiring. A new art teacher, Amy Smith, is coming. She will be starting February 1st. Art teachers follow standards. She will have kids for a week at a time.

It's too early to tell what specialists will look like next year. Jill is waiting for the School Board to give directives on what we need to have. This year the district said you need to have art or music and you must have physical education. Jill is interested in hearing in what parents would like to see as specialists. The STEM specialist this year is helping implement iPads.

Jill would like an arts specialists next year and she is open to suggestions, but it is dependent on the budget. Science used to be in this rotation but is not in the rotation right now.

### Papa John's Code - Fundraiser

This isn't on a specific date like the other no work fundraisers. You can use the code when you order pizza, as many times as you want, and it gives you 20% off and 20% to the school. We can use the code for Literacy Night. You can share the code with grandparents and neighbors - can be used nation-wide. Our code is "Cheetah". Look for an email. The code is live now.

### NW Como Ice Skating Party - This Friday!

6:00-8:00 pm Volunteers needed with concessions and other areas - skis and snow shoes sign out, crafts, snow painting and more. Contact Darcy or Ashli if you can volunteer.

There will be painting in the snow, skating, free hot chocolate and popcorn, snow shoes, cross country skiing. Bring your skates.

Winter and spring classes and activities registration began on Dec. 14th.

Let Darcy know if you have ideas for summer programs. Some have expressed interest in cooking classes, but the cooking space is limited.

An archery class or Minecraft class will be auctioned at the Chelsea Silent Auction. The silent auction is scheduled for April 16th, beginning at 5:30 pm. Bidding closes at 9:00. The event will be at Cozy's at the Como Golf Course and Paul Seeba is playing!

### Budget

We are on track. Eagle Bluff and Family Fitness Night are almost settled. Give to the Max was successful.

A new Box Tops contest will be starting next month. They are counted in increments of 50.

Target money has been used in the past for baggie books, books on the library cart, assembly prizes. The Target program will be ending this spring.