

# Spencer Loomis Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!!!!

### Special Interest

*On December 17th we collected 58 Bags for Pads; 30 Bags for food pantry; 15 Coats were delivered to Sarah Adams; Clothing was donated to Goodwill and 2 Bags of toys were sent for the Toys for Tots program. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!!!!*

### Reminder:

The SL Attendance number is (847)719-3366.

Use this number to call in Late Arrivals, Vacations, Doctor's or Dental Appointments etc... Please note this is a 24 hour answering machine.

### MAP Testing

We will be doing our Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing beginning Friday, January 7th. The testing will be completed by Monday, January 24th. All our 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking two tests; math and reading. Each test takes approximately one hour to complete. There is no time limit so students can take as much time as they need. Since we began using the MAP data four years ago it has given us very valuable information that helps our teachers meet the academic needs of their students. MAP results will be sent home in early February.

Please make a concerted effort to not take your child out of school early. Also, please make sure your child arrives to school by 8:30. Thank You!

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## Character Counts -January

January continues to be "Caring" month at Spencer Loomis. We will be doing a variety of activities to reinforce the importance of being "Caring" citizens. A key part of District 95's mission statement says we should help our students be "responsible, **caring** citizens in a global community". Listed below are some of ways we can be CARING:

- Be kind and considerate of others
  - Share with others
  - Be willing to listen
  - Lend a helping hand
  - Be willing to forgive and forget
  - Be charitable
- Be compassionate  
Look for more information coming home soon about some activities we will be doing at Spencer Loomis to show how much we

<http://www.lz95.org/sl/care/caringpillar.html>



## Character Counts/Social Emotional Learning Standards

Mrs. Van Arsdale gave a presentation for kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students that focused on recognizing different emotions in ourselves and others.

This topic addressed:

State Standard 1A; Identify and manage one's emotions and behaviors.

The students have been actively sharing their feelings in different situations and learning new vocabulary to express

themselves.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation focused on steps to be taken in order to achieve a personal goal.

This addresses State Standard 1C; Demonstrates skills related to achieving personal and academic goals. The students have shared many personal goals and are

developing an understanding of how working together makes goals more attainable.



## Lice/Cold Weather Attire

There currently are a couple of classrooms that we are monitoring some cases of head lice. If there is lice in your child's classroom notification has been sent to you. If it has not been identified in your child's classroom we would like you to acknowledge that head lice continue to be one of the most prevalent communicable childhood diseases among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather.

Screen your child regularly and notify us immediately if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are detected. We welcome the opportunity to teach those of you who do not know how to check your child for head lice. Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. We do have new cases of lice since our return from Winter Break.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess. Check with your child before they walk out the door to make sure they are dressed appropriately for recess! We will be going outside for recess if the temperature is above zero including the windchill.



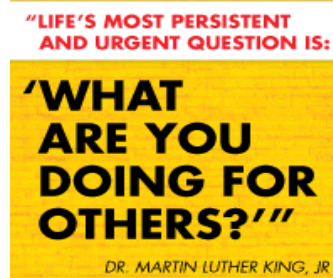
## FOOD DRIVE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

This month we honor Martin Luther King Jr. and his Day of Service on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, please donate and continue to help people in our community!

Last month, Spencer Loomis Families donated over 100 bags of food and needed supplies for homeless people & people in need through the Lake County PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity & Shelter) program in Wauconda and the St. Francis Food Pantry in Lake Zurich. Thank you for your generosity! **FILL YOUR RED BINS!!**

### ITEMS MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

ziploc storage bags  
 disposable paper or styrofoam bowls  
 disposable hot cups  
 paper towels  
 dinner and dessert paper plates  
 disinfecting wet wipes  
 cough drops  
 lip balm  
 pre-sweetened drink mix  
 SOS pads  
 dishwashing soap  
 powdered creamer  
 5lb bag sugar  
 microwave popcorn  
 pocket kleenex  
 travel size deodorant  
 aluminum foil



## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 7th-January 24th	MAP Testing
Monday, January 10th	<b>Chess Club begins: 3-4 PM</b>
Friday, January 14th	SL PTO 9 AM
Monday, January 17th	<b>NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day</b>
Friday, January 21st	<b>NO SCHOOL- Institute Day</b>
Friday, February 11th	SL PTO Mtg. 9 AM
Monday, February 14th	SL Valentine Parties
Wednesday, February 16th—18th	SL 5th Grade Taft Trip
Thursday, February 17th	Kindergarten Registration Night
Monday, February 21st	<b>NO SCHOOL- President's Day</b>
Wednesday, February 23rd	SP/SL 5th grade Band Concert @ MSN 7PM

