

Spencer Loomis Newsletter

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Happy New Year!!!!

MAP Testing

We are continuing our Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing next week. The testing will be completed by Monday, January 24th. All our 2nd -5th 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!

Special Interest:

Indoor Air Quality

We are actively looking for a few more parents to serve on the Spencer Loomis Indoor Air Committee. We currently have several parents serving on our committee. If interested, please contact me at 847-719-3300 or e-mail me at grant-Seaholm@lz95.org

Reminder for Next week: No School Monday and Friday!!!!!!!

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.

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Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Jr. bill declaring Martin Day, also known as Civil Luther King Jr. Day a Rights Day, is celebrated national holiday in 1983; on the third Monday in it was first observed in January. Martin Luther 1986 and the first time it King Jr. is one of only two was observed in every Americans, the other being state was in 2000. Please George Washington, talk with your child about the importance of Martin recognizing his birthday, Luther King Jr. and what he did to improve civil rights in America.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an advocate of civil rights and a powerful force against discrimination against African Americans. Shortly after his assassination, a campaign was started to declare his birthday a national holiday. President Ronald Reagan signed a

Next week during General Music class, students in grades 1-5 will be having lessons about Martin Luther King Jr. Reading a Primary-appropriate biography about him. Doing a Reading Com-

prehension activity together after reading a passage about him

Discussing his "Dream" speech and doing a coloring sheet as a visual to represent it

Connecting to real life by doing an activity to relate his "peaceful" ideals to our own play-ground/school/home issues and how to resolve them "peacefully"

Doing a timeline of his life too so that we pull in the Current Events objective of the Social Studies curriculum.

Character Counts/Social Emotional Learning Standards

Mrs. Van Arsdale gave a presentation for kindergarten-2nd 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 them-

selves.

The 3rd-5th 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.



Character Counts- January/ Cold Weather Attire

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 care.

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.

Lice

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 continues to be one



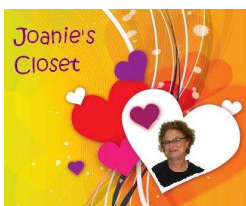
of the most prevalent communicable

childhood diseases, 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 wel-

come 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.*



Did You Know?

Joanie's Closet is a service organization which originally started at May Whitney after the untimely passing of their school nurse, Joanie Bednarz. Since then, Joanie's Closet has become a district-wide organization which helps families in need

throughout District 95.

Joanie's Closet is available to help on several fronts. For example: school supplies are provided for families that need assistance with these items; snacks are provided for school nurses since some of those who go to see the nurse just need to fill an empty stomach; groceries, clothing, household necessities, and gas cards are distributed through the school social workers or nurses for families in dire straits; second lunches are sometimes provided at elementary schools for Free and Reduced Lunch students who are still hungry after finishing their first lunch.

How do I ask for help? Contact your school nurse or social worker if your family needs assistance from Joanie's Closet. Each school has a Joanie's Closet PTO representative. This representative can service requests (anonymously) from the school principal, social worker, or nurse.

How do I donate to Joanie's Closet? Joanie's Closet is always in need of financial contributions. You may remember that the district nurses held a fundraiser by working as carhops at Sonic in November, and raised \$400 for Joanie's Closet from their hard work! As you plan for 2011, please keep Joanie's Closet in mind; your contributions will truly help those here within our own District 95 family.

Contributions can be sent to Joanie's Closet, c/o School District 95 Educational Foundation, 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Make checks payable to: **School District 95 Educational Foundation** and indicate *Joanie's Closet* in the memo line. Donations are tax deductible and also qualify for corporate matching.



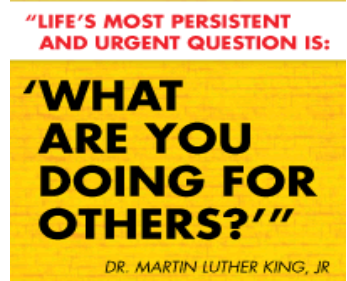
FOOD DRIVE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

This month we honor Martin Luther King Jr. and his Day of Service on Monday, January 17th, 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
Friday, January 14th	SL PTO 9 AM
Monday, January 17th	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day
Friday, January 21st	NO SCHOOL- Institute Day
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	NO SCHOOL- President's Day
Wednesday, February 23rd	SP/SL 5th grade Band Concert @ MSN 7PM
Monday, February 28th- March 11th	ISAT Testing

