



# Spencer Loomis Newsletter

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## ISAT Testing is Here!!!!

We have successfully completed the first week of the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT). We will be doing make-up testing all next week. These tests are very important to your child, the school and the district. We will get results over the summer. Look for your child's scores when we return to school in August/September. Thank you for your help in making sure your child received a good night's sleep, a proper breakfast and being in school on time. The teachers have shared with me that the students have taken these tests very seriously.

## Special Interest:

**Save the Date:**  
**Saturday, March 12th!!** Order your tickets for Loomis Live. The event will take place from **4:30-8 PM.** We look forward to seeing you there.

## YEARBOOK UPDATE

We apologize for the inconvenience, but the price was incorrectly published on the Lifetouch order form. The correct price is **\$15.00**. If you have already sent in your order please send an additional \$3.00 with your child's name/teacher on an envelope marked "Yearbook Order". For multiple children one check is fine, just include name/teacher of all siblings. **Deadline is 3/7**

## 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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## Character Counts- March

The Character Counts!™ Trait for March is "Trustworthiness". Trustworthiness relates to integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty. The four key components include honesty, having a good reputation, trust and keeping promises. Building trust is so important for students and adults. It is the hardest character to build and the easiest



one to lose. Remember to stand by your beliefs, have the courage to do the right thing and keep your promises. Look for more trustworthiness activities at Spencer Loomis in February and March.

## Character Counts/Social Emotional Learning Standards

Our social worker, Mrs. VanArsdale and I have been working on our continued effort to address the Illinois State Board of Education's Social/Emotional Learning Goals. During February and March the staff will be addressing Goal #2: "Use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships." There are three standards under this broad goal that we will also be addressing; Standard 2 A: "Recognize the feelings and perspectives of others", Standard 2 B: "Recognize individual and group similarities and differences", and Standard 2 C: "Use

communication and social skills to interact effectively with others".

We will be addressing this Goal by discussing Black History Month in February and reading a story to all our students pertaining to building relationships with others. We are also making a connection with our community service projects and food and clothing collection for the local PADS program and Standard #2A: "Recognizing the feelings and perspectives of others".

We are excited about helping our students make important connections with their feelings, words and

actions and how they impact others. Please support our efforts by talking with your child about this important topic.



## Student Behavior

I recently met with each grade level to review behavioral expectations. Our conversation focused mostly on lunch and recess behavior. We are sending a letter home in backpack mail that reinforces my conversation with the students this week. Please take some time this weekend to review the letter and then sign and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

We have noticed an increase in physical behaviors like pushing and hitting. We have also noticed an increase in inappropriate comments and name calling. We continue to make connections with our Character Counts program and the Illinois State Board of Education Social/Emotional Learning Standards. We are focusing on increasing the students' social awareness and interpersonal skills. We are also concentrating on helping the students

recognize the feelings and perspectives of others (see above article). We need you as parents to help reinforce these very important social skills with your child. That school/home partnership is essential for the success of the students. Please make time to talk with your child about their behavior and if they are experiencing any inappropriate behaviors from their peers. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments related to this topic.

**Thank you so much for your continual support on this very important issue!**



## Loomis Live- March 12th

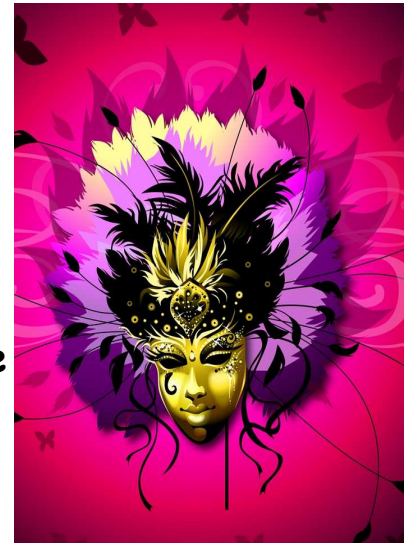
Loomis Live @ Spencer Loomis Elementary

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30-8 PM

Advanced Tickets \$10/Person or \$15 at the door.

Ages 2 and under are free.



\*Tickets do not include food and souvenirs. Purchase door tickets before February 15<sup>th</sup> and receive 10 tickets-to-fun at the door, per family. (A \$10 value.)

Plan to bring your families to the second annual Loomis Live! Back by popular demand, Loomis Live is the fun, family PTO fundraiser.

This years' theme, Passport to Fun, will take students and their families back to Hawaii, Mardis Gras, the County Fair, as well as to a Dodgeball tournament, a basketball shootout and a Poms performance. Visit new places and try new things too! Hang with Harry Potter at Hogwarts, support our soldiers at Military Boot Camp, break boards with martial arts experts, have dinner on the Hollywood strip, compete with friends at Gameworks and jam at the neon DJ dance party!

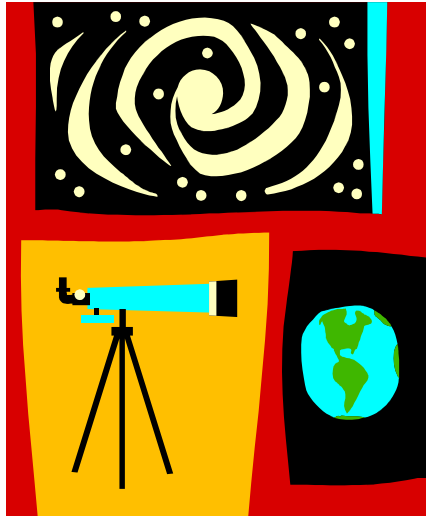


Volunteers are needed! Please call Tracy Meyer at 847-540-9223 or Theresa Gralinski 847-438-1625 for questions or to volunteer.

## 3rd Annual Science Fair

*District 95's Third Annual Science Fair is Back!!*

This year, Lake Zurich CUSD #95 will be hosting its Science Extravaganza on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30am. At Middle School South.



Participation is open to all K-8 students in Lake Zurich. Along with having students share a project or collection, the following extras will be part of the day:

High school robotics team  
Lego team demonstration  
Professor Gizmo's Science Show

You can get more information and register online at the following link:

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEhWUkhBUURDL S04NDR2ckFXakhHYkE6MA>

## Art Parent Update

ART PARENT 'FOUND OBJECTS' NEEDED

The Art Parent committee is collecting 'Found Objects' for our March/April collage project. We are



looking for small plastic objects that you would normally throw away. Such things as old small toys, plastic bottle caps, beads, pen caps or anything you may come up with. We are collecting now through the end of next week – February 19<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to drop them in the PTO work

room in the box labeled 'Art Parent – Found Objects'. The box is on the counter behind the door. If you cannot drop them off you can contact: Donna Francis at [donna.francis@comcast.net](mailto:donna.francis@comcast.net) or Dixie Swartwood at [dixiekswartwood@yahoo.com](mailto:dixiekswartwood@yahoo.com) to arrange a pick-up. Your help is appreciated!

## 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 commu-

nicable 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 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 chil-

dren, including your own.

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



## Support Our Troops

### 2 Ways to support our troops at Loomis Live



#### Military

Donate items from the list below for Operation Support Our Troops Illinois care packages. Get a ticket (\$1 value per ticket) for each item you donate (5 tickets max). Bring in more than 5 items and receive a military prize at the Boot Camp! Food drop off will be at the "Loomis Live" registration table.

Tuna Flat Packs

Peanut Butter-28oz or less, plastic

Canned Fruit- 29oz or less

Jelly- 28oz or less, plastic

Beef Jerky, Slim Jims

Pop Tarts

Cereal Bars

Mouthwash, 20oz or less, plastic

Foot Powder, 20oz or less

Snack Size Ziplock Bags

Magazines and Comics (6 months old or less, no News magazines)

### Harry Potter- "Free an Elf"



Donate clothing to Free a House Elf. You will receive a raffle ticket for each item and up to 10 raffle tickets for a bag of clothing. Raffle tickets are for a chance to win a Harry Potter Prize! Clothing drop off will be at the registration table. All clothing received will be donated to AM-VETS.

## Important Dates- February-April

Monday, February 28th– March 11th

**Saturday, March 12th**

Wednesday, March 16th

Friday, March 18th

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Friday, March 25th

Saturday, March 26th-April 3rd

Monday, April 4th

Friday, April 8th

Saturday, April 16th

Thursday, April 21st

Friday, April 22nd

Monday, April 25th

Wednesday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 27-29th

Monday May 2nd—May 13th

Friday, May 13th

ISAT Testing Begins

**Loomis Live 4:30-8 PM**

**Early Release Day**

SL PTO Meeting @ 9 AM

SL Talent Show

SL Journey Into the Arts

**Spring Break**

Classes Resume

SL Bingo Night

Science Fair Expo @ MSS

**Early Release Day**

**No School**

**No School**

SL Open House 7PM

SL Book Fair

MAP Testing

SL PTO Meeting– 9AM

