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Enders-Salk

PTA Newsletter

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COME IN FROM THE COLD, AND GET INVOLVED!

Now that winter is here – finally – the time is better than ever to stay inside awhile and learn a little bit more about the Enders-Salk PTA.

We invite you to join us at an upcoming meeting in the teacher’s lounge, and find out how you can make a difference in one of our many committees:

Tuesday, February 21 1:30 PM (Date change due to Valentine’s Day 2/14)

Tuesday, March 13 1:30 pm

Tuesday, April 10 6:30 pm (Babysitting will be provided if requested)

Tuesday, May 8 1:30 pm

We have a lot going on in the coming months so be sure to browse the newsletter or check the website for important dates.

Stay warm!

Melanie Tomaso
Acting President, Enders-Salk PTA
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VIRTUAL BACKPACK



Hey parents!

Visit our webpage for links to fun and educational opportunities for children, and families within our community.

Important Dates: (visit the PTA Calendar online <http://enders-salk.sd54.org/events/>

- Jan. 24** Hot Lunch
-Newsletter
- Jan. 25** Birthday Book
- Jan. 26** School Store
- Jan. 27** Labels Collection
- Jan. 31** Family Dinner and Game Night
- Chuck E. Cheese 3-8:00PM
- Feb. 1** STC 9am
- Newsletter Deadline
- Feb. 2** School Store
- Feb. 3** Spirit Day – First Grade
Fun/crazy winter hat (or any hat)
- Feb. 7** Newsletter
- Feb. 8** 11:40 Dismissal
- No Kindergarten
- Feb. 9** Fun Foods
- Feb. 14** **Valentines Day**
- Hot Lunch
- Valentine Parties
- Feb. 15** Newsletter Deadline
- Feb. 16** School Store

Family Dinner and Game Night – Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Chuck E. Cheese's

990 South Barrington Road, Streamwood

630-289-6700

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Book Fair Thank You!!



A special thank you goes out to **Claudia Baranowski, Michelle Helton, Cathy Cleys, Ana Kierzkowski, Melinda Spring, Melissa Mounts, Mike Mounts, Melanie Tomaso, Maureen Schneidau, Megan Meyer, Dawn Klasmann, Chris Fedor, Maria McFeggan, Amanda Macholl, Sarah Calderwood, Nikki Sharp and Rosemarie Ciasnocha** for volunteering their time at our Winter Book Fair. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! A very big thank you goes out to our **Co-Chair, Megan McCall**, for her countless hours of preparing and organizing this Book Fair! We were able to earn a great amount of money to buy books for the Enders-Salk Library Media Center!

Thank you,
Mrs. Katie Montalbano
Learning Resource Teacher

Books for Peru

Solan and *Aidan Miller-Hisgen*, two students at Enders-Salk, used to live in Peru. They are going back for a visit in March and want to collect children's books in Spanish for the community where they lived. Most of Peru is very poor and schools do not have many resources. **If you would like to donate a new or like new children's book in Spanish**, please drop it off in the office by March 1st. Any questions? Call Mrs. Miller at 708-639-1623.

Enders-Salk PTA Newsletter Information

Visit our website: <http://enders-salk.sd54.org/>

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Please contact us and we will address any of your concerns. Thank you for your interest.

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Office Hours: 7:45am-3:55pm
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ALL CALL FOR PICTURES!!!

In just a few weeks, we will begin the process of putting together this school year's yearbook, and *we'd love to include pictures you've taken!*

If you have pictures from classroom parties or school events and would like to submit them for the yearbook, please save them on a disk and drop off at the PTA mailbox in the front office or in the box labeled "Yearbook Photos." **Please label your disk or envelope with "Yearbook Committee" to ensure we receive them.**

Or you may email them to: p_g_reyes@yahoo.com

Thank you!

The Yearbook Committee

So much going on.**Don't miss out!**

By Melanie Tomaso

Many parents have expressed an interest in finding out how they can volunteer to help the PTA throughout the year. Below is a summary of our winter 2012 PTA events and ongoing programs and the approximate times we need help*. If you have interest in and availability to help in any way, even if for only an hour, please contact me at:

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and I will put you in touch with the appropriate chairperson who will be able to further clarify any needs.

Watch for periodic updates:**January**

- 24 -Hot lunch
- 25 -Birthday Book-11am-1pm
- 26 -School Store
- 27 -Label Collection
- 31 -Family Dinner and Game Night

February

- 1 -STC - 9am
- 2 -School Store
- 3 -Spirit Day
- 9 -Fun Foods
- 14 -Hot Lunch
- Valentine parties
- 16 -School Store

****Dates and times are subject to change.***

The Winter Blood Drive is coming!

Give from your heart on Valentines Day:

**Schaumburg School
District Office
Blood Drive
Tuesday, February 14th
from 1:30-7pm.**

Watch for more details in the next newsletter and you can go to the Heartland Blood Centers' website too:

www.heartlandbc.org



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At the midyear mark, here's how District 54 is faring

By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools

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Annually, the District 54 Board of Education approves a variety of projects aligned with our mission of ensuring student success. These projects guide our work and support our staff in meeting the district's student achievement goals. A complete list of this year's projects can be found on our website at www.sd54.org/.

Progress is monitored on a regular basis at both the individual school and district levels. The midyear status report on several of the key projects is highlighted below.

Early elementary students continue to experience significant gains in reading with the second year of successful implementation of the K-2 Literacy Plan and Assessment Package.

Our English Language Learners have been making substantial progress with the instructional program improvements that were instituted last year. Due to the progress that our students are making, District 54 was selected as one of only 10 districts across the country to participate in a best practice research study conducted by the United States Department of Education. The findings will be made available for other districts to replicate.

A new interactive social studies curriculum is being taught in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students are excited, more engaged with the content, and better able to understand and apply their new learning in real life situations.

New opportunities for students to participate in art, music and physical education enrichment activities are taking place in all 21 of our elementary schools. Students are being provided with supplemental classes which allow them to explore, learn about and further develop specific areas that may be of interest. Feedback from students, parents and staff has been extremely positive.

To keep pace with the ever-changing world of instructional technology, hardware and software upgrades have been initiated in all 27 schools. The final rollout will be completed by early spring.

The online communication tool which will enable parents to view their children's grades will be fully operational in all six of our junior high schools by the end of February. Parents and students will be able to monitor assignments and class grades in real time.

To continue to strengthen the District's commitment to being transparent, a Web-based system for creating, posting and storing board of education meeting information and supporting documents is now available on our website.

An additional school boundary change recommendation will be part of the annual staffing plan, which will be presented at the first school board meeting in March. Impacted families have already been notified. The changes to school boundaries that have occurred over the past two years have helped to balance and stabilize student enrollment across the district.

The PTA, YMCA, other local community agencies and District 54 have been working together to support and promote the Healthier Communities Initiative. Healthier hot lunch alternatives and planning for increasing the number of schools that plant vegetable gardens are only two of the many changes that are beginning to occur.

To augment the internal monitoring process of the district's progress, we participate in an annual independent benchmarking study. This helps us evaluate our progress in comparison to other school districts across the state. Results from this year's benchmarking study indicate that District 54 continues to make strong and steady gains in every area. Over the past several years, our district has moved to being in the top 9% when ranked against all other school districts in Illinois.

The results indicate that our students continue to make remarkable progress. The positive outcomes we are seeing each year can be directly attributed to the leadership of our board of education; the outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators who work in our district; and the ongoing support that we receive from our parents and community.



ENDERS SALK SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Each year, the STC awards scholarships to graduating seniors who were former District 54 students (one day your child may be the lucky recipient).

CAN YOU HELP?

We've been asked to donate 6-8 baskets, as well as gift certificates (minimum value \$25) as well as craft items, a set of event tickets, movie tickets etc.

If you plan to donate an item such as tickets, or gift certificates I will need the commitment by February 16th.

Are your kids involved in after school activities, such as karate, soccer, art classes, dance, or gymnastics? Perhaps the organization would like to donate to the auction. The auction will take place at the Meridian on March 16th.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or donation commitments

Debbie Grimm STC Auction Chairperson
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“BEACH PARTY”

DONATION COMMITMENT FORM

YES, OUR PTA WILL DONATE THE ITEM LISTED BELOW TO THE SCHAUMBURG COUNCIL OF PTAS' FOR **“BEACH PARTY”**

LOCAL UNIT _____

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

NAME OF DONOR TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PROGRAM _____

NAME OF BASKET _____

ITEM OR SERVICE DONATED _____

APPROXIMATE VALUE \$ _____ (AT LEAST \$25 IN VALUE)

THANK YOU!

EACH DONATION REQUIRES A COMMITMENT FORM

*Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause, each year the STC raises money for college scholarships and summer scholarships for students of district 54. We thank you in advance your donation.