

SWCS Community E-Newsletter

December 17, 2010

Winter Break

We hope that you all have a wonderful, restful, fun-filled Winter Break. We'll see you back on January 3!

Property Update

All the low-voltage wiring work is complete and we are awaiting inspections. We understand that some were to happen yesterday. Another step forward! We'll keep you posted!

Season of Sharing

Wow! Our generous families donated over 129 pounds of food and hygiene supplies to support families in need in our community through Neighborhood House. Thank you for your amazing effort!

Winter Break Camps- Sport, Hero & 007 Spy Camp!

Her camps are filling up! Kathy Price, our teacher's aide extraordinaire, is offering three Winter Break camps on December 20, 21 & 22. The camps will be here at Congregation Neveh Shalom. Attached is a description of each day's theme. Cost is \$35 for whole day (9am to 4pm) and \$20 for half day. Snacks are provided, but please pack a lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy directly at kathyprice@swcharter.org.

After School Enrichment Clubs for January

Session 2 of the ASE Clubs is quickly approaching! We will have five fun-filled options. Each club will run from the week of January 10 until March 14 from 3-4:30pm. Clubs are \$100 for the session and the deadline is January 7.

Here's the schedule:

- Mondays – Chess Club – will include the 2nd SWCS Chess Tournament on the last session in March.
- Tuesdays – Floor Soccer – learn about passing, teamwork, shooting and, of course, playing soccer.
- Wednesdays – Film Club – We wrote the script last session. In this session, we will focus on the rules of film, using a camera, auditions, casting, location scouting, and rehearsing. Part 3 of the club (Spring) will be shooting the movie and post production/editing.
- Thursdays – Improv Club – exploring the art of improvisation, acting, teamwork, building social skills, and having fun. We will be playing improv games and creating improv skits.
- Fridays – Floor Hockey – Learn to shoot, stick handle, pass, and play the amazing, exciting action packed game of floor hockey! Sticks are provided.

MLK Day Camp – January 17

Martin Luther King Day (1/17/11) is coming and Aaron Levinson is considering offering a camp that day. If you are interested, please email him: Aaronson2@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Thanks to those that have stepped forward to help with the Parents Teaching Prevention Program! We have folks interested in acting as our school coordinator as well as volunteers for several grade levels. We are still looking for volunteers for grades K, 2 and 4. The Oregon Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that promotes healthy kids and communities through drug and alcohol awareness, comprehensive prevention programs and a 24-hour crisis line for treatment referrals. We are bringing their program, Parents Teaching Prevention (PTP), to SWCS. It is a program where parents are trained to provide drug & alcohol abuse prevention education in schools. Oregon Partnership provides all the training and materials to provide 30-45 minute lessons and activities for kids K-6 once per month. The lessons include facts about smoking and drugs, but also helps kids build stronger self-esteem, lets them practice refusal skills and improves their media awareness around these issues. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anne Gurnee, annegurnee@swcharter.org.

Griffin Girls

If you haven't claimed your necklace from the Griffin Girls craft party please contact Laura Bracke laurabracke@hotmail.com.

She has one that got left behind- Description it's Brown with a leaf.

Come Bouldering at The Circuit Gym! – January 22, 2011 – 9-11am

Friends of SWCS are sponsoring a morning of bouldering fun at The Circuit Gym (6050 SW Macadam Avenue). Cost is \$10 adults / \$8 kids. Tickets will be on sale in the front hall after Winter break. If you need to order tickets and can't come by in the morning email Krista at hillside_imports@yahoo.com or Kristen at kristencorwin@aol.com to make other arrangements. Kids must be supervised (parents are encouraged to climb with their kids). A waiver must be signed if you've never been to the gym before (can be done at the door, or print out and sign ahead of time from the gym website - even if you're just watching).

Things to keep in mind: you must have a SWCS issued ticket to climb, climbers must at minimum wear socks, sneakers or climbing shoes are recommended. And we suggest you come dressed to move in loose fitting, comfortable clothes, like sweats or leggings. This will be a great chance to introduce your child to climbing if they've never had the chance to try it and get out and moving on a Saturday morning. And, thanks to the generosity of the Coleman family, all proceeds directly benefit our wonderful school!

Congratulations to The Circuit Gym

And while we're on the subject...The Circuit Gym has just opened a new location at 410 NE 17th Ave. Portland, OR. Congratulations Coleman Family! For more information, check out the web site: www.thecircuitgym.com.

Holiday Shopping? -Signup for eScrip now!

eScrip is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to SWCS.

Here's How it Works: You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!

Got Boxes?

We could still use a few more moving boxes for our upcoming move. If you get any sturdy, medium-large size boxes over the break, please save them for us! Thank you!

Upcoming Events

December 17 – Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

December 20-31 – Winter Break – SWCS Closed

January 3 – First Day Back after Winter Break

January 11 – FOSWCS Meeting – 6:30 @ Hood Campus

January 17 – Martin Luther King Holiday – School Closed

January 20 – SWCS Board Meeting – 6:30 @ Hood Campus

January 22 - Circuit Gym- Save the date!

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