

SWCS Community E-Newsletter

July 1, 2010

Property Update

The sale of the property has closed and our new landlord is now officially the owner of our new building. On Wednesday, demolition got started, but beforehand, we had a chance to get inside and mark a few items for us to set aside for the school. It was great fun to get inside the space again and get a feel for it. As soon as we can, we'll be making that opportunity available to others. However, it may not be soon, as the demolition and construction is top priority!

End-of-Year Survey

For those who were parents of students at Southwest Charter School last year, we have another survey for you to complete! This survey is for us, and it is a chance for us to find out better how to serve our students and families. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. Just click on the link below. Survey closes on August 31!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5T5XQYS>

SCRIP Deadline- MONDAY, JULY 12TH

If you have an order to turn in please contact Marlene by responding to this email for by leaving a message on the school voice mail. You can pay by cash, check or credit card, (sorry no Amex). A summer order form is attached to his email. Remember when you are off to Costco to buy your BBQ, camping equipment or outdoor dining set to renew or purchase your Costco card through SCRIP, (we get \$20 for every order).

RiverFest at South Waterfront

Join in the fun as Portland caps off the summer with the biggest event ever to celebrate the Willamette River. RiverFest offers a family-friendly chance to come down by the riverside, get out on the water, take river tours, enjoy live music, learn first-hand about the river's history and environment, clean-up the riverbank, and view river spectacles.

Your 2010 summer music schedule:

- Wednesday, July 7 - Rich Layton and the Troublemakers- Sponsored by *The National College of Natural Medicine*
- Wednesday, July 14 - The New Iberians
- Wednesday, July 21 - Darrell Grant- Sponsored by *Oregon Health Sciences University*
- Wednesday, July 28 - Misty River- Sponsored by *The Portland Water Bureau*
- Tuesday, August 3- South Portland Neighborhood Potluck Picnic with the Wicky Pickers
- (If you live, work, go to school or have anything at all to do with South Portland you are invited to our 2010 picnic in Willamette Park. Bring something to share if you can. The picnic starts around 5:30 pm and is at the south end of the park. It is also National Night Out!
- August 19-22 - Annual RiverFest - Popular attractions from last year return, including The Freshwater Trust Portland Triathlon, Portland Audubon events, the Festival at South Waterfront, Kayak Tours, and the SOLV Cleanup. We have also added many new and exciting events for the whole family to enjoy. Join us this summer to celebrate the river on the river. Website-<http://www.southportlandna.org/>

RECAP ON: Summer Assignments – Sand, Water & Photos

Here are a few things you can be collecting for next year:

Sand – As always, please bring small sand samples back from any summer adventures you have this summer for the SWCS sand collection. We just need enough to fill a small baby food sized jar. Make note of where it was collected, by whom and the date. Our sand collection is getting quite extensive, and we hope to have a better spot to display it in the new building!

Water – Next year’s annual theme is Water. We would love some photos from any summer fun you enjoy that includes water: lakes, streams, rivers, oceans, or even buckets full of rain on that great camping trip! If you snap any photos of water shots, we’d love a copy. You can send them to us digitally, and we’ll print them out for a back-to-school display in the fall. Again, please note the place and date of the photo. Original artwork would also be great!

SWCS Photos – As you proudly wear your SWCS t-shirts and sweatshirts this summer, capture the moment if you are in a unique or beautiful place. We hope to create a montage of our kids in fun places with their SWCS gear.

Kudos

Thanks to those of you that were able to support the school by eating at Sweet Tomatoes last month. Lots of good green stuff for tummies and the school!

Have an exhilarating and Oh-So-Safe fourth of July!

Upcoming SWCS Events

Thursday, July 15, 6:30-8pm – SWCS Board Meeting @ Hood Campus

Saturday, August 21, 10:00am Parade, events all day- **join in by marching with our families in the parade or volunteering at our booth.**

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