



THE MONARCH: SWS NEWSLETTER

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FALL COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Please support SWS with a tax-deductible donation to the 2022 Fall Community Giving Campaign. Your one-time or monthly gift supports our school beyond the base DCPS budget. All contributions make a difference, so please give what you are comfortable contributing. Our number one goal is 100% participation!

Donate at <https://schoolwithinschool.org/give/> or via check to "Friends of SWS."

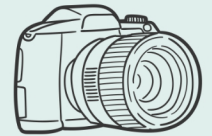


UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER

- 14 - Parent Coffee in the Discovery Commons 8:45am
- 15 - FoodPrints Event at H St NE Market 9am - 12pm
- 18 - LSAT & Advisory Meeting 6:30-8pm (via Zoom)
- 18 - DCPS Listening Session 6-8pm @ Savoy Elem. School
- 19 - School Picture Day!



NOVEMBER

- 7 - Professional Development Day/No School for Students
- 8 - Election Day/No School
- 11 - Veterans Day/No School
- 20 - Girls on the Run Community 5K
- 23 - 25 Thanksgiving Break

For more events info, check out freshschools.com & dcps.dc.gov

FRIENDS OF SWS

For anyone new to SWS, you may be wondering what is Friends of SWS (FSWS)? FSWS is the nonprofit organization set up to provide a conduit for raising and disbursing funds in support of SWS for things that exceed the DCPS budget. All of the money raised by FSWS goes to funding programs that benefit the entire SWS Community.

In a typical year, FSWS funding makes it possible to:

- Add the number of adults working with our students during the day;
- Provide innovative professional development for our teachers, including training for diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- Fund our well-loved FoodPrints program;
- Provide materials and supplies that support learning and our joyful environment; and
- Provide books, technology, and materials for our art studios and all of our Specials.

BACK TO SCHOOL

We have a few committees that are still in need of a chair or co-chair (Recruitment, Grants & Outreach & Advocacy) or more members (namely Communications & Auction). Please consider joining a committee or two as a member or chair to get more involved in our school. The quickest and easiest way to learn more about our parent committees and to sign up is by using the online sign-up survey at <http://bit.ly/sws-signup>

CONNECT WITH SWS!



FACEBOOK: School Within School & School Within School - Parent Group
 INSTAGRAM: @schoolwithinschool
 TWITTER: @SWSatgoding
[Freshschools.com](https://freshschools.com)

Stay in touch this school year!!



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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Parents should begin the Volunteer Clearance Process ASAP if they are hoping to be able to volunteer at the school and/or chaperone at field trips this year. The link with info about how to apply is <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-volunteer-faqs>

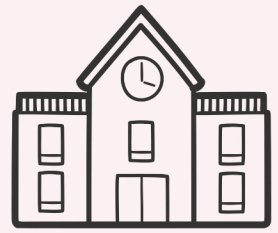
A clearance is good for a two-year period. Send a follow up via email to dcps.clearance@kl2.dc.gov if you don't receive your clearance letter when you reasonably should have received it.

ABSENCES

Please alert the school office and your child's teacher for any absence whether excused or not. Each day a child is absent, SWS will follow up to ensure that your child is doing well. Emailing or calling the school prior to us reaching out saves the school time. Please email the following three staff members when your child is absent for any reason: your child's teacher(s), attendance clerk Bianca Burton (bianca.burton@kl2.dc.gov), and MSL Shawna Friedman (shawna.friedman@kl2.dc.gov).

FAMILY BUILDING UPDATE

DCPS has removed restrictions and we are going back to pre-pandemic guidelines for parents being in the building!



SWS began welcoming visitors this week. Guidelines will be sent out shortly regarding how parent and other volunteers participate at SWS. For arrival and dismissal, we will continue outdoor arrival and dismissal through most of October. Beginning the week of October 30th, arrival and dismissal will change to indoors. We will update those protocols in the next couple of weeks.

DCPS LISTENING SESSIONS

The entire DCPS community is invited to join the one remaining community listening session, scheduled for October 18th, to share their ideas on what should be next for the district. The calendar and info about the sessions can be found at dcpsstrong.com.



After listening sessions conclude in late October, DCPS will review all input received and share a strategic plan draft for feedback during the winter and spring months. By Summer 2023, it is DCPS's goal to finalize the next Capital Commitment before the start of the 2023-2024 School Year.

Through this new strategic plan, DCPS will continue to charge relentlessly forward toward our goals of educational equity and student achievement. It is critical for all of our voices and ideas to be heard. Thank you for your participation in this important exercise.

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Thank you our 5th Grade class for organizing a fundraiser this week for those affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Our school community's donations will go towards the World Central Kitchen. The class also set up a Spirit Week to support the fundraiser and it was a blast! Thanks to everyone who got into the spirit by dressing up, especially our enthusiastic teachers!



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A PEEK INSIDE SWS:

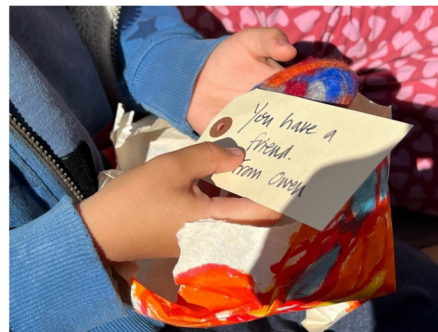


KINDNESS DAY!



On 9/28, SWS held its first Kindness Day and community meeting in the new building. The meaningful day was started by school leadership, including Principal Burst, Ms. McLean, and Ms. Copeland, following 9/11 when they realized that moments of silence were not enough. Our world needed - and still needs - more love, hope, and kindness.

Students walked through a tunnel of SWS teachers and staff, sang "You Can Count on Me" & "Turn the World Around," had a moment of silent reflection, and read *The Little Things* by Christian Trimmer. Principal Burst asked students to think of some little things they could do to make the world better. They offered replies like "helping my little brother" and "picking up trash." Lastly, each student made, gave, and received a gift.



Flip the page & keep enjoying seeing SWS out and about!



SWS OUT & ABOUT!



WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY!



The Ward 6 Public School Parent Organization organized another successful Walk and Roll to School Day this past Wednesday at Lincoln Park. Councilmember Charles Allen emceed the event focused on securing safe routes to school, JO Wilson's cheerleaders got everyone fired up, and the Eastern High School marching band provided the music. It was the first time in a few years that the SWS community was able to fully participate in the festivities and then walk, bike, or scoot to school afterwards.

SWS's crossing guard (aka safety tech), Mr. Ryan helps our students safely cross the street coming and going from SWS every school day. Please say thank you next time you see him!



FOODPRINTS EVENT

On 9/29, FoodPrints held an event at Watkins Elementary School to celebrate food education in DCPS along with students, teachers, principals, city leaders, and generous funders and supporters. SWS 5th Grader Jonathan Hippolyte had the pleasure of getting to meet one of the event's special guests – world renowned Chef Jose Andres, founder of World Central Kitchen!

