



THE MONARCH: SWS NEWSLETTER

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WINTER SOLSTICE IS COMING!

Winter Solstice is coming to SWS on December 22nd! Winter Solstice is a memorable and meaningful annual SWS tradition. We celebrate the beauty of the darkness and winter and reflect on the shining our lights. Earlier in the week, students will meet at the December Community Meeting and discuss: How can we shine our lights to create a better and kinder world? What are ways we see others shine their lights? What happens when many people shine their lights together? Each PK-1st grade student will have a lantern they created in the Atelier that they can bring home for break. Each MES and 2nd-5th grade student will create celestial sculptures they can bring home for break. Other fun events are planned to celebrate the joy and wonder as our earth tips away from the sun.



FALL COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN

LAST CALL! Tax-deductible donations to the 2022 Fall Community Giving Campaign are being collected until Winter Break. 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."



SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

EdFEST, DC's annual public school fair, will be held virtually this Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Students and families will be able to explore DC's public and public charter school options (PK3 - Grade 12), speak with school representatives, and learn about the school lottery. The public school lottery opens on Dec. 12th for the 2023-24 school year, SWS will be hosting its own open houses for prospective families on 1/21 (10am - 12pm), 2/2 (10-11am & 6-7pm), and 2/27 (10-11:15am). SWS's middle school feeder school - Eliot-Hine - is hosting its first open house on 12/14. Register for EdFEST and find more school information at myschooldc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

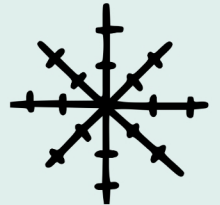
DECEMBER



- 9 - Parent Coffee in the Discovery Commons 8:35am+
- 9 - 11 The Lion King, Jr. performances at Stuart-Hobson MS
- 10 - EdFEST (virtual)
- 12 - LSAT Meeting at 6:30 - 7:30pm & Advisory Meeting 7:30 - 8:15pm (both meetings via zoom)
- 22 - Winter Solstice
- 23 - First Day of Winter Break

JANUARY

- 3 - 1st Day Back at School
- 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/No School & MLK Day of Service at SWS
- 21 - SWS Open House 10am - 12pm



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



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 TWITTER: @SWSatgoding
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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Parents and caregivers 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. Field trips are back - yay! 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. If you have a security clearance, you can skip the fingerprint step by completing a form found in the link above. Send a follow up via email to dcps.clearance@kl2.dc.gov if you don't receive your clearance letter soon after you submit it.

A current volunteer opportunity is with the early childhood atelier. Anyone with a DCPS clearance can sign up for a shift to help Ms. McLean:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4ac2da4f58-volunteer

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please alert the school office and your child's teacher for any absence whether excused or not. Emailing or calling the school prior to us reaching out regarding your child's absence saves the school time. Please email these 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).

SAVE THE DATES!

Two big SWS events are coming up in the next couple of months. The IDEA committee is organizing the MLK Day of Service on Monday, 1/16 at SWS. The committee will share more information about the event in the coming weeks. Then SWS will be holding the Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, 4/29 at the North Hall of Eastern Market. Keep an eye out for emails from the auction committee about ways to support our school's biggest fundraiser.

THE STUART-HOBSON DRAMA PLAYERS PRESENT:



THE LION KING, JR.!



Come out this weekend to see The Lion King, Jr. performed by the Stuart-Hobson Drama Players with cameos from other Capitol Hill elementary students, including the SWS 5th graders! Our students are participating as hyenas in Be Prepared and as birds in the show's finale. Tickets for show on Friday 12/9 (6pm), Saturday 12/10 (1pm & 6pm), and Sunday 12/11 (3pm) can be bought at tinyurl.com/shmsdrama. The show will run about 100 minutes long including one intermission. We look forward to the show. Break a leg!

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISERS



Thank you our 5th Grade class for organizing a fundraiser in November for So Others May Eat (SOME). They collected over \$250 and a car load of food to donate towards Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. Next up - sock collection this month!



Support SWS while shopping! Add Friends of SWS to your amazonmile.com account and help raise money for our school with each purchase!

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SWS OUT & ABOUT!



PK-4 FIELD TRIP TO THE NGA

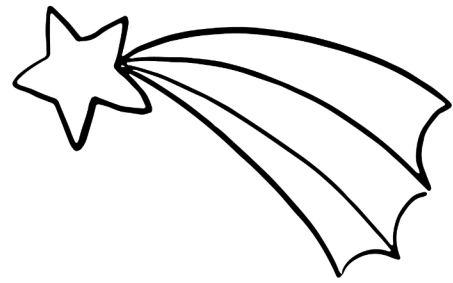
Ms. Hannah and Ms. Krista's PK-4 classes recently went on a field trip to the National Gallery of Art to explore an exhibit entitled *Called to Create: Black Artists of the American South*. They learned about artists who used recycled materials as their art supplies and those who created art from their home-made quilts. After finding inspiration at the museum, the students created their own paper quilts.



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SWS OUT & ABOUT!

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K!

Congratulations to the SWS Girls on the Run (GOTR) team for finishing their 10-week season by participating in the GOTR-DC celebratory 5K run at Anacostia Park! The race day was very cold, but our team toughed it out. Thank you to the four coaches, parents & caregivers, and teachers who supported our team throughout the season! We look forward to getting the team back together in March for the spring season. Sign up at gotrdc.org



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