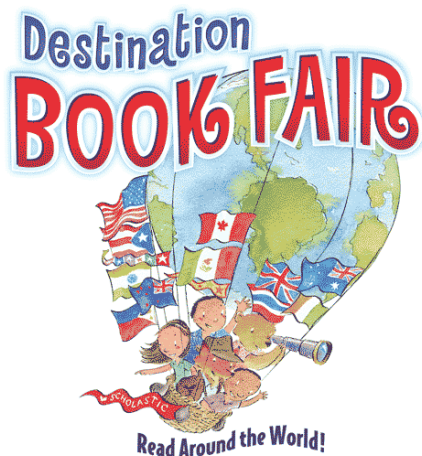


# Swansfield Elementary School PTA News



## Destination Book Fair – Read Around the World!

Help celebrate reading by visiting the Swansfield Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair is open several different times to make it easier for parents to fit a visit into their busy schedules. The Fair concludes Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with a Family Night from 5 to 8 PM. There will be a craft for kids to make and cookies to eat while you browse the tremendous selection of books for all grades.

The Book Fair is open Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 from 1 to 7 PM during parent teacher conferences.

It reopens Monday November 30 and runs through Thursday December 3 from 9 am to 3 pm for class visits and drop in. The fair is also open Friday, December 4 from 9 AM to noon, and again from 5 to 8 PM.

## Recommended Reads – check it out

Scholastic recommends

First Dog by J.P. Lewis & B. Zappitello

Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery by Sara Pennypacker

Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones by Judy Schachner

Swansfield Web Site: <http://ses.hcps.org/home>  
October 12 2009

## New Ideas in Teaching at Swansfield?

Please join us next week as we learn what our teachers are learning about incorporating movement and music into their classrooms at our monthly PTA Meeting, Thursday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Our teachers last week worked on learning how long student's attention span should be, how to incorporate movement into lessons, and how music can help with transitions and movement, plus yoga and brain research. We will get a mini-lesson on what our teachers covered and will be using in the classroom and how this affects learning and behavior. We will also have a sharing session about what may or may not have worked in your house. You can also come and find out what is going on in our school through the PTA and our many efforts.

## Reminder - Swansfield Swings Island Night!

Reserve seats now for this year's Island Night with Wentworth Richardson and Joyy, a D.C.-based group full of Caribbean flair! Island Night is Wednesday, November 18 from 7-8:30 PM at the Bain Center in Harpers Choice. Enjoy a great family evening of calypso, steel drum, soca, and reggae. Reservation forms are in the Monday folder. Please send your form along with cash or check to Swansfield PTA back to school soon!

## Upcoming Events

November 1--**Native Pride dancers** for all grades at 9 AM and 10 AM

November 12--**Next PTA Meeting** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Main Lobby of SES (childcare provided)

Week of November 16 **Cosmic Adventures** visiting 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

November 18--**Swansfield Swings Island Night** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Bain Center

Nov 23-24—**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Nov 23—**Teacher Appreciation Dinner**

Nov 23-24, Nov 30—Dec 4 –**Book Fair**

PTA Web Site: <http://www.swansfield.com>

# Swansfield Elementary School PTA News

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the parents that have helped with After School Classes.



Thank you to everyone that helped with Family Fun Run! Becky Ramsing led the charge with help from Karen Miner, Kim Stinnett, Angie Heyder and Jen Whiddon. Thank you to Kathi Battista and Marni Schwartz for serving refreshments to our parched runners and walkers.

## Swansfield PTA Looking for Corporate Sponsors

The PTA is looking for corporate sponsors, big and small. If you own, work for, or know of a community minded business that would be willing to help sponsor the programs we bring to Swansfield, we would love to hear about them. Our sponsors will be recognized on the web site and in PTA newsletters. Please contact Ginny Ahluwalia who is coordinating this effort ([tajiwalia@hotmail.com](mailto:tajiwalia@hotmail.com)).

## BY THE NUMBERS....

*We have 261 PTA members so far this year! Thank you to all the families that have joined. And remember – you can join at any time. It is \$6 per person, and you don't have to volunteer. You can pay your dues and let your money start working for you. Of course, if you can volunteer – great! We can always use the help.*

*Look in the Monday Folder for the next opportunity to volunteer....on the orange form!*

## Next Year's Calendar, Already?

*August 30, 2010 School Start Date is Preferred*  
Public hearing: Thurs., Dec. 10.

The school system administration will be debating the start date for 2010-2011 school year. They conducted a survey in which over 57 percent of the 2289 HCPSS staff members who responded to the question preferred the August 30 start date to an earlier one. Sixty percent of the 2210 parents who responded preferred August 30.

“We wanted everyone to know that starting that late in August, coupled with the additional days off for elections, would result in the school year ending on June 16,” HCPSS Spokesperson Patti Caplan explains. That's without inclement weather make-up days, she adds. A Public hearing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10 to further take testimony on the proposed calendar.

## After School Classes Success

Science, art, magic, Spanish, ballet, ...the afterschool classes are a great success! Kids are learning a lot and having fun, too! Look to register for a second session of interesting afterschool classes early in the January. “Thank You!” to Jennifer Whiddon.

### Tissues Needed

Please consider sending in a box of tissues to school. Winter is coming soon and your child's classroom could really use some tissues. Just have your student give the box to their homeroom teacher—the teachers will feel like you just gave them a gift!