

Swansfield Elementary School PTA News

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Swansfield Elementary School! We are excited to have you here with us to be a part of our school community.

First off, we want you to join us in welcoming Molly Ketterer as our new principal. She brings a tremendous energy and wealth of information and resources to us. Please know she is working with us to develop a strong partnership between home and school.

The PTA has great plans for this upcoming school year. Here are just a few of the many things we do as a PTA:

- The **Carson Reading Room** (a reading room designed to just let your child read for the pleasure of it) will be up and running soon after back to school night
- We have an **Artist-in-Residence** that will work with primarily 5th graders to develop a 3-dimensional mural in the cafeteria
- The return of our **Swansfield Striders** program—a program to get kids walking during recess once a week
- We plan on hosting **International Night** again celebrating our tremendous cultural diversity
- You have asked for them and they are back! **After-school classes** will start again enriching and engaging our community
- Providing you a voice to staff and administration and important information via newsletters and meetings

Please join us September 10, 2009 from 7:00pm-8:30pm for our first PTA meeting. We hope you will help us set our goals for the upcoming year and work with us to fill committees. Participating in the PTA gives you the opportunity to show your child that school is valuable and important. Childcare will be provided. This meeting will also address budgeting priorities.

We also ask that you join us on **September 15 and 16 for Back to School Nights** when we will present the budget and goals for your consideration and approval.

The school will be offering a free seasonal flu vaccine, Flumist, on September 22nd at Swansfield during the school day. Look in your Monday Folder to sign your child up for this free vaccination.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful year at Swansfield!

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Swansfield PTA President

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Don't Forget!
The Ice Cream Social
Thursday September 3, 2009,
7-8 p.m., Swansfield blacktop
Performance by "The Chosen"



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Ice Cream Social September 3rd at 7 p.m.

The Swansfield PTA is hosting *The Chosen*, a singing group of seven Ugandan children, ranging in age from 8-12 years old, at our Ice Cream Social.

The children are in the care of Action for Empowerment (AOET), an indigenous non-governmental organization in Uganda with the prime mandate of providing an education – formal and/or vocational – to orphans and vulnerable children.

AOET supports children and families by caring for them through direct school sponsorship funding. Children who are sponsored receive not only an education, but health care and social support to help them grow and mature. AOET also provides Empowerment Programs to help widows and families who have adopted children into their homes gain practical skills, which enable them to be self-supporting.

The seven children who comprise *Chosen* represent thousands of AIDS orphans through song and dance. Debuting in 2003, *Chosen* has achieved acclaim across the globe. Sharing their struggle and personal testimonies, they share a diverse repertoire of song and dance throughout many districts in Uganda, Kenya and the United States. For more information on AOET, visit their website at www.aoetusa.com.

The whole family will enjoy singing and dancing with this talented group of children! See you at the Ice Cream Social September 3rd at 7 pm – Rain or Shine!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We'd like to highlight this newsletter a few of our many volunteers:

Kristy Virostek and **Cindy Swanson** for their work this summer getting ready for the fall fundraiser.

Jean Boone for preparing our fun Cultural Arts programs – like the Artist-in-Residence.

Jen Whiddon for bringing back Spirit Wear to Swansfield. More information about how you can order shirts, jackets, etc. will be coming!

Please thank them for their hard work when you see them next!

Go WILD with Innisbrook!

*We are pleased to kick-off our PTA's annual fundraiser **Tuesday, Sept. 1st**!*

Check out the premium quality gift wrap, candies, magazines and gift available through the sales catalog. Please ask your neighbors and coworkers to help support our PTA's goal of raising \$12,000, so we can continue to have family fun nights, bring visiting artists, storytellers, and scientists to Swansfield, and provide support for classroom activities.

Innisbrook has gone GREEN and prints all standard gift wrap, brochures, and order forms on **recycled paper with 100% water-based inks!** EZ Order Entry makes this program very simple for families!

All orders are due Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

Please see your child's Innisbrook packet for more details!

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