



# Panther Press

December 2008

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 2 SPMT 3:45 pm
- Dec. 2 Community Computers  
5:30-6:30 pm
- Dec. 2 PAWS 6:30 pm  
Christmas Crafts
- Dec. 6 Holiday Shopping Spree  
12:00-3:00 pm
- Dec. 17 Happy Bear
- Dec. 18 Pre-K Holiday Party  
6:00 pm
- Dec.20-Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 5 No School  
Staff Development
- Jan. 6 School Resumes
- Jan. 6 SPMT 3:45 pm
- Jan. 6 Community Computers  
5:30-6:30 pm
- Jan. 6 PAWS 6:30 pm
- Jan. 12 Panther Pride  
Assemblies
- Jan. 13 3rd grade to TPAC
- Jan. 19 No School  
MLK Day
- Jan. 22 Amazing Race  
Family Night 6:00 pm



## Holiday Shopping Spree

December 6, 2008  
12:00-3:00 pm

Bring your children to shop in a fun and economical atmosphere! Enjoy hot chocolate and baked goods in the North Pole Café. Get Santa pictures taken.

**PAWS proudly presents...**  
**Christmas Crafts for Families**  
**December 2, 2008**  
**6:30 pm**

## Pictures With Santa

December 6,  
2008

12:00-3:00 pm

2-5x7s and 4-wallet pictures  
for \$3.00



## Community Computers

Computers are available for parent use from 5:30-6:30 before the PAWS meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.



Winter Break

No School

December 20, 2008-  
January 5, 2009

School resumes on  
January 6, 2009

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day was a success! We had a total of 89 grandparents attend school on November 25, 2008. The grandparents were serenaded by a group of 3rd grade students while they enjoyed coffee and muffins, visited the book fair, and spent time in the classroom. Some grandparents enjoyed a home cooked meal of turkey gravy and mashed potatoes. Each grandparent took a picture with their grandchild(ren) to commemorate the day. This is a very special day for the Scott community. It enables all of us to acknowledge the special contribution that grandparents make to our lives.



## School Begins at 8:30 am

Please try to get your students to school each day by 8:30 am. When they are tardy they miss valuable learning time. **However, please do not drop off prior to 8:00 am.** Supervision is unavailable before 8:00 am.



## Pick Up Time 3:30 pm

Please do not pick your child up early unless it is completely unavoidable. We value their learning time. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

## News from Third Grade

As hard as it seems to believe, the school year is near its halfway mark. As such, many of the school supplies that our students brought at the beginning of the year may need replenishing or replacement through simple wear and tear. If possible, we encourage you to check with your children to see if there are any supplies such as pencils or crayons/markers used on a frequent basis that would be helpful for you to purchase again and send to school at your next opportunity.

Third grade is hard at work raising the last bit of money necessary to go on our exciting field trip to Earthworks in Kansas City in April. Earthworks is a program that provides science experiences for children in a hands on way. We currently need about \$400 to reach our goal. To help us meet this, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is once again selling a pizza dinner at our Amazing Race Family Night on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan on eating pizza and helping us raise our last bit of money for this field trip.

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# Library News!

## Million Minutes of Reading Update

So far, over **42,000** minutes of reading has been tallied. Fifth grade is leading the way with over 10,000 minutes read.

Our next "windows" for reading are December 1-14 and December 15-January 5. At the end of each time, each student is to complete the information found on log or return each of the logs below:

### **A Million Minutes of Reading**

**Weeks of December 1-14**

**(Please return the week December 15.)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Name**  
**Grade**  
 **Number of Minutes Read/  
Read To at Home**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's/Guardian's Signature-Date**

### **A Million Minutes of Reading**

**Weeks of December 15-January 5**

**(Please return the week of January 6.)**

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**Student's Name** **Grade**  
 **Number of Minutes Read/  
Read To at Home**

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**Parent's/Guardian's Signature-Date**

**An important date to remember:** April 30, 2009 - Author Visit, Lisa Campbell Ernst - Please watch for more information.

And, thank you to all parents, grandparents, students, and staff that made the Book Fair so successful. There were a lot of great books.

Also, volunteers are always welcome in the library. Please contact Mrs. Edwards at 235-7562.

If there are any questions, please call Mrs. Edwards at 235-7562. (Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor Sra. Edwards al 235-7562.)

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## Computers for Volunteers

The Computers for Volunteers program is off and running. We have had several families who have already received a computer, at no cost, to keep in their household. Anyone related to a child at Scott may participate. To receive a computer, you must complete 10 volunteer hours at school. The computer must be located in the household in which the student resides. Several family members can go together to complete the 10 hours. If you are interested in this program, please contact Amy Glinka at 235-7549.