

News from the Office

Attendance Line: 303-756-0392

Sept 3, 2009

Ducks Rock!



A check for **\$4,098.40** was presented to Southmoor Elementary SPIE Board.

This was our school's share of the money raised at the 5th Annual **Denver Rubber Duck Drop** in May of 2009. The event was sponsored and coordinated by the Office of Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann along with several parent volunteers from the participating schools.

The Duck Drop was held in George Wallace Park and attracted a large crowd of parents, children and supporters of our neighborhood schools. Over 2,000 rubber ducks were sold and entered into the race netting over \$20,400 for the support of five Denver Public Schools: Bradley International, Samuels, Slavens, Holm and Southmoor Elementary.

Southmoor Elementary student **Reid Fornstrom**, won our contest of selling the most duck tickets and received a t-shirt, a ride on a fire truck at the event and helped his class win a pizza party for most class participation.

Thanks to all who participated in this great neighborhood fund raiser.

Join PTA! Get Involved!

By joining the PTA you have a voice. It is a great place to exchange ideas and improve our school. **You** can make a difference!

Membership forms are available in the office.



<http://southmoor.dpsk12.org>

Don't Forget....

Picture Day is next Tuesday, September 8th.

Important Dates

NO SCHOOL	9/7
Picture Day	9/8
ABC Fundraiser Kick-off	9/10
Boy Scout Recruitment Night 6:30- 8 p.m.	9/10
NO SCHOOL	9/18
SPIE Meeting, 4 p.m.	9/24
Donuts for Dads	10/1
Student Count Day	10/1
Moose is Loose Walk	10/3
PTA Meeting, 4 p.m.	10/6

**ABC Fundraiser Kick-off
Next Thursday, September 9th**

Look for information coming home today.

Mandarin Chinese Classes

By Great Wall Chinese Academy

Every Week After-School Enrichment Program

Class K-5 3:45 – 4:45PM Tuesdays, Sept 15, 22, Oct 6, 13, 20 Nov 3, 10, 17, Dec 1, 8 (10 weeks) \$110

Mandarin Chinese Language Enrichment is an exciting after-school program presented by Great Wall Chinese Academy. The program provides a unique opportunity for young children to learn Mandarin Chinese language and Chinese culture. Courses focus on Chinese vocabulary and simple daily life conversations.

Students build their Chinese language skills via integrated classroom activities including songs, games, cultures events, etc. It is fun and rich learning experience for all students.

Registration forms are available electronically via Moose Mail—or if you need a hard copy, call the office at 303-756-0392 to request that a form be sent home. Registration Deadline September 10, 2009



Cool Stools Contest

Open to ALL 4th and 5th graders

Use circle template (passed out in art classes) to design a possible piece of art for one art stool.

Please return completed circles by Thursday, September 10th.

30 designs will be selected and if your design is chosen, you'll paint your artwork on 1 of the 30 stools.

***Parents: we will need acrylic paints to complete our "cool stools." If you can donate these paints, please let us know.**

Art Mural



Vincent van Gogh

This Fall, we hope to paint a large wall mural in our art room. The mural will be a school-wide project of The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh.

***Again, we will need donations of acrylic paints to make this mural come to life.**

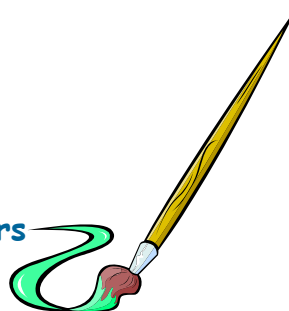
Spotlight on Southmoor Student Artists

Calling all Southmoor student artists! We want to display your artwork in the art room. Every two weeks, we hope to display one student's masterpieces for the whole school to appreciate. Artwork is NOT limited to work created in the Southmoor art room. If you take Artful Journey classes, a summer art camp or create art as a hobby, please submit 5 to 7 two dimensional pieces for display in the art room.

*Special mention in the Thursday school-wide newsletter!

Thank you,

Diana Fields
Lisa Freedberg
Visual Arts Teachers



Notes from the Music Room 2009-2010

Welcome to Southmoor! It is so nice to see my old friends and to meet some new ones. My Name is Mrs. Leslie Draper Roy, all of the students call me Mrs. Roy, and I am pleased to be the music teacher at Southmoor.

We have a successful, thriving music program with a lot going on. There is classroom music instruction, student performances throughout the year, a guitar club, keyboard club, string club, a concert band for the 4th and 5th graders and our own parent rock band "**Second Bell**"! We have visits from and fieldtrips to Opera Colorado, in school concerts from various ensembles including the CSO Chamber Orchestra, Hazel Miller and our music honor students participate in district programs such as City Wide Choir and City Wide Concert Band and Orchestra!

In the music classroom the district standards based curriculum is followed and supplemented by various methods including the Spotlight on Music Series, Kodaly, Orff, Breath Control, and Dalcroze. I see the students for 45 minutes per class on a three day rotation.

Guitar Club meets on Friday morning starting on Sept. 25th 8:15 to 8:55. This club is for kids who can play guitar or would like to learn how. The students will be divided into a group that's appropriate to their playing level; beg., intermediate., advanced. We are very fortunate to have talented and dedicated parents teaching guitar to our students (great job guys!) Please bring your guitar if you have one since there are a limited number of school guitars. Help your student tune the guitar before they come. A stick with it attitude is necessary for guitar club, practice is important to succeed and good attendance expected.

Keyboard Club is another popular place to be. This club is also run by parents in the morning. It will meet on Tuesday morning from 8:25 to 8:55 beginning on Sept. 22nd. This club is for kids who play piano, or would like to play piano, and want to share their interest with other like minded kids and "tickle the ivories" at school once a week with some guidance (but not lessons) from wonderful musical parents. We do have a couple of pianos and keyboards available but the students may not take a piano home.

String Club is for students who already play violin, viola, or cello and have private lessons outside of school and would like being in an ensemble at school with other string players. This club has been taught by our own wonderful parent. We are adding a beginning string players club this year but the students must have their own instruments. Details are not determined yet but I'll keep you informed.

The **Southmoor Concert Band** is open to any interested 4th and 5th graders. It was started in 2004 with a grant from VH1 Save the Music. We received \$25,000.00 worth of instruments and we have acquired more through generous donations. I am proud to say this is our sixth year and we're going strong! There is no experience needed to join the band, just a strong desire to learn, a commitment to stay with it for the school year, and academic responsibility in the classroom. Instruments are checked out to the students and they are able to take them home to practice with parent permission. Research has proven that music can make you smarter. Research also shows that if a person does not play a musical instrument by the time they are 12 years old they probably never will! Encourage your child to play an instrument.

Students need a signed permission slip to participate. If they are planning to use a school instrument an Instrument Agreement Form must also be signed by a parent and turned in to Mrs. Roy. Forms will be brought home by your student.

There are many opportunities for parent involvement directly with students or supporting them in the music programs. You need not be a virtuoso to be helpful. One hour a month does a large amount of good!

Please contact me if you need more information or wish to volunteer.

Thank you,

Leslie Draper Roy

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