

# THE SOULARD SCHOOL NEWS

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL ...

I recently spoke with a family interested in sending their children to The Soulard School. They were exploring several options and the mom had been at our Open House. I asked them what their vision for their family was. I didn't ask about their vision for their child(ren). I've never met a parent that wants anything less than the best for their child. Defining "best" varies. However, I have found that how parents see themselves and their family's future frames this concept well.

The families' at The Soulard School have a shared vision. Our involved and enthusiastic parents demonstrate this best. The Open House was well attended by prospective families, but the atmosphere created by our current families really made the event a huge success.

In talking to the parents I mentioned above, the mom said, "On Saturday, I realized how important it is - that I need this sense community as well [as wanting it for my children]." I know just how she feels. While it feels like my work is never done, and I'm always here - there's no place else I would rather be.

- Kelly Bock



## Overheard at Open House

from a parent of a prospective Kindergartener:  
*"We already know we want to come here. We just need to know how to apply. They told us we had to wait until Saturday."*

from a father to his young preschooler on the wait list:  
*"Blowing kisses won't get you in any faster ... Wait! It might, keep blowing!"*

Thank you ... to all the families who turned out (at worknights and the day of to make Open House such a success. The school looked great - all that hard work paid off - but more important was the wonderful, positive energy that was apparent the moment you walked in the door. We're also sending a thank you to our guests along with a survey to find out how THEY felt about it. We'll compare their feedback with last year's and share the results when we have them.



## TRIVIA NIGHT February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 PM

### JOIN THE TEAM

Don't be left out! The 2nd Annual Soulard School Trivia Night February 23rd at Mad Art Gallery.

Gather your table of 10 and get your thinking caps on. Doors open at 6:30. we are teaming up with Joanie's Pizza so you can pre-order some yummy eats.

Each table costs \$200 which includes drinks - soda, beer and wine. There are door prizes, Fish Bowl Auction and cheaters beware, there are jail cells on the premises. To reserve a table and place pizza orders contact Sarah Christman at 865-2799 or [sarahxman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarahxman@sbcglobal.net).

### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Soulard School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Soulard School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

## Parent Drivers Requested for the Symphony

Elementary students will enjoy their second concert of the year at Powell Symphony Hall on Wednesday, March 5. The theme for the concert is "Fire Dance," and it includes Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus, Falla's Ritual Fire Dance from El amor brujo, and Stravinsky's The Firebird (1919 Suite).



We will need many parents to drive because **ALL ELEMENTARY CLASSES WILL ATTEND** the same concert. We have extra tickets for drivers, and it's a fun way to spend the morning. If you are available to drive, please contact Teresa. We will leave school at 8:45 AM and return around 11:00 AM. Thank you!

It's Different with David Robertson

## SAINT LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Mike Wallace, from the band The Irish Brigade, performs for students at last month's Student Assembly.

## Student Dance Performance

The student assembly on Friday, Feb. 22 will include a dance performance by Thrive and some Mosaic students entitled, "Hide and Seek." The students and Tim have been working on this piece for several weeks, and it will be exciting to finally see it performed. We will also be sharing February Birthday Books. As always, families are welcome!



Check out the work in progress on the Mosaic in the Main Hall at School. Sarah Bliss (Astrid's mom, 2/3) and some student helpers have been busy at work.

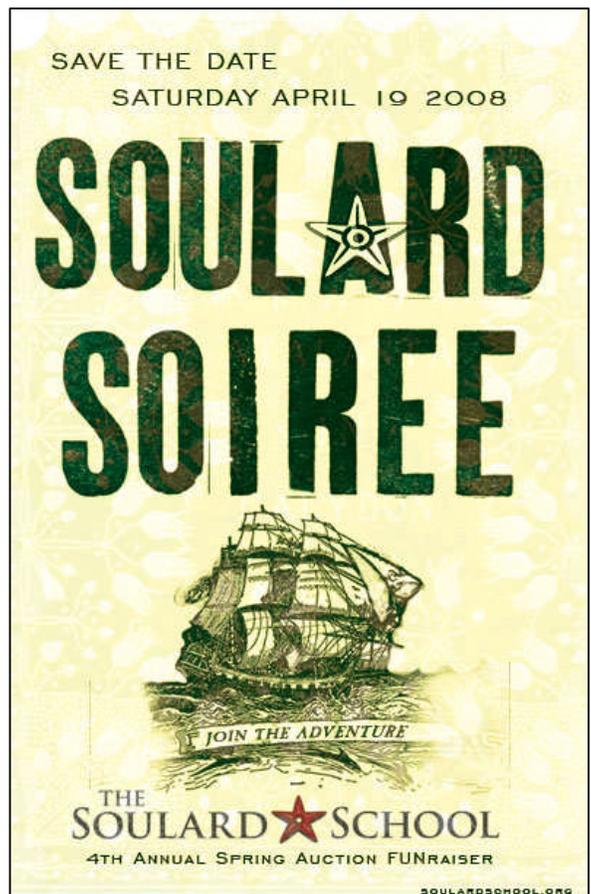
## THE 9TH ANNUAL TEACHING PEACE PARADE

Mark your calendar for **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM** for The Soulard School Teaching Peace Parade. All Early Childhood & Elementary students will participate.

**Everyone is welcome** – friends, families and neighbors (extra eyes are always helpful). This is a fun way we put our philosophy of caring for others (literally) in motion.



*Teaching peace all the world around.  
You and me every city every town."*



# Artist in Residence Program



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Welcome Cbabi Bayoc, this year's AIR. His paintings and reproductions are in galleries across the country and in homes throughout the world. In 1995, Bayoc received his Bachelors in Arts from Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. Since that time, he has been fortunate enough to more than make a living as an artist; he has wedged himself into the class of artists who receive accolades and acclaim for their work.

Starting February 8<sup>th</sup>, Cbabi will begin working with the Mosaic class, preparing for the Student Show in May. Cbabi works primarily on canvas with acrylics. His subject matter reflects his love of music and family. While our topics and media in studio thus far have been varied, one continuous outcome has been a collective piece. Our mosaic is a perfect illustration of the individual effort coming together to create a large unified final piece. Cbabi's time and influence here will be similar. The Mosaic class will create a cohesive body of work using Cbabi's style and inspiration. "[My work] is based on everyday observation. I draw, literally, all day and try never to leave the house without paper and a drawing instrument because I never know what is going to inspire me on my travels around town. Whether it's actual human interaction or the rust patterns on an old dumpster or truck, I find references to human form in almost everything around me." The other elementary classes will begin a portrait study to compliment the Mosaic room's work and be shown in May as well.

## STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT WITH BILL KEAGGY

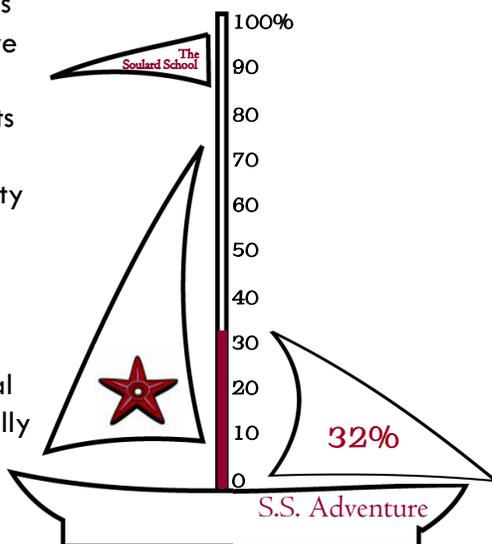


We also have a photography project coming up in the spring with **Bill Keaggy**, author of "Milk, Eggs, Vodka" and father of Liam, Subjunctive and Sorena, Quietude.

Just before the holidays Sarah put a call out for **old digital cameras**. So far there have been two donations, Thanks Rebecca Schmitz and Mary Waskow! We could use more if you know of anyone or if you want to **donate** one (you can find some for \$30 on the web), we will use them! Everyone will be taking part in this documentary photography project so the less we have to share the more opportunities we have to capture the shot!

## Raise the Sail! Annual Giving Update

As of last week, our school participation rate was up to 32%. This is a good start, but we've still got a ways to go. Annual Giving supports enrichment programs, teacher salaries, facility maintenance, and financial aid. Please give generously. If you have any questions about Annual Giving, please call Kelly Bock at 865.2799 (work) or 495.8569 (cell).



Thank You ... Mardi Gras volunteers who got up early, braved the snow & crowds, and raised **\$2000** for the School. (A special thanks to **Heather & Jim Lake** who stayed ALL DAY!)

## REMINDER

School will be **CLOSED** on the following days this month:

**Monday, February 18**  
NO VACATION CARE

**Friday, February 29**  
Elementary closed all day  
Early Childhood closed 12-6 PM  
NO VACATION CARE

# THE SOULARD SCHOOL

## 2007/08 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### EARLY CHILDHOOD (EC) & ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (EE)

February			EC	EE
Tuesday, February 5	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Monthly Coffee for Parents	○	○
Friday, February 8	2:30 PM	Student Assembly		○
Saturday, February 9	5:30 – 10:30 PM	Parents' Night Out	○	○
<b>Monday, February 18</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Presidents' Day	○	○
Friday, February 22	2:30 PM	Student Assembly – EE Families Invited		○
Saturday, February 23	* Doors open @ 6:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night	○	○
Monday, February 25	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Officers' Meeting		
<b>Friday, February 29</b>	<b>All Day closed 12:00– 6:00 PM</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Records Day (EE) <b>School Closed</b> – Records Day (EC closes @ 12 PM)	○	○
March			EC	EE
Saturday, March 1	5:30 – 10:30 PM	Parents' Night Out	○	○
Tuesday, March 4	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Monthly Coffee for Parents	○	○
* Wednesday, March 5	8:45 – 11:00 AM	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Kinder Concert		○
Friday, March 7	TBA	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Student Assembly – Teaching Peace Parade	○	○
Mon., Mar. 10 – Fri., Mar. 14	Evening	Parent/Teacher Conferences	○	○
<b>Mon., Mar. 17 – Wed., Mar. 19</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Spring Break (Vacation Care available)	○	○
<b>Thu., Mar. 20 – Fri., Mar. 21</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Spring Break	○	○
Friday, March 28	2:30 PM	Student Assembly – EE Families Invited		○
Monday, March 31	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Officers' Meeting		
April			EC	EE
Tuesday, April 1	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Monthly Coffee for Parents	○	○
Thursday, April 3	TBA	Parent Association Meeting – Elections	○	○
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Professional Development Day (Vacation Care available)	○	○
Saturday, April 5	5:30 – 10:30 PM	Parents' Night Out	○	○
Friday, April 11	2:30 PM	Student Assembly		○
Saturday, April 19	TBA	Soulard Soiree - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Auction	○	○
Friday, April 25	2:30 PM	Student Assembly – EE Families Invited		○
Monday, April 28	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Officers' Meeting		
May			EC	EE
Saturday, May 3	5:30 – 10:30 PM	Parents' Night Out	○	○
Tuesday, May 6	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Monthly Coffee for Parents	○	○
Wednesday, May 7	TBA	Student Art Show	○	○
Friday, May 9	2:30 PM	Student Assembly		○
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	<b>All Day closed 12:00– 6:00 PM</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Records Day (EE) <b>School Closed</b> – Records Day (EC closes @ 12 PM)	○	○
Friday, May 23	2:30 PM	Last Day of School – Assembly Party – Elem. Families Invited	○	○
<b>Monday, May 26</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b> – Memorial Day	○	
Saturday, May 31	TBA	Art & Garden/Picnic & Portfolio	○	○
June			EC	EE
Monday, June 2	TBA	Officers' Meeting (with newly elected officers)		

New (or revised) events are noted with an asterisk.

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