

HOME SCOOP

Writer's Workshop Consultant from Columbia University Spends Day at Skokie School

Columbia University's Teachers College staff developer, Emily Smith, spent Wednesday and Thursday, November 16th and 17th, with fifth and sixth grade language arts teachers kicking off our second year of collaboration with Teachers College to expand and enhance Writer's Workshop across our classrooms.

Mrs. Smith partnered with teachers and students to support and enrich their existing repertoire of writing strategies in the classroom surrounding a personal essay unit. In addition, Mrs. Smith conducted teacher workshops emphasizing pre-assessment of student writing prior to beginning

a new unit of study, examining predictable strengths and struggles students may display within a unit, and assessing completed pieces of student writing using common rubrics.

Mrs. Smith also facilitated teachers through the valuable experience of engaging in the writing process as a community of adult writers. This opportunity allows for teachers to perfect their craft and engage in professional conversations around the teaching of writing.

We look forward to Mrs. Smith's return for two more visits to Skokie in April 2012.

Related Studies (Exploratories) Report Cards in the Mail Next Week

Skokie families should be receiving their child's Related Studies (Exploratories) Report Card in the mail by next Wednesday. Advisory Report Cards were distributed in conjunction with parent conferences earlier in November. As this was a few weeks before all of the Related Studies sessions had concluded, we delayed their report

cards until now.

Over the past three years, we have attempted to provide an expanded view of Related Studies activities along with the teacher's specific comments. We welcome your comments regarding the formatting of the Related Studies report cards. Feel free to respond through LetSkokieKnow.

The Next Two Weeks

Date	Activity
Wednesday, December 7	Orchestra & Chorus Winter Festival Concert (Grades 6-8) @Washburne, 7:00pm
Thursday, December 8	Band Holiday Concert (Grades 6-8) @Washburne, 7:30pm
Tuesday, December 13	Board of Education Meeting @Washburne, 7:15pm

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The Skokie School Principal Search

Parent Focus Groups on December 14, 2011

The process of searching for a new principal has begun. Parent feedback is an important component of the search. There are two opportunities for providing input: focus groups and the online survey emailed to families. Focus groups will be held on Wednesday, [December 14, 2011](#) in the Skokie Community Room at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

LetSkokieKnow@winnetka36.org

We appreciate the feedback we have received this year. Please keep the comments coming! Exploratory report cards will arrive in the mail next week. Please send your thoughts and comments about our format. Thank you.



From the Health Office *Strategies to Stay Well*

Marianne Siegel, RN
Skokie School Nurse 847.441.2149

Cold and flu season is upon us again, as some of you may have already experienced in your household. While we have previously run our health maintaining tips we refer to as the **Three C's**, we feel it bears repeating. The holiday season has started, and we want children to look forward to a winter break free from sniffles, sneezes, coughs, and fevers.

Practice the **Three C's**:

Clean—Wash your hands often. Have some hand sanitizer within reach when you aren't near soap and water.

Cover—Cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve. Throw away the tissue, and wash your hands once you are finished.

Contain—Students should stay home if they are not well. When to return?

We ask that all students are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Advil before coming back to school.

And remember,
*Plenty of sleep will keep our immune systems restored.

*Fluids keep us hydrated and energized.

*Opt for healthy foods whenever you can.

Please call me in the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

**Missing Something?!
(Or Some Things?)**
The Lost and Found has been sorted. Please claim your missing articles from the rack in the back of the auditorium. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at winter break.

You won't want to miss this special evening...



Join us in the Washburne Gyms on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm for a musical performance

FEATURING

The 6th Grade Concert Orchestra
The Skokie Chorus
The 7th and 8th Grade String Orchestra
The Washburne Singers

Each ensemble will have several feature pieces. The concert will conclude with all ensembles joining together in a festive holiday musical medley!!

from the resource center

Mrs. Candy Gordon, Director

Are you looking for a good book for a holiday gift? Here are three of our newest books in the Skokie Collection:



The Last Musketeer
Stuart Gibbs

The economy has hurt Greg Rich's family. Now his family is forced to sell their family heirlooms to survive. While Greg and his parents travel to Paris for the sale, unfortunately, Greg doesn't stay there long. His parents disappear, and Greg goes to their rescue... However, to find them, Greg must travel 400 years into the past!

If you enjoyed Belly Up, try this latest book from Stuart Gibbs.



My Life as a Stuntboy
Janet Tashjian

12-year-old Derek is offered a roll as a stuntboy in a movie. He is eager and excited to participate! However, his experience is adversely affected by the identity of the movie's star, some school bullies, and his best friend's jealousy.

This sequel to My Life as a Book will be perfect for the fans of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series.



The Mystery of the Missing Everything
Ben H. Winters

8th Grader Bethesda Fielding's detective skills are needed again when a valuable trophy is stolen. The principal cancels all field trips until the mystery is solved. Can Bethesda discover the culprit and save the class trip?

Concert Band

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 8th 7:30 p.m.

Washburne Gym

Concert Band Students are to report to the Washburne Band Room no later than 7:00 p.m.

Concert Dress is mandatory!!

Dark pants or skirt, white shirt or blouse, dark dress shoes. Boys must wear ties. **NO JEANS OR GYM SHOES!!!!!!**

EVERYONE WILL HAVE REHEARSAL ON, THURSDAY DEC. 8th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washburne Band Room. Enter the band room through door W5 on the Hibbard Road side of Washburne. We will rehearse with the 7th and 8th graders and then have our own rehearsal during 1st period.

We will return to Skokie for 2nd period.

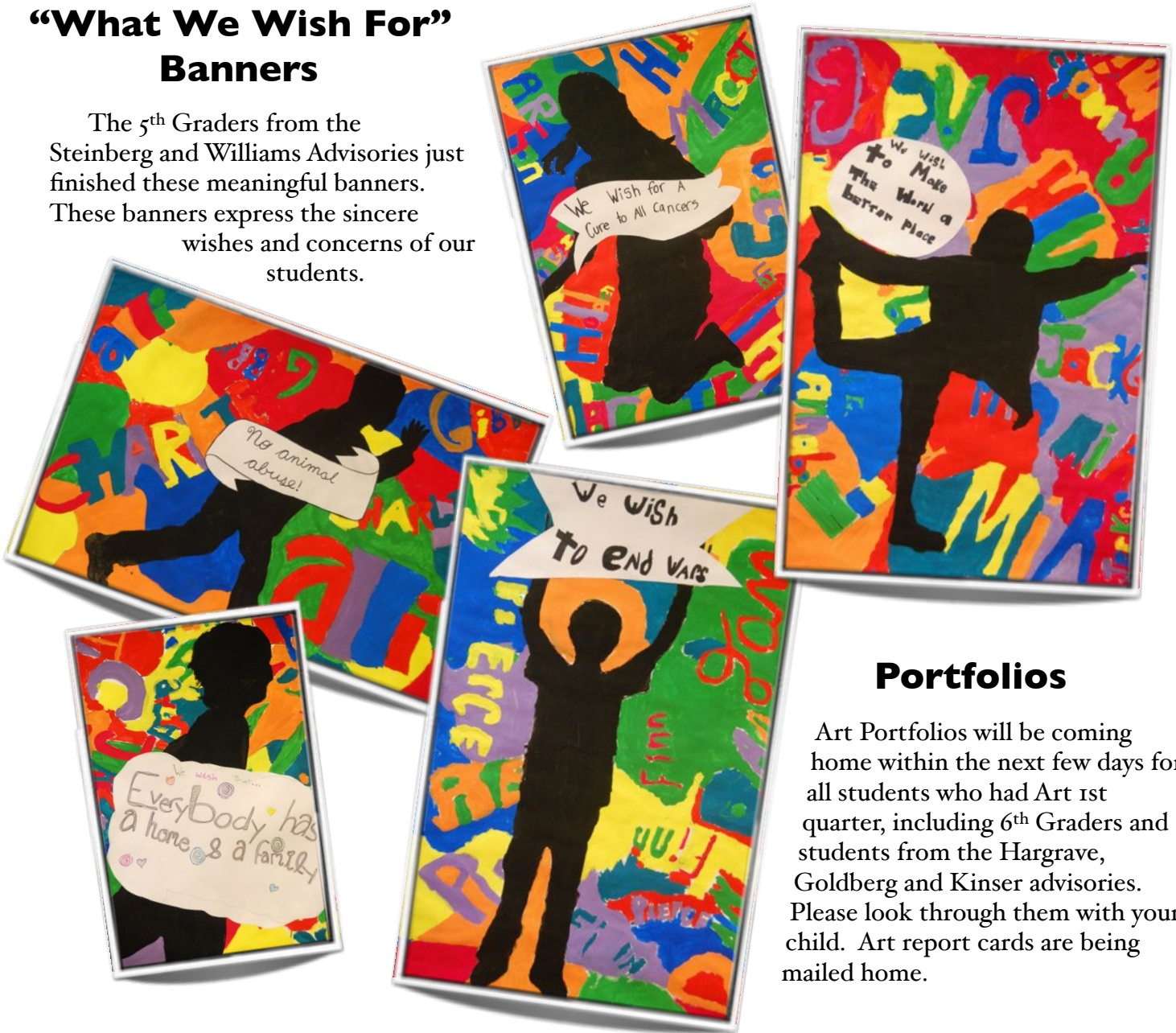
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!!



from the art studio:

“What We Wish For” Banners

The 5th Graders from the Steinberg and Williams Advisories just finished these meaningful banners. These banners express the sincere wishes and concerns of our students.

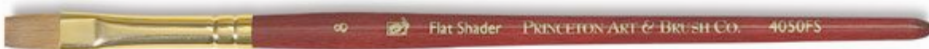


Portfolios

Art Portfolios will be coming home within the next few days for all students who had Art 1st quarter, including 6th Graders and students from the Hargrave, Goldberg and Kinser advisories. Please look through them with your child. Art report cards are being mailed home.

Thanks again!

Lea Basile Lazarus



Skokie Service in the NEWS!



To find out what else is happening in Service, please visit our blog @ skokieserves.edublogs.org

Look! There's more!
 To see the entire article, click the link below!

[Thanks for making a difference](#)

“...Skokie School Service classes researched each of the 19 nonprofits identified as recipients by the VC and selected four nonprofits from the list and promoted the program to the fellow classmates to participate.”

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