



All City Elementary PTA Newsletter

Week I
October 3, 2011

Our Mission: "To create a community of learners: children, teachers, and parents working cooperatively to maximize individual growth and success in a changing world."

Deadline: Friday, noon
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At a glance Calendar Events

- Friday, Oct. 7th
Swimming
1:00 pm
- Friday, Oct. 21st
End of First Quarter
Choice Day
1:45
- Monday, Oct. 24th
Music Concert
7:00 pm
1st & 2nd grade and
Orchestra/Band
- Friday Oct. 28th
Kids Care
Fall Festival
6:30 pm

**Complete
School Year
Calendar is available at
www.allcitypta.org**

A message from the principal:

Later this month, we enjoy two weeks with our Artist In Residence. This is an experience that we have been fortunate that the PTA has funded for two full weeks for a number of years. The teachers always select an artist from a genre that we have not recently participated in, and this year our selection is Gordy Pratt. This experience is partially funded by our artistic fund-raising efforts each fall, the Original Works project that makes great Christmas gifts for family and friends, alike. This effort doesn't always cover all the costs, so PTA is generous enough to make up the shortfall with donations from the Activity Funds that they collect, annually (have you paid yours, yet, this year?). If the artist lives outside of Sioux Falls, the ACE community is responsible to house the artist, and provide his lunches while at school. This year, Tony and Stephanie Spader family will house Gordy, and PTA Execs will provide some of his meals. If any parent would like to provide a lunch for him, or take him out to lunch during his stay here, please let Scott Stearns or Mr. D know.

Gordy Pratt will be with us from October 17 through October 28. He brings 30 years of experience as a song writer, guitarist and performer into the classroom. Students learn basic song structure and writing process, culminating in a concert of the songs they write and perform. The sessions deal as much with language and storytelling as music. The goal is to give students a vehicle for personal expression. Through the course of the residency, Gordy also represents a history of western music through classical guitar repertoire. Gordy studied music in New York, London and San Francisco. He's a published songwriter and loves working with kids. Since moving to Spearfish, he has been a songwriter for the Elder Wisdom project in the local elementary school.

We look forward to our time with Gordy, thank Spaders and PTA for their providing this opportunity, and the teachers for giving up their valuable instructional time for us to experience something so worthwhile, and look forward to the culminating concert program. Watch the PTA news for more info in the coming weeks about that experience!!

Thank you to the following families for starting the Choice Day activities off with a bang!

1. Tennis Pro
 2. A lesson in Obedience -displayed by a horse
 3. Sculpture Walk
 4. Making Ice Cream
 5. Zoo-mobile
 6. PTA Reflections/Photography
 7. Basketball
 8. Reflections/Literature
 9. Making fleece blankets for Humane Society
 10. Tye Dye T-shirts
 11. Dietician from Heart Hospital
 12. Exercising @ the Wellness Center
- Riccardo Tarabelsi
Stephanie Spader
Kelly & Don Molstad
Andy & Becky McQuistan
Stephanie Hanson
Annetee VollanOKerber
Mark Gierach
Greg Dyer
Elisa Heckenliable
Penny Bennett
Pat & Stacy Chedester
Joni & Josh Merkley

A few notes concerning Choice Day:

Please be respectful of the deadlines given for forms being due. It takes time for approval, routing the forms through the classrooms, assigning parents and classrooms etc. When your forms are late this delays the process. Your form will always be due one month before your Choice Day Activity so keep that in mind when planning for yours. Also, once your activity is approved that is what you are expected to do. If there are any changes to your plan of action they need to be approved by Mr. D. Thank you for your help with this!

A message from the **Library**

Accessing Destiny Quest from Home:

- *Type in "Sioux Falls School District" in Google.
- *Click on Library Services.
- *Or type in this address in the address box.:

<http://libraries.sf.k12.sd.us/>

- * Click on the Catalog & Databases link on the left side of the screen in the blue rectangle.
- * Click on Jane Addams Elementary.
- * Destiny Quest will come up.
- * In the "Find" box, type in the titles you are looking for to see if our library has them, or whether or not they are checked in our out at this time.

If you don't see the book you want, let me know. I can try to find it at another library in our district or put it on our list of requested books to see if we can order a copy.

Mrs. Wells: Beth.Wells@k12.sd.us

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LEGO®

Halloween

Come chase the **spooky** Halloween cobwebs from your brain with a ***FREE*** LEGO® Halloween party!

Who: 5-8 year olds and their parents

Where: Edison MS gym

When: October 25, 2011 6-7 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume for a chance to win a prize!!

The South Dakota Robotics Association is sponsoring a Halloween open house for 5 – 8 year olds.

We will have age-appropriate stations for you to try your hand at some LEGO® and **spooky science activities.**

The event is free, but registration is required. Visit <http://SouthDakotaRobotics.com> to register.