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Swope Middle School Parent Group Newsletter

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A Message from Dr. Brown

Greetings,

We have been very busy this past month; between the Panther Prowl, preparing for the Veterans' Day assembly, and the everyday demands of teaching and learning for our 700 plus students. Special thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated money and time, making our first Panther Prowl a colorful success. The number of parent volunteers on the day of the event was a wonderful show of support; our Swope community is amazing. In addition thank you for the support during our Veterans' Day assembly; your presence at the assembly and your acknowledgment of family members who served our country through the pictures you sent is what makes this event very special for us; especially our students. Thanks to our teachers who continued to keep our students focused on the required learnings and finally thanks to our students for being good citizens in the midst of such busy times.

The pace of our students' lives is pretty rapid and they really do have a lot to accomplish. Cross Country season came quickly and

is already over and we are well into girls' basketball season. Students involved in music are busy preparing for performances and many of our students are committed to activities outside of school. We expect that most students do an average of 60 to 90 minutes of homework each day; math homework is assigned every day and English teachers presume that students are reading independently for at least 20 minutes per day. As a result, a middle school student's day is full of activity; as parents and educators we must ensure that the activity is meaningful, leading to increased intelligence and greater academic achievement. The "school" part of a student's day is still about getting smarter, which only comes through sustained effort coupled with the will to persist and succeed. Parents are essential to this success.

Remember to check in on your middle school student's world, because he or she is experiencing a whirlwind of change in every area of his or her life. You have been through this change and can be a terrific navigator. It is okay to be a "pain-in-the-neck" and it is worth the trouble, but you will have to settle for deferred gratitude. For example, instead of asking, "Do you have any homework?" say, "Please show me what you have for homework" (the

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"please" is really important). A bit of inside information on middle school thinking does help to avoid becoming too much of a "pain-in-the-neck." For the middle schooler every day is the end, or beginning of life as he or she knows it, which can work in your favor—a "pain-in-the-neck" today could be the prince of tomorrow. In other words it is helpful for parents to adopt the "every day is the beginning of life" philosophy (this may even alleviate some frustration). The last bit of information is obvious, above all be their parent; they have plenty of friends.

Middle schoolers are curious and are seeking independence, but our involvement in their lives and decision making is crucial. It's a bit of a paradox, but it is true; we must balance their autonomy with our control at just the right time.

We, as partners in education, have
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(continued from pg. 1) a great task, which can only be fully realized through cooperation and collaboration. Bear in mind that during one of the most tumultuous times in a young person's life we still have high expectations for academic achievement. We must understand that middle school students are quite capable of performing beyond these expectations. The critical element is effective effort on the part of the student; effort is the vehicle for achieving one's hopes and dreams.

The holiday season is quickly moving upon us. I am expecting this newsletter to arrive before the third Thursday in November and therefore feel safe in wishing our Swope families a very happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for, even in the midst of the tragedies and trauma that invade our lives. I am thankful for the Swope community, our wonderful supporters, terrific parents, great students, and our hardworking staff— a winning combination.

Be reminded that this year we will have one extra day to celebrate and to spend time with friends and family. There will be no school for students and teachers on November 27th, 28th, and 29th; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The third day is unique to this school year. Students usually do not attend school on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November because of Election Day, but this year there was not an election in Washoe County. Consequently, in order to keep the calendar for the 2013-2014 school year balanced with the 2014-2015 calendar, an extra day was added to the Thanksgiving holiday. Next year we will be back to having the usual two days off, so for at least this year we can be thankful for the extra day.

Looking ahead to December, this year the first semester will end on Thursday, December 19th followed by a three-week break. Students will begin the second semester on January 13, 2014. We have much to accomplish before the end of the semester and the time is short; help us to help your students meet the challenge of the common core standards. One way to do this is to attend Parent Advisory Council meetings where we talk about what we are doing and allow you to ask questions about what goes on at our school. Have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

A QUICK NOTE FROM MRS. CALLAHAN

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the second quarter and the holidays are just around the corner. This school year is flying by.

Before going any further, a few great big thank you's are in order...

THANK YOU to all of our Swope families for making the 1st Annual Panther Prowl such a huge success. Thank you to all who came out to toss color, blow off students, take pictures, be part of the set-up crew, be part of the clean-up crew, or just cheer on our kids. What a great time! Amidst the mess were huge smiles and lots of giggles. A special thank you to Sabine Beach, Tina Uchytel, Jill Halki, Janean Priest, and Curtis Beach for creating, supporting, and spearheading this event.

THANK YOU to all of the Panther Prowl corporate sponsors for supporting and believing in Swope Middle School.

THANK YOU to all of the parents who donated goodies for the Veteran's Day Assembly reception.

THANK YOU to Starbucks for donating the coffee for the Veteran's Day Assembly reception.

As the holidays approach, so do final exams and the end of the 1st semester. Students should be working hard in their classes, bringing home approximately 90 minutes of homework each night, and reading a book of their choice for 20 minutes each night. If you have questions about assignments or expectations in your child's classes, please don't hesitate to contact their teachers. (Email is usually quickest.)

Included in this letter is a form with volunteer opportunities at Swope. We love to have parents involved and in our building whether it be in classrooms, in the halls, or out on fields at lunch, you are always welcome.

A few different ways to get the information about what is happening at Swope:

- Infinite Campus main page on the Parent Portal
- Swope website at www.swope.weebly.com
- Student/Parent Handbook
- E-mail back and forth with teachers (all email addresses are on the website and will be in the handbook)
- Quarterly newsletter
- Your child's' Panther Plan (which should be filled out each period and it is graded for completeness each Monday during Advisory)

Thank you for sharing your kids with us. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Callahan – Assistant Principal

SAVE THE DATES



Nov 20th – WCSD Honor's Choir Concert
 Nov 20th – Educational Support Professionals Day
 Nov 21st – Girls Basketball vs. Depoali (7th Home/8th Away) @ 2:45 PM
 Nov 21st – National Parent Involvement Day
 Nov 25th – 8th GT Wolf Pack Meats Fieldtrip
 Nov 26th – Academic Warnings Mailed
 Nov 27th → Nov 29th – Thanksgiving Break

Dec 2nd – Beginning of Swope Holiday Food Drive
 Dec 3rd - GT Roundtable
 Dec 5th – Girls Basketball vs. Shaw (7th Home/8th Away) @ 2:45 PM
 Dec 9th – 8th GT Water Treatment Fieldtrip
 Dec 11th – PAC in the library at 6 PM
 Dec 12th – Girls Basketball vs. Billingshurst (8th Home/7th Away) @ 2:45 PM
 Dec 16th → Dec 19th = FINAL EXAM WEEK
 Dec 16th – Tentative Band Concert 7 PM
 Dec 17th – Food Drive Delivery
 Dec 19th - End of Grading Period
 Dec 19th - DANCE
 Dec 20th – Teacher Work Day
 Dec 20th → Jan 10th = Winter Break



Jan 13th – First Day Back from Winter Break
 Jan 13th – Report Cards Issued
 Jan 13th – Boys Basketball Tryouts
 Jan 15th – PAC in the library at 6 PM
 Jan 17th – Team Assembly in the gym 12:30 → 2:00 pm
 Jan 20th – NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY OBSERVED
 Jan 21st → Feb 7th – Winter MAP testing
 Jan 22nd – Parent U Presentation 6 PM
 Jan 24th – 8th GT Youth Wildlife Conservation Exposition Fieldtrip
 Jan 25th – Jazz Band to Folsom
 Jan 27th – Boys Basketball vs. Depoali (8th Away/7th Home) @ 2:45 PM



Library News

By Mrs. Reed, Library Media Specialist



Do you know who has been Swope's partner-in-education since 1993? You may have guessed the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The partnership is about working together to create learning opportunities.

Swope and Reno Airport participate in a number of activities together throughout the school year: First, culinary arts classes have been creating *gingerbread houses* which will be on display at the airport from mid-November to January. A special display case was designed to allow passengers to vote for their favorite design by voting with money. The donations will go to a charity that students choose.

In December, the *band and orchestra* students will perform music in the terminal for the enjoyment of passengers. Check the school calendar for specific dates.

Also, about twenty Reno Airport employees will be delivering 120 boxes of food to 30 Swope families the evening of December 17th. Reno Airport Employees and Swope students will be **collecting food** for that community service project from **Dec. 2-16th**. Collection of non-perishable food items is through your student's advisory teacher. **Please see the flyer to find out how your family can help.**

Finally, in February, 8th grade students will participate in an award-winning Reno Airport *job-shadowing career event*. Students will complete applications with the top 3-4 students per advisory selected to interview for a specific airport job. Those students who are "hired" for the jobs will get to go on an all-day field trip job shadowing the Reno Airport employee to learn about the specific of real-world work.

Family Activity

Have you read the book The Reading Promise by Alice Ozma? Alice and her single dad started a reading ritual of reading aloud to each other every day. They called it "The Streak." Every 100 days they would celebrate with pancakes! This continued until she graduated from high school. Learn more at www.makeareadingpromise.com

Scholastic Reading Club

Students can pick up Scholastic Reading Club order forms in the Library or from their ADVISORY teacher. For on-line orders, sign in or register at scholastic.com/reading_club and enter Swope's Activation Code: *LFNQ2*. See Infinite Campus for updates.

Students can also bring orders into the library with a check made out to:

Scholastic Reading Club

Due date for the next book order
is Dec. 3rd

Books are delivered to Swope Library; then delivered to students in their ADVISORY class the next week. Points accumulated are used to add books to our school library. The Library does this program instead of a yearly Scholastic Book Fair.

Family Resources Available

Resources are available for parents to check out of the Swope Library. The teen brain is reconfiguring causing disconnects so reading The Primal Teen by Barbara Strauch is recommended.

Positive Discipline

by Nelson

New Skills for Frazzled Parents

by Dr. Amen

Why Boys Don't Talk and Why It Matters

by Shaffer and Gordon.

Why Girls Talk and What They Are Really Saying

By Shaffer and Gordon

Raising Cain Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys

by Dr. Kindlon

The Primal Teen (Teenage Brain)

by Barbara Strauch



Special Thanks

Thank you to Ms. Jamison and members of orchestra for playing at the Barnes and Noble fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Thank you to the parents and everyone who made purchases. Funds raised will help replace or buy new books for the library and classes.

2013-2014 Online Subscription Databases

Nevada State Library: Did you know that the State of Nevada spends thousands of dollars to purchase outstanding **DATABASES** for students to use? Students should be using these before they “go surfing” on to the World Wide Web (WWW). The WWW has more inaccurate information than accurate. For accurate information, educators suggest that students use copyrighted books and copyrighted databases.

A few of the advantages of using databases are:

save time

Newspapers from around the World

high-quality information

no advertising

MLA citations for Works Cited page

various reading levels

The following databases are available to school and public libraries plus home (using passwords). New this year is *World Book Encyclopedia*.

World Book Encyclopedia

Reference

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=N7731>

User name: washoe Password: nevada



ABC-CLIO

History, Government, State Geography

www.socialstudies.abc-clio.com

User name: washoeschools

EBSCO

Searchasaurus, General Reference, Magazines,
Newspapers, ERIC, Professional Journals

<http://search.epnet.com>

User name: washoe

GALE

Science Resource Center

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nv_washoesd

(That's nv_washoesd)

Renaissance Home Connect

Thanks to a generous parent donation, Pikero's, Sheldon's, Whitham's & Saunders' language arts classes are using Accelerated Reader. Each student has a reading goal per quarter, based on their reading MAP scores. You can check on your student's progress in Accelerated Reader. You can log into Renaissance Home Connect from any computer with an Internet connection and compatible browser.

To log into Renaissance Home Connect Website: <https://Hosted309renlearn.com/261056/HomeConnect>

User Name: 7-digit student ID. # (located on front of panther plan)

Password: ABC

If you'd like to receive emails showing your student's quiz results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the directions. To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add

homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book. If you have any questions about Renaissance Home Connect, please contact Mrs. Reed, Swope Library, 333-5198.

To access our school library Destiny database: www.washoe.k12.nv.us

Click on: ● **Schools**

▶ **School libraries**

▶ **Swope Middle School**

Home tab: links to resources

Catalog tab: search our database of books

● **At the bottom, click on READING PROGRAM & select Accelerated Reader.**

● **Add AR Book Level range (located on pg 7 in student panther plan. Ex: 4.2-6.0)**

Search strategies using basic keyword:

Soccer;

Soccer NOT fiction;

Soccer fiction

Students can login into Destiny:

Username: student 7-digit ID #

Password: last name

Students can then access “My Info” which lists all books checked out including due dates. Students can also create lists of books to read under DESTINY QUEST plus explore what is available in the Swope library.

Destiny Quest APP

If you have a smart phone, download a free DESTINY QUEST app to check out our collection.

For a video on www.youtube.com type: **Downloading & configuring Destiny Quest**

Mobile App Here is the info you'll need:

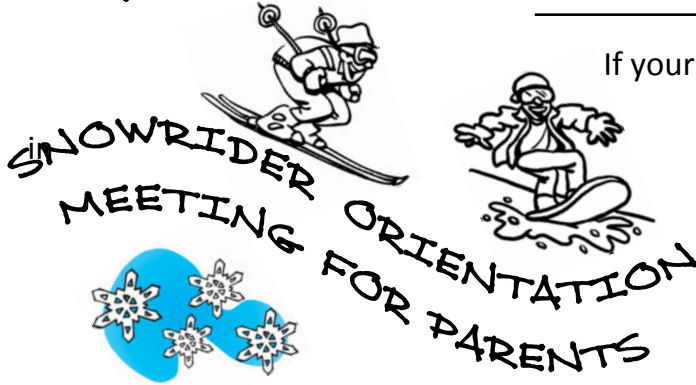
Type URL: washoeschools.follettdestiny.com

Scroll down to: Swope Middle School

Username: 7-digit student ID #

Password: last name





If your son or daughter is interested in the Snowrider Club this year there will be a meeting on Dec. 5th at 6 p.m. room S-2 (Home Economics room.) This club is for skiers and snow boarders who want to go to some local resorts. In order to do this, there are papers that must be filled out by parents.

There is also a \$60 membership fee which will cover the cost of transportation. This is in addition to the

resort costs which vary depending on the resort. Fees will range from \$27 to \$63 depending on the age of your child and the resort we're visiting. Child rates apply to students ages 12 and under and teen tickets are 13+. The advisors for the club this year will be Tracy Shannon and Dan Dondero and we will be happy to answer any of your questions that evening. Trips to the resorts will be on Saturday and our first trip is scheduled for Jan. 25th. We are planning to take six trips this season which will include two trips each to Alpine Meadows and Squaw, one trip to Sugarbowl and one trip to Mount Rose. If you have any questions before the meeting you can contact Tracy at tshannon@washoeschools.net. We're looking forward to a great season!



Box Tops At Swope



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Box Tops is all about the difference one can make. This year, our goal is to raise \$500 for positive behavior incentives. Here are some easy, everyday ways you can help:

Clip – Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop online – Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Up to 15 eBoxTops™ per \$10 spent on qualifying purchases is automatically donated to our school, at no additional cost to you. Plus, you'll get exclusive Box Tops deals and discounts!

Read – Buy books online through the Reading Room, a partnership between Box Tops and Barnes and Noble. Our school receives up to 6 eBoxTops per \$10 spent on qualifying purchases.

Sign up – It's easy and free. Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts. To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

Christi Whitham
Box Tops Coordinator at Darrel C. Swope Middle School



A Note from the Band Director



Dear Parents,

The Swope band department is off to a great start this school year. I am proud of all of our groups who performed for a packed house at our first annual Fall Concert in October. Their hard work and determination is paying off. Our Concert Band members have had a rigorous month of rehearsals and performances. We had a fun time at Reno High's 8th grade night. Band members joined the Reno High marching band in the stands and on the fall field. Also, our Concert Band prepared Veterans Day tribute music for our annual assembly and did a beautiful job. They were also participants in the Veterans Day Parade in Reno. We are proud of their success! Thank you to all of our parents and students for making our rehearsals a priority.

We have several students to celebrate on their acceptance into community groups and honor groups this fall. Thank you to the following students for your commitment to excellence and for representing Swope very well. Congratulations:

Julia Kim, Youth Symphony Orchestra	Isabella Oh, WCSD 6th Grade Honor Band
Quinn Ross, Youth Chamber Orchestra	Lucas Seitz, WCSD 6th Grade Honor Band
Will Casaceli, Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra	Dallin Meidell, WCSD 6th Grade Honor Band
Julian Herbert, Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra	Ethan Swanson, WCSD Honor Jazz Band
Allie Hamilton, Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra	Lane Sturgeon, WCSD Honor Jazz Band
Alex Mathew, Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra & WCSD Honor Jazz Band	

Parent Help Needed

We are busily preparing for our annual fundraiser in December. We are still in need of some parent help in the following areas to ensure it is a success.

- Parent Volunteers & Chaperones
- Truck Driver
- Program Design
- Collecting raffle items
- Ticket Sales
- Raffle
- Videographer
- Photographer

All parents able to assist us in any way should plan on attending a planning meeting on **Monday, November 18th @ 6pm in the orchestra room.**

Sincerely,
 Nichole Heglund
 Swope Middle School, Band Director
 nheglund@washoeschools.net



Upcoming Band Events

November 18 th	Winter Concert Parent Planning Meeting 6pm in Orchestra Room
November 23 rd	Jazz Band Performs at the Auto Museum 11:15 arrival & 12pm performance
December 16 th	Annual Winter Music Celebration Fundraiser@ 6:30pm Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom, UNR



CHOIR NEWS



Choir students have been busy preparing for today's Veteran's Day assembly and the winter concert. We have some very motivated and talented students in choir this year, and they did a great job at the assembly. Special thanks go to Beau Oster, Zack Jamieson, Stephen Stewart, Megan Parker, Reilly Hogan, Keeley McMurray, Briar Gracey, Alyssa Buchanan, Ellie Henderson, Cadie Miller and Kaitlyn Hill for setting up after school for the Veteran's Day concert.

The orchestras are working hard on their winter concert music. Two ensembles from our strings advisory performed for the Barnes & Noble library fundraiser: Brissa Carrillo, Rachel Bronk, Avery Longfield and Parker Kalin; and, Ryan Clawson, Lilly Baxter, William Chan, Lauren Hutchings and William Kim, all performed patriotic chamber music for our guests before and after the Veteran's Day assembly.

Congratulations to our many choir and orchestra students who are participating in honor groups and extra ensembles this year:

Nisha Von Bartheld, Youth Symphony Orchestra

Lilly Baxter, Youth Chamber Orchestra

William Kim, Youth Chamber Orchestra

Lauren Hutchings, Youth Strings Symphonia

Jacob Freed, Youth Strings Symphonia

Angela Ake, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Lilly Baxter, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Ryan Clawson, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Jacob Freed, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Ashley Hunsaker, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Lauren Hutchings, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Cadie Miller, WCSD Junior Honor Orchestra

Steven Stewart, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Asa Bisar, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Remi Gaul-Murphy, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Kaitlyn Hill, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Reilly Hogan, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Kuulei Hunter, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Zach Jamieson, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Hannah Keese, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Samuel Kreins, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Evan Moore, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Maili Nguyen, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Megan Parke, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

Tenaya Roberts, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

David Valdivia, WCSD Middle School Honor Choir

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- Raffle
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- Photographer

If you can help in any way, please attend our planning meeting on **Monday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the orchestra room.**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday, November 18, 6:00 p.m., Orchestra/Choir room – winter concert fundraiser planning meeting

Wednesday, December 11, noon-4:00 p.m. – Advanced Orchestra performs at the airport

Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m., Winter Concert Celebration at Joe Crowley Student Union, UNR campus

Marsha Jamison

Orchestra & Choir Director

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*** * * Request for Raffle Items * * ***

Swope Middle School’s Winter Music Celebration will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Joe Crowley Student Union. The funds raised at this annual event assist us in purchasing instruments, music, supplies, uniforms and offsetting fieldtrip expenses. All of this can easily cost \$5,000 or more each year. We are again soliciting donations of raffle items for a fundraiser to be held at the Winter Music Celebration. All donations are tax-deductible!

Past donations have included items such as event tickets, handmade items, gift baskets, holiday items, giftcards, wine, jewelry, candy, and much more!
All donations are greatly appreciated!

DONATION PICKUP - call Christine Hogan at 353-0202, or e-mail chogan@gobluteam.com.
DONATION DROPOFF - Mrs. Olano in the main office at Swope Middle School

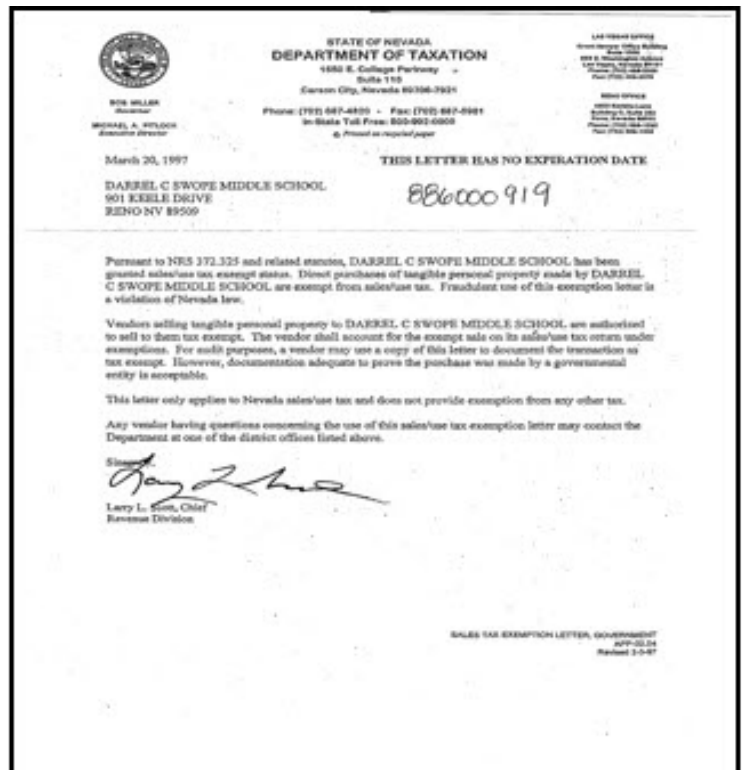
We thank you in advance for your support and donations!

Sincerely,

MARSHA JAMISON
Orchestra & Choir Director
E-mail: mjamison@washoeschools.net

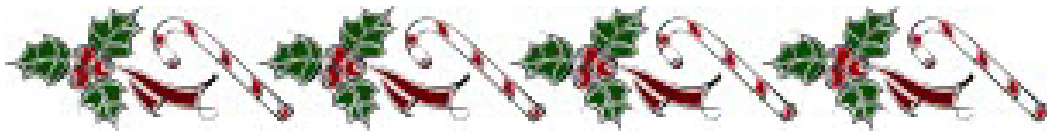
NICHOLE HEGLUND
Band Director
E-mail: nheglund@washoeschools.net

Happy Holidays



Swope Middle School presents

A Winter Music



Celebration

Monday, December 16, 2013

6:30 p.m. - Joe Crowley Student Union

Located on the UNR campus behind Lawlor Event Center
1500 N. Virginia Street Reno, NV 89503

Please join us as we celebrate the winter season with music performed by Swope's Orchestras, choirs, and bands*.

This is our annual program fundraiser. Please invite friends, family and neighbors! Students will need to arrive at 5:30 p.m.; concert hall doors open at 6:00.

To purchase tickets, fill out the form below and send it with your student to Mrs. Heglund or Ms. Jamison, or deliver to Susie Olano in the front office.

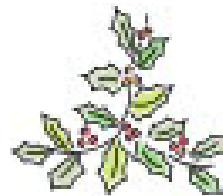
Ticket Prices

Adults: \$10

Seniors (60+) and Juniors (ages 4-12): \$5

Children 3 and under: free

Family price: \$25



** This is a required performance for Swope band, choir, and orchestra students.*

Student name: _____ Teacher: _____ Class period _____

_____ # of adult tickets @ \$10 each

_____ # of senior (60+) / junior (ages 4-12) tickets @ \$5 each

_____ \$25 family price. Please indicate # of adults _____ # of senior/junior _____

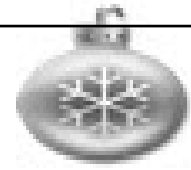
_____ Total amount enclosed (checks payable to Swope Middle School)

_____ Please check here if your family will need financial assistance with all or some of the ticket price. Fill out the form above to indicate the number and type of tickets needed.



Good Wish/Business Ad Order Form

Due: Monday, December 2, 2013



We would like to invite you to place a "Good Wish" ad or a business ad in our concert programs this year. This is a great way to advertise for a minimal price and a wonderful way to encourage our music performers. All funds go to the cost of printing and to Swope's Music Trips Fund.

If you choose to advertise for the full year, your ad will be placed at our winter and spring concerts programs. We anticipate 750 to over 1000 attendees at our winter concert and 800 at our spring concerts. This is a total of 2 advertisements and over 1500 views of your business ad or good wish ad.

We will format your good wishes—just send in the text.

"Good Wish" Examples

Example: Good Luck Lisa! We are proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

Example: Reach for the stars, Percussion! From the Murphy Family

Circle A or B to indicate your selection.	Circle A or B to indicate your selection.	Circle A or B to indicate your selection.
1. Business Card Ad Options	2. Half Page Ad Options	3. Full Page Ad Options
A. Winter Program: \$15.00	A. Winter Program: \$30.00	A. Winter Program: \$60.00
B. Winter/Spring: \$30.00	B. Winter/Spring: \$60.00	B. Winter/Spring: \$120.00

If placing a business ad, please send in your ad or business card to Mrs. Heglund with the attached form or email a scanned copy to nheglund@washoeschools.net

Checks should be made out to *Swope Middle School*.

Student Name:	Period:	Date:
Size of Ad & option:	Total Amount:	
Message for Good Wish Ads:		



Because of all of your help, support, and tremendous generosity the **1ST ANUAL SWOPE PANTHER PROWL** was a huge success.

Over \$20,000 was raised!

As a result of this, exciting things are already happening. New microscopes are on order for our science classes, New graphing calculators are on order for our math classes, new library books are on order and some arrived already.

Again,
THANK YOU SOOOOO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

Dear Swope families,

Thank you very much to all of you who have made contributions to our Home Economics program! The extra supplies that you have brought in have been so needed and much appreciated! Some of you have even sent extra money to help out! I can't tell you how grateful I am for your support! Your 6th and 7th graders have enjoyed their first lab this quarter and are looking forward to their second lab this week. They will be making muffins! They love getting in the kitchens and putting on their aprons and getting to work! Not only will they learn some basic cooking (and cleaning) skills, they learn to work with others in a timely fashion. There are a lot of job readiness skills that are learned in these classes.

The 8th graders are busy making gingerbread houses! They've made their gingerbread pieces and are now putting them together with frosting. It's fun to see their creations take form! You're always welcome to pop in and see the kids in action! They are amazing! This is a service learning project and the students are trying to raise money for the Down's Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada. They have a program called, "I Can Bike" which features a camp for kids with disabilities and teaches them how to ride a bike. The Reno Tahoe Airport Authority partners with us and will display seven of the gingerbread houses in the airport for us. The airport patrons can make

a monetary donation to their favorite house and the money raised will be given towards the I Can Bike project. We are very busy this time of year and with your

continued support it will be a very rewarding and successful time for your kids! I've enjoyed all of the students and am awed by their creativity and enthusiasm!

Sincerely,
Tracy Shannon



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Student's Name: _____

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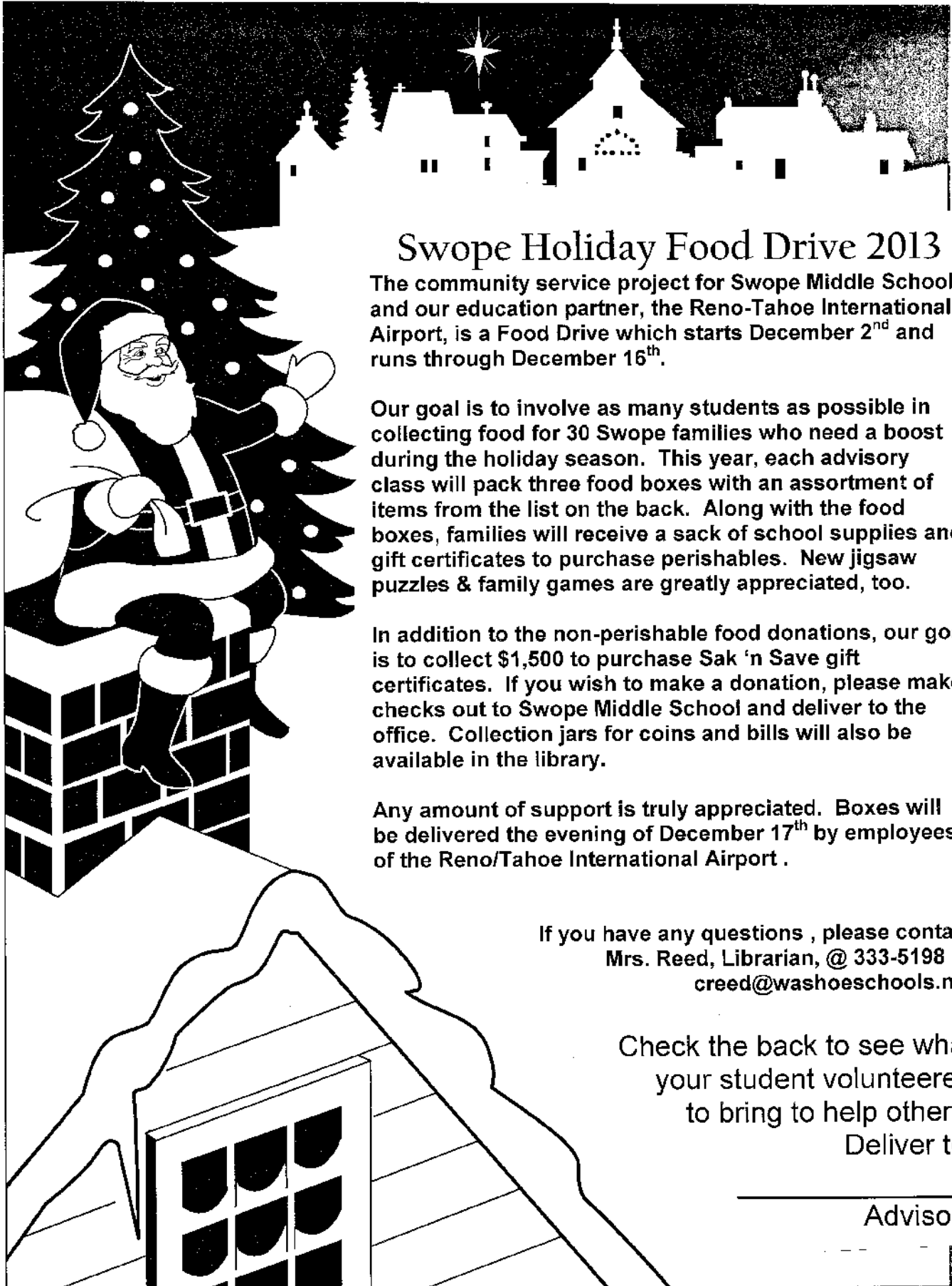
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Swope Holiday Food Drive 2013

The community service project for Swope Middle School and our education partner, the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, is a Food Drive which starts December 2nd and runs through December 16th.

Our goal is to involve as many students as possible in collecting food for 30 Swope families who need a boost during the holiday season. This year, each advisory class will pack three food boxes with an assortment of items from the list on the back. Along with the food boxes, families will receive a sack of school supplies and gift certificates to purchase perishables. New jigsaw puzzles & family games are greatly appreciated, too.

In addition to the non-perishable food donations, our goal is to collect \$1,500 to purchase Sak 'n Save gift certificates. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks out to Swope Middle School and deliver to the office. Collection jars for coins and bills will also be available in the library.

Any amount of support is truly appreciated. Boxes will be delivered the evening of December 17th by employees of the Reno/Tahoe International Airport .

If you have any questions , please contact Mrs. Reed, Librarian, @ 333-5198 or creed@washoeschools.net

Check the back to see what your student volunteered to bring to help others.

Deliver to:

_____ Advisory

Suggested Packaged Goods for Holiday Meals

To supply families with a month a meals.

- Stuffing _____
- Potatoes _____
- Canned vegetables
 - Pumpkin _____
 - Corn _____
 - Green beans _____
 - Yams _____
 - Peas _____
 - Beans _____
- Fruit
 - Cranberry sauce _____
 - Applesauce _____
 - Peaches _____
 - Pears _____
 - Pineapple _____
- Canned meat
 - Chicken _____
 - Tuna _____
 - Ham _____
- Jam/jelly/honey _____
- Crackers _____
- Oatmeal or other cereals _____
- Cans of gravy _____
- Jar of cheese _____
- Bags of candy _____
- Cold Cereal _____
- Jello & Pudding Mixes _____
- Muffin/bread mixes _____
- _____
- Cookie/Bar snacks _____
- _____
- Nuts _____
- Dried Fruit/Raisins _____
- _____
- Spaghetti sauce _____
- Beefaroni _____
- Macaroni & Cheese _____
- Microwavable meals _____
- Small Marshmallows _____
- _____
- Soups
 - Chunky soups**
 - Chicken broth
 - Vegetable
- PEANUT BUTTER _____
- Jigsaw puzzles _____
- or games _____

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