

The Dirksen Family Eagle Club

2004-2005 Activities

What: Planned Ways for Dirksen Family Members to be involved with their children at Dirksen School that align to the Dirksen School Improvement Plan and Enthusiasm Priorities. The Dirksen Eagle Club will organize and sponsor up to 5 Family Involvement Activities a year that are recommended by staff and families and approved by SILT. The criteria for being an approved Dirksen Eagle Club Activity are the following:

- Aligns to School Improvement Plan or Enthusiasm Priorities
- Supports Student Learning or Spirit through Family Involvement
- Is Cost-Minimal and can be supported through Enterprise Funds that total no more than \$200 per Activity or does not exceed \$1000 for all 5 Activities. All approved expenses must be accompanied with a receipt of purchase.

Who: SILT will appoint two Joint Chair Families for each of the approved Dirksen Eagle Club Activities during September SILT Meeting. The Joint Chair Families will have the following roles/responsibilities:

- Contact families to help plan and implement Dirksen Eagle Club Activity
- Develop Action Plan/Budget for carrying out Dirksen Eagle Club Activity
- Determine roles/responsibilities of each family involved in carrying out activity
- Determine costs for Dirksen Club Activity

When: SILT will determine the upcoming year's Dirksen Eagle Club Activities at the March SILT Meeting. The Dirksen Eagle Club Activities will have a Sign-Up booth for Dirksen families at August School Registration and Back-to-School Days. After sign-up period, Joint Chair Families will be determined for each Dirksen Eagle Club Activity by SILT at September SILT Meeting. Individual Activity Joint Chair Families will have individual meetings in September with the Dirksen principal and an assigned SILT member. At this meeting, Joint Chair Families will be given list of families to contact, will develop Activity Action Plan and budget.

The schedule of Dirksen Eagle Club Activities for FY05 will be:

October (at school activity): Autumn Adventures on October 28th from 5:00 – 7:00; the activities for the evening will be LaGondola Spaghetti Dinner for families from 5:00 – 5:45 and then Activities in classroom. The families will go from room to room playing a “Jeopardy Style” K-3 SAI Review Game and then get a prize (example: A Third Grader’s Family will ask for a Third Grade Math Question and then answer correctly and get to pick a prize from the pool in Mrs. Carr’s Room). The Meal will be a good family mixer and “slight” money maker and the K-3 Autumn Adventure Game/Prizes will be good exposure for families to K-3 Fall Curriculum. (Family Focus upon learning about SAI Fall Reading, Math, Writing, Music and PE Curriculum)

November/December(at home activity): At November Family Conferences, each family will be given directions for making a family ornament to send back to school to hang on the Grade-Level Trees by Blue Eagle. Each family will be given a Pre-Made Tag where they can each write a few sentences about their families holiday traditions that will be attached to the ornament (Family Focus upon Writing Process)

January (at home activity): After the Holiday Break, each family will be given Directions for decorating a family mitten to hang on the Winter Mitten Tree. This will be a rotating alternative to Snowperson (one year Mitten and next year Snowperson). The undecorated Christmas Tree will be decorated with the different families mittens and classes will design Mittens to be displayed throughout the school (School and Family Focus upon Enthusiasm)

February: NONE

March: NONE

April (at School and Home activities): Dirksen's Spring Learning Fling - TV Turnoff Week (tied together with Spring Open House and Family Read Night) will be April 18th – 22nd, 2005. We will start TV Turnoff Week with a "Spring Learning Fling" Kick-Off Night on April 18th from 4:00 – 6:00. The night could be called "No Screens Allowed Fun Night". It will be a "come when you can" night for families to fit into their child pick-up schedules. The Kick-Off Night will include the following:

- Family No Screen Commitment
- Ice Cream Social
- Variety of Activities for the families to do at Dirksen which could include Family Reading Activities, Board Games, Scrapbooking, Bowling in the Gym, Staff or Family Skits and Visiting individual rooms to see student work (list is not exhaustive)
- Coupons for additional things for families to do throughout the week

(Family Focus will be TV/Computer Alternatives such as reading, crafts and sporting activities)

May: End of Year Family Feedback Survey (at Home Activity)