

# Paw Prints

## Extended Day Winter Performance

By Georgette Reynolds



The students of South Shore Fine Arts Academy displayed their artistic talents in the school's annual Extended Day Winter Performance held on December 14, 2010. Performances included: the Chicago Children's Choir, under the direction of Ms. Enriquez-Flowers; the Joffery Ballet under the instruction of Ms. Chris & Mr. Lockett,; Merit Violin led by Mr. Weber of Merit Music; Kindergarten Creative Movement & Dance led by our own Ms. Strening; and Music & Ethnic Percussion taught by Mr. Dominic.

The students participate in these various fine arts instruction through the school's Extended Day Program held Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program allows students to select two extracurricular activities per semester which include: creative movement/dance, arts and crafts, instructional sports, drama, music and simple instruments, computers, and the Chicago's Children's Choir (3rd grade). Other optional activities include Joffery Ballet for the 1st and 2nd grade students which is free to students, and the Merit Violin program which includes grade K-3 and is tuition- based.



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## SSFAA Important Dates



**February 11:** No School  
(Professional Development)

**February 21:** No School  
(President's Day)

**February 26:** Carson's Community Day Fundraiser

**February 28-March 11:**  
ISAT Testing...GO 3RD GRADERS!

**March 7:** No School (Pulaski Day)

**March 18 or 25th:**  
FIG Family Fun Outing

**April 1st-8th:**  
Spring Scholastic Book Fair

**April 18-22:** Spring Break

**May 2nd-6th:**  
Career Week &  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 2011 (Date TBD):**  
Spring Auction/Luncheon

**June 2:** Kids' Field Day

## Kid Friendly Cuisine: Chicken Chili Recipe

\* Submitted By Georgette Reynolds \*(from [www.Disney.com](http://www.Disney.com))



### Ingredients:

- 1 rotisserie chicken, skin & bones removed & meat shredded
- 2 TBSP olive oil
- 1 whole onion, chopped
- 1 yellow or red bell pepper, seeded & chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely diced
- 1 TBSP chili powder
- 1 TSP oregano, dried

### *Ingredients, cont'd:*

- 2 bay leaves
- 1 small can diced green chiles
- 1, 14-oz can diced tomatoes
- 2 cups apple cider
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 can white beans, rinsed
- Salt and pepper
- Grated cheese, sour cream, sliced onions, sliced jalapenos for topping

### Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in large Dutch

2. Add onion and bell pepper and cook, stirring occasionally until veggies are tender, about 10 minutes.

3. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Add chili powder, oregano, & bay leaves & stir.

4. Add diced green chiles, diced tomatoes, apple cider, chicken broth, and shredded chicken. Raise heat and bring to a boil.

5. Cover partially, reduce heat, & simmer 20 minutes.

6. Add beans & simmer 5 more minutes. Taste for seasoning.

7. Ladle into bowls with desired toppings



## FIG News!!!



Thanks to all who donated toys for the **Winter Ball Toy Drive** sponsored by Girls in Motion. SSFAA students donated **110 toys** to Clara's House, Night Ministry, and Children's Home and Aid!!!

**Carson's Community Day is February 26, 2011.** If you are interested in selling the \$5 coupon books, they will be available starting February 1st, from 3-5 pm or by appointment. For more info: call Alexis Brown, 773-721-5776 or [alexis-brown25@gmail.com](mailto:alexis-brown25@gmail.com)

### FIG Officers

Alexis Brown, Chair  
Yvonne Sherman,  
Treasurer

### FIG Meeting Schedule

Thursday, February 17th  
Tuesday, March 8th  
Wednesday, April 13th  
Meetings begin at 5:15 pm

**We'd LOVE to see you there!**

Please put the **Box Tops & Labels for Education** in a sandwich bag with parent's & child's name and room #. Place in the pink box in the Main Office by April 6th (report card pick up).

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Become a friend of the FIG at SSFAA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ssfaafig](http://www.facebook.com/ssfaafig)

## Websites to Watch

By Andrea Brown-Thirston

**Illuminations: Resources for Teaching Math**  
101 online activities PreK-12  
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx>

**Black History Month Games & Activities**  
<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/bhm1.html>

**ISAT Interactive Sample Questions**  
Interactive online tool for students  
<http://metacat2.com/iltestlinks.html>



**Free Museum Days in Chicago**  
<http://www.chicagologue.com/free-museum-days-in-2010.html>

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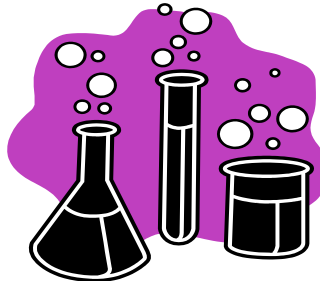
## Science Fair Tip #2:

By Andrea Brown-Thirston (Adapted from [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org))

Here's another helpful tip as we move closer to the 1st SFAA Science Fair:

### Learn Cool Theories

1. After picking a topic, spend a lot of time gathering and organizing your research. It's very important to understand the correct background information!
2. Look for concepts, charts, equations, etc. to explain your topic. Don't worry if the research seems too complicated. Remember: Start with the basics and keep it simple!
3. Try learning as much as you can about your topic. The more you know and can explain, the more impressed the judges, and your fellow classmates, will be!
4. Research why your topic is important in today's world. In other words, why does your topic matter? Help your audience understand how your topic connects to the real world!



### Parents:

Take photos of your child doing cool science experiments & share them with us...we'll be sure to include the pictures in an upcoming issue!

Email your photos:  
[fig\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:fig_newsletter@yahoo.com)

# Black History: The Chicago Connection

By Andrea Brown-Thirston

Take this fun quiz to learn more about Chicago's connection to Black History!

1. Who was the 1st non-native settler to Chicago?
2. What bridge in Chicago was named after DuSable?
3. What famous Chicago historian founded the DuSable Museum in her home?
4. Can you name two famous, African American female authors from Chicago?
5. What famous Chicago musician is known as the "Father of gospel music"?
6. What African American doctor from Chicago was made famous after performing the 1st open heart surgery?



**Answers:** 1. Jean Baptiste Pointe duSable is widely recognized as the 1st permanent resident of Chicago (approximately 1750-1770); 2. The Michigan Avenue bridge was renamed the DuSable Bridge in 2010; 3. Dr. Margaret Burroughs and her husband, Charles Burroughs started the museum in their home in 1961 with just 100 items; 4. Lorraine Hansberry and Gwendolyn Brooks; 5. Thomas A. Dorsey; 6. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams.

Looking for more Black History Facts? Check out these websites for further information:

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/history/366-facts-inventions.jsp>

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history-month>



## Going Green!

By Yolanda Whisenton

Many companies and individuals have joined the "Going GREEN," craze, but what does this really mean? "Going green" basically means, to live life, individually as well as a community, in a way that is friendly to the natural environment and is sustainable for the earth. It also means taking steps, whether big or small, minimizing harm brought upon the environment, as a result of inhabiting the planet.

In practice, "going green" means applying these basic principles within your daily life:

- pollution reduction
- conservation of resources and energy
- consumption and waste reduction
- protecting the earth's ecological balance

*Paw Prints*, the SSFAA F.I.G. newsletter, will adopt this practice of "Going GREEN" by producing e-newsletters (paperless); the newsletter will be accessible via the SSFAA school website; paper copies will also be available to those without internet access. The e-newsletters will debut in March, just in time for Earth Day on April 22nd!

For more information and tips about "Going GREEN," check out these websites:

<http://www.all-recycling-facts.com/what-does-going-green-mean.html>

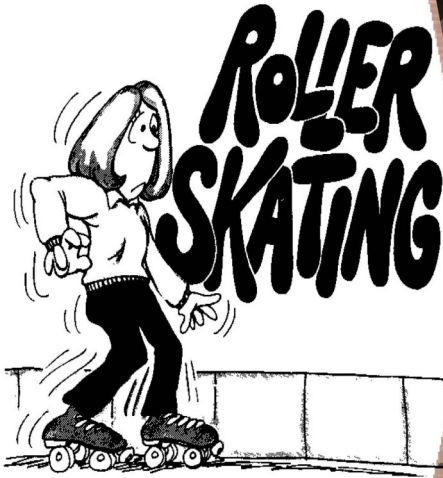
<http://www.savetheworld.com/2009/11/what-does-going-green-mean.html>

<http://goinggreennewsletter.com/>

<http://simplemom.net/tips-to-go-green-at-home/>

**FIG Family Skating Party**  
**MLK Park & Entertainment Center**

**SSFAA**  
**F.I.G.**



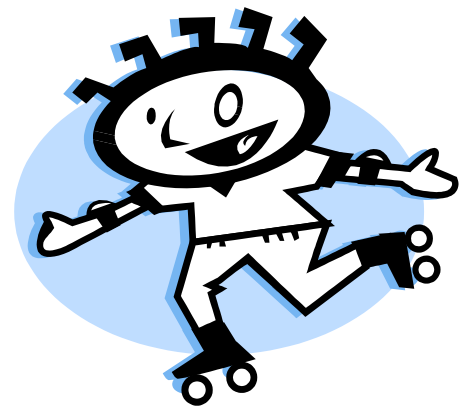
**OUTING**



On Saturday, December 11, 2010, 69 SSFAA parents and students participated in a skating party.

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time and assistance for this 1st family outing sponsored by the F.I.G.!!!!

Stay tuned for our next outing in March!



## Bears Day...the South Shore Way!



"Sunday, the Chicago Bears are playing against Green Bay. Everyone is a Chicago Bears fan, even me. I will have a great time!"

- Gabriel Devon Dickerson (Rm. 108)

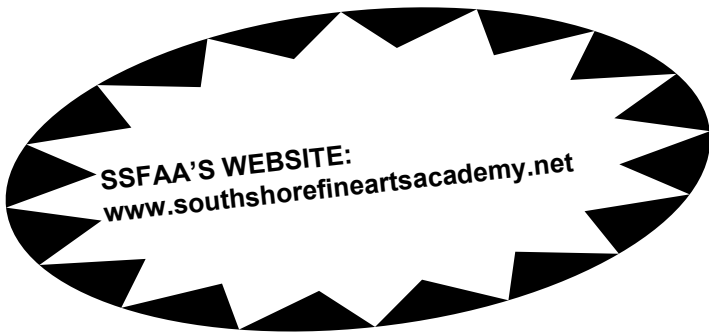
"I will watch the Bears vs. Packers. I hope the Bears win! So, GO Bears Go!"

- Ajani (Rm. 108)



"On Sunday I will watch the bear's game and I watch it with my dad. And if they lose, I will be sad; if they win I will be happy." - Paul (Rm. 108)





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## What's Happening for Black History Month

By The FIG Newsletter Editors

### Saturday, February 12

*Black Creativity Family Day*  
 Museum of Science & Industry  
 57th Street & Lake Shore Drive  
 Admission: FREE!  
 (Exhibit will be open until March 20th)

### Saturday, February 19, 2 pm

*Mahalia Jackson: In Celebration of Her 100th Birthday*  
 Woodson Regional Library  
 9525 South Halsted Street  
 Admission: FREE!

### February 20, 12-5 pm

*Africa in Chicago*  
 Navy Pier Crystal Gardens  
 700 East Grand Avenue  
 312-595-7437  
 Admission: FREE!

### Friday, February 25th, 6-9 pm

*Ashaki Black History Month Celebration*  
 Washington Park  
 5531 South King Drive  
 773-256-1248  
 Admission: \$3

### DuSable Museum Free Days

The DuSable Museum has free admission **every Sunday** of the year.

*Family Day* is February 19th!  
*The Memorial Service* for Dr. Burroughs is Saturday, February 26th from 10am-1pm

For more info:

[www.dusablemuseum.org](http://www.dusablemuseum.org)

