

The Promise Times

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Be The Promise

Don't Forget:

- *August 23 at 4:30 —
Meet the teacher night*
- *August 24 at 8:00 —
First day of school*
- *August 24-26 at 8:30 —
Kindergarten screening*
- *August 30 at 8:30 —
Kindergarten 1st Day
(A—L)*
- *August 31 at 8:30 —
Kindergarten First Day
(M—Z)*
- *September 1 at 8:30 —
Kindergarten First Day
(Everyone)*

There are changes taking place in our neighborhood and school. Would you like to be a part of that change? Would you like to help, but you are not sure what it would take? Are you interested in learning more about Springfield Promise Neighborhood?

If you answered yes to even one question then you may want to attend one of our Promise Neighborhood Association meetings. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:00 am at the Clifton Ave Church of God (1408 Clifton Ave).

Whether or not you can attend a meeting, we need your input. Call Angie at 926-4983 or Eric at 926-

3444 to ask any questions that you have or to set up a time for us to come out for an informal chat in the comfort of your own home.

Everyone has a talent, a gift and Springfield Promise Neighborhood would like you to share yours. There are numerous ways to get involved in making a difference for the sake of our children and youth.

Our children are our future. By working together we can turn our neighborhood into a community that is a great place to live, work and raise a family. By working together we can “be the promise” for our children and youth!



The future of our children and community is in our hands

Consider what we can do when we work together on things that are important. Below are some highlights of what a dedicated group of neighbors was able to accomplish this past year. What more could we do if everyone chipped in?

Highlights from 2010-2011

- The Promise Neighborhood Association and 5 work teams formed
- Over 1,000 neighbors participate in at least 1 of 4 community events
- School dances and family movie nights increase at Lincoln Elementary
- 85 children have access to free after-school sports clinics
- 105 children participate in the first year of the Lincoln community garden
- A *Meet and Greet* is held with residents and the police force to discuss safety
- 60 children participate in day- and week-long youth enrichment camps
- 55 bags of trash in the neighborhood are collected and disposed of

Building a Safer, More Attractive Neighborhood

Next Meeting:

The next combined meeting of the Neighborhood Safety and Neighborhood Beautification work teams will be held on Monday,



September 12, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Clifton Ave. Church of God (1408 Clifton Ave.).

Block Watch:

Top on the agenda at the meeting will be to discuss how to implement an effective block watch program in the neighborhood.

Hot Spot Cards:

We will also use this opportunity to talk about the Hot Spot cards for anonymously reporting criminal activity. These cards have been proven to be effective in combating crime. If you want a card, you can get them at the Promise office

at 1408 Clifton Ave.

Beautification:

Also at the meeting, we will select some neighbors to appreciate with an award for the care they give to their properties.

Contact:

If you have ideas or interests related to any of these topics, please feel free to come out to the meeting. All are welcome! Or, if you have any questions, please call Eric at 926-3444.

Promise Neighborhood Association

Promise Festival & Celebration:

In October, 2010, the Promise Neighborhood Association and friends of Promise came together to put on a harvest festival in October on behalf of the children and families of the neighborhood. 350 area residents attended the first celebration.

We are getting ready to plan the 2011 festival. We are starting to pull together a team to plan the

celebration. This team will meet regularly to put together a program, recruit resource booths, identify activities for the children, and plan the meal. Are you willing to help out? Call Eric at 926-3444.

Yard Sale & Back to School:

The Promise Neighborhood Association is planning a yard sale to be held from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday, August 20. The event will be held at the Clifton Ave.

Church of God (1408 Clifton Ave.). The church will be holding its annual back-to-school event at the same time. If you have any gently used donations to support this fundraising and community building event, please contact Steve at 325-2514. Proceeds will be used for neighborhood events and programs.



Looking Ahead: 2011-2012

- We would like to increase the extended day opportunities for Lincoln students. Do you have any time or talents that you would be willing to share with our children and youth? Call 926-3444.
- Lincoln Elementary will have a renewed focus on early literacy within the school. We are committed to making sure that every child succeeds! We are also committed to starting the school day out well and building a college-going culture.
- Make a difference. Join the Lincoln Bobcat Parent Association. Monthly 1-hour meetings will be held to plan for family nights, student dances, fundraisers, and more.
- You are a community resource and we would like to hear from you. We would like to meet with you as part of our listening campaign. Your input will help us map local assets, needs, and dreams as we plan for the coming year.