



Munsey Park SCA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2011, 9:30 am

Title of Meeting: Study Skills

Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School

**Presenters: Tricia Cash, Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Gandler, Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Murray**

Tricia Cash, SCA President

- Ms. Cash opened the meeting with welcome statements, and provided a brief update on school and community events
- Champions of Charity will again be a fundraising effort for the SCA. Register with the Americana Shopping Center for shopping beginning the week of December 3.
- The holiday gift giving program is again underway. More information was provided through backpack express.
- Project Share, in cooperation with Modells, is providing a coupon for shopping to all families. This will arrive through backpack express.
- The Saturday Series program is in need of volunteers to run the program next year. Alice Meyer Wu spoke about the program, and that two volunteers from Munsey Park school are needed.
- December 10 is the first Family Theater performance. Tickets are still available and volunteers are needed. Contact the Family Theater committee for more information.

Study Skills Presentation

- A presentation on effective Study Skills was presented by Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Gandler, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Murray.
- Each teacher presented ideas and strategies appropriate to different age students. Parents were encouraged to try different systems and adapt them to the child.
- Different calendar systems were presented to help organize the child and the family, to determine when there is time to complete homework as well as to make sure that homework is a priority. Each teacher reinforced the need to actively schedule homework just like other after school commitments.
- Parents were reminded to check in with children about their homework every day. As students progress, allow them the freedom to plan their work themselves, but still be involved.



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- The need for consistent, organized habits was stressed. The homework environment should be free of distractions.
- Parents need to help children to develop skills of perseverance and self discipline.