#### SquashScholars News Letter Volume 2, Number 1 October 31, 2008

### SquashScholars Begins Second Season and Al Franken drops in!

SquashScholars kicked off its second season with a bang on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The nine students returning from our first year's team are joined by eight new students from Sullivan School and six eager teammates from Lucey Laney School. Word-ofmouth advertising plus great support from the staff at both schools has helped attract a wonderful group. To top off a great start, Al Franken, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate and University Squash Club member, paid a visit and joined a photo op with Farah Hassan, Adnan Ali, and coach Chris Kaufman.



#### Lucey Craft Laney School Joins SquashScholars



This year we have begun serving Lucey Craft Laney School at Cleveland Park, where principal David Branch leads the school. Lucey Laney is located at 3300 Penn Ave. North. Mr. Branch was introduced to SquashScholars and had welcomed us to Sullivan just before he took on the Lucey Laney job a year ago. Pictured on the right are our six sixth grade students

gathered together in the Lucey lunch room ready to

head off for the University Recreation Center. From the left, Joi Edwards, Asia Forrest, Nedreonnea Trueblood, David Holmes, Ben Peterson, and Zachary Vongphakdy. The Lucey Laney crew will be practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the Sullivan group retains its Monday/Wednesday slot. They will all come together for various activities on Saturday!



# Fundraising Jump Start From Symantec Corp

Fundraising for our second season is also off to a good start. Symantec Corp. Foundation was our first application this year and has already awarded SquashScholars a grant of \$3,500.

We have requested a follow on grant from the Boston Scientific Foundation, the folks who lead things off last year. We will be working with again with General Mills Foundation, Head Sports, Coca Cola, and the University of Minnesota Rec Sports Dept., all of whom gave us strong support last year. In addition, we have grant proposals pending before eight other foundations, corporations, and institutions.



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