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IMPORTANT DATES

- o *Tuesday, January 31st*: HALF DAY; REPORT CARD CONFERENCES GENTILLY
- o *February 2nd*: SKATE NIGHT; Airline Skate Center
- o *Friday, February 3rd*: NO SCHOOL: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- o *February 20th -24th*: NO SCHOOL:MARDI GRAS

PTO BYLAWS NEED REVISING

Please join us at Squeal BBQ to give us your input about the PTO by-laws:

- Saturday, January 28th 3 pm
- Saturday, February 4th 3 pm

The meetings should only last about an hour so please come out and let your voice be heard.

PTO SKATE NIGHT.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

We're letting the good times roll...for real! Join the PTO for Audubon's Family Skate Night Thursday, February 2nd from 6-9pm at Airline Skate Center! If you missed the first one, here's your chance to join in the fun! Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door the night of the event. Tickets will be sold after school at both campuses. To see pictures from our first skate night, please see our flyer at the back of this issue!

FAME BOARD MEETING

The FAME board held its first meeting of the new year on Saturday at the Carrollton Campus. The Uptown Messenger provided live coverage of the

meeting at

<http://uptownmessenger.com/2012/01/audubon-charter-school-january-board-meeting/#more-15681>.

The Board approved the following calendar of upcoming monthly meetings. As a rule, meetings happen the third Saturday of every month. However, there will be some changes due to holidays such as Mardi Gras and other factors. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. at Carrollton unless otherwise noted.

- NO FEBRUARY MEETING
- March 17 - Board meeting at 9:00 a.m., Board Training will follow. LOCATION: GENTILLY CAMPUS
- April 21 - Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Public Budget Hearing following at 11:30 a.m.
- May 26
- June 16
- NO JULY MEETING
- August 18
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

The sod rolls have been delivered and installed at the Gentilly Campus. It will take approximately 2 weeks before the children can play on the sod. Mme. Delphine and the administration are working on some additional plantings.

The OPSB Property committee met and announced that \$2,292,673.03 will be designated to stabilize the Carrollton Campus. This is great news. There

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is not yet a time frame for this work, but our administration will keep you posted.

Construction at Broadway is on schedule. The school had to vacate the building in order for contractors to conduct a proper assessment of the building before making bids. The bid date is March 1, 2012. The anticipated completion date is December 23, 2013. A neighborhood association has filed an appeal in civil district court to request an appeal of the Board Of Zoning Adjustments' decision to grant the OPSB a variance on the project. This action will not postpone plans at Broadway. An information page with updates about the renovation will be posted on the school's website soon. As I understand it, the Broadway campus "belongs to OPSB" during the renovation process. ACS is managing the swing space and not the construction project.

Jolynn's disclaimer: This is my understanding of the issues at hand as a parent representative. Anyone who would like to have a copy of the administrative report handed out at the meeting can contact me at jolynn.king@gmail.com.

Jolynn King
FAME Board Parent Rep

GET YOUR GROOVE ON AT THE 70s SOIREE!

The March 10th 70s Soiree, Audubon's major fundraiser, is fast approaching, and we have a number of sponsorship opportunities available, including a special "Groovy Bird" category just for Audubon families! A list of sponsorship levels & benefits and a confirmation form are attached. If you or your business would like to sponsor the event, please complete and return the form to Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com or the office at either campus by February 7. Also, we still need volunteers to create video montages and 70s music compilations. To volunteer, please contact

Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com or 504/324-7100.

OUR FRENCH 5TH GRADE IS GOING TO FRANCE!

The French Fifth grade is fundraising all throughout the year to go to France in May. This Saturday we had a yard sale featuring clothes, books, and toys. Thanks to everyone who brought donations and came out to support us. We had great weather, fabulous crepes, coffee, and hot chocolate. The entertainment included French songs sung to violin and guitar accompaniment.

In addition to all the wonderful food, music, and shopping opportunities, there was also a taste of a La Boulangerie kingcake announcing our next fundraiser: French and New Orleans kingcakes from La Boulangerie. Following the Mardi Gras season we'll have another movie night on March 2nd. On December 17, 2011, the 5th graders sold their own handmade crafts like spiceropes, crepes and hot chocolate at Palmer Park. They also tirelessly roamed the art fair to sing carols and spread holiday cheer decked out in antlers and other holiday outfits.

Thank you for helping us with our yard sale this Saturday and we hope to see you at our movie night March 2nd and will be happy to provide you with both French and New Orleans kingcakes!

JV BASKETBALL LADY BIRDZ - 2012 CHAMPIONS

Work with me...let's create a recipe for a championship gumbo. First, the ingredients:

- 1 full serving of defense
- 1 bunch of "Open All Day"
- 2 dedicated coaches
- A liberal helping of adoring fans
- Undying team unity

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- Hustle and commitment (suit to taste)
- 4 veterans
- 2 first year players

From the tip, the JV Lady Birdz found themselves in a tight contest with Kehoe - France, a previous opponent they beat during the regular season. The score was very close at the end of the first period. The 4 veteran players from 2010 - 2011, Brooklyn M., Clarke T., Jaida F., and Jessica R., with 1 first year player, Ahmari V. got back on the floor, and continued to battle, and when Jessica had to come out of the game, another first year player, Raven A. came in at the forward position to defend the basket. Buckets were traded back and forth, with Kehoe - France taking a short lead at 9 - 8 in the second period, before ACS regained the lead, for good, going into the half up 14 - 12.

When the second half commenced, ACS came out fired up and ready to BALL. The team added a *full serving of defense* to the game, and soon began to pull away. The end of the 3rd period and much of the fourth period saw Jessica, ACS' Honey Badger, *open all day* as Jaida and Brooklyn fed her back side baseline jumpers and layups. With this, the team pulled away, and won the game and JV championship, 35 - 15. Jessica led all scorers.

It is common to see parents of the players in the stands, but it was awesome to see other students and their parents "in the house", proudly cheering on the team. These young ladies, their coaches, parents, friends, and fans had a really cool basketball experience this year, and they, and we should be proud of what they were able to do, representing Audubon Charter School with dignity, respect, sportsmanship, and commitment. Thank you, JV Lady Birdz, and congratulations on not only a successful and undefeated season, but a CHAMPIONSHIP, a testament to your hard work.

Signed, a proud and supportive fan



FROM LAST WEEK: JV LADYBIRDZ WIN FIRST PLAYOFF GAME; DEFEAT CRESCENT CITY

Once again, defense was the key to our junior varsity girls' basketball team winning its first playoff game on Wednesday, January 18. With a tenacious front court press, many turnovers were created before Crescent City could get in position to launch a shot. Led by Raven A., Clarke T. and Ahmari V., the back court pressed, cut off, and tipped many passes for steals. As well, they created turnovers on possession opportunities with solid double teams, aided by a nimble Jaida F. Finally, teams were met in the front court by Brooklyn M., and Jessica, the "Honey Badger", R., who recorded several BLOCKED shots and steal, patrolling the baseline.

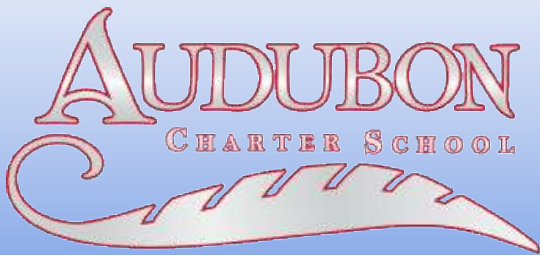
ACS opened up a 9 - 0 lead in the first period, took a 15 - 5 lead into the half, and won 29 - 10.

GIRL SCOUTS AT AUDUBON

Our Girl Scout troop has been busy this school year with campouts and several other activities earning badges and building friendships. Here are some pictures from our Christmas party. In addition to having fun and growing in knowledge, the Girl Scouts also sell some awesome cookies each year. This year's sale starts soon and we hope you will all want to support your local Audubon troop! If you have any questions, please contact our troop leader Alida at alidadaley@yahoo.com or catch her at the PTO meeting.

RARE BIRD NEWSLETTER -INFO WANTED

If you have any news, e-mail your article to rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com by noon every Tuesday. We love to publish student written work!



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Dawn Collins, Assistant Principal

Elfi Cheynet, French School Director
Dennis Smith, Montessori School Director

Good News for our Carrollton Campus

The Orleans Public School Board held its general business meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2012. The board approved the selection of architects/engineers (TBA) and construction budgets for Phase II Master Plan projects. Funding for the Carrollton Campus is listed at approximately \$2.5 million. This amount represents stabilization funding to cover capital projects to insure that our campus will be “warm, safe, and dry.” Scope of work, time line, priority sequence should be available by next month’s OPSB general board meeting. This is great news! Stay tuned...

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70s Soirée March 10, 2012 Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

Disco Divas-\$2,500+

- 10 tickets to patron party and event
- Logo and website address on program and on www.auduboncharter.com
- Logo on invitation and event signage and logo/listing in the *Rare Bird* newsletter and in an e-letter sent to parents and faculty
- Listing in promotional materials distributed to media
- Logo on sign on school gate-week leading up to event

Saturday Night Fever-\$1,000

- 8 tickets to patron party and event
- Logo and website address on program and on www.auduboncharter.com
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Studio 54-\$500

- 4 tickets to patron party and event
- Logo on program and on www.auduboncharter.com
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Boogie Shoes-\$300

- 2 tickets to patron party and event
- Logo on program and on www.auduboncharter.com
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Groovy Birds-\$200 (for Audubon families)

- 2 tickets to patron party and event
- Listing on program and in the *Rare Bird* newsletter

**The Rare Bird and e-letters are sent to approximately 1,100 parents, faculty, staff, and school supporters.*

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Sponsorship Confirmation Form 70s Soirée March 10, 2012

Yes, I will sponsor Audubon Charter School's 70s Soirée at the following level:

- Disco Divas-\$2,500+
- Saturday Night Fever-\$1,000
- Studio 54 -\$500
- Boogie Shoes-\$300
- Groovy Birds-\$200 (for Audubon families)

Sponsor Name (as it should be listed in event materials):

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Method of Payment: _____ Check Enclosed: _____

Credit Card Authorization: _____ Visa: _____ Mastercard _____

Card Holder Address: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Please complete and return the above form by February 7, 2012 to the following address. Payment of your pledge is due by March 1, 2012.

Audubon Charter School, ATTN: Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist
6101 Chatham Dr., New Orleans, LA 70122
Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com; 504-724-7100 or 504-666-0588 (telephone); 504-218-4618 (fax)

If your sponsorship level is \$300 or higher, please email your logo as well.

Thank you for your generous support!

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Audubon Family Skate Night



Join the PTO for Audubon's
Family Skate Night on
Thursday, February 2nd
6-9pm
at Airline Skate Center!

(FYI: No School the next day, February 3rd for Professional Development!)

If you missed the first one, here's your
chance to join in the fun!

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance
and \$10.00 at the door.



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Au Revoir!

*5th Grade Yard Sale
Fundraiser:
Bon Voyage Les Enfants!*



Making Crepes!

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ACS JV Lady Birdz: 2012 Champions!



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The ACS Girl Scouts
celebrate the
holidays!

