

# The Rare Bird

Friends of Audubon Charter School PTO

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IMPORTANT DATES; 2011-12 PTO BOARD; ACADEMIC GAMES; GRADUATION; AUDUBON BROCANTE;



Ms. Beth and Ms. Cassie's class - Aquarium and the IMAX - photos courtesy of Nicole Ragnone.



5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to France -photos courtesy of Mme. Elfi Cheynet.



~Athletic Banquet- photo courtesy of Todd Taylor

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday, May 21: Brocante, Broadway campus 8am-12pm
- Thursday, May 26: Last Day of School – Carrollton: Half Day 12:15 dismissal
- Friday, May 27: Last Day of School for teachers - Carrollton
- Monday, May 30: Half Day Broadway 12:35 dismissal: NO CHARTER CARE
- Tuesday, May 31: Last Day of School: Half Day Broadway 12:35 dismissal: NO CHARTER CARE
- Saturday, June 18: FAME meeting 10am Broadway cafeteria

## 2011-12 PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Ballots were tallied at the last PTO general meeting of the 2010-11 school year on Tuesday, May 10. Congratulations to the new PTO board members!!!

**President:** Alida Brimmer

**French VP:** Emily Flager

**Montessori VP:** Denise Woodall-Ruff

**Secretary:** Heather Porter

**Treasurer:** Tracy Cameron

**Fundraising Co-Chair:** Todd Taylor

**Membership:** Mary Dwyer

**Grants:** Jahanna Cannon-Brightman

**Extracurricular:** Rima Judah

The positions of Communication. Co-Chair both campuses, Co-Chair Carrollton Campus and Fundraising Co-Chair will be appointed soon.

## ACADEMIC GAMES

After our very successful performance at the national tournament last month, the NO Academic Games League awarded the end of the spring semester awards on May 12, at the new Christian Brothers Cultural Center.

The students this year participated in 4 games: Propaganda, On-sets, Presidents, and Equations. The awards for Propaganda and On-sets were handed out in December. The awards for the Presidents earlier this spring. Last night was about Equations and awards for excelling in the overall cumulative scores from the national competition.

The ACS Elementary Team took 1st place in the president's game earlier this spring. The following students were on this team: Cloin H, Olivia K, Isha M, Nate S, and Corinna Z. In the president's game, Audubon also took 1st place in the Middle School division with: Gabrielle A, Josephine L, Callan M, Miles M, and Tania W. This same team took 2nd place in the Equations game. Individual winners included Josephine L, tied for 3rd place and Mile M, tied for 1st place from the Audubon Middle School team. The "Sweepstakes Awards" is an averaging of the

Ranking in all the games played in the New Orleans tournaments throughout the year. Corinna Z took 5th place citywide in the Elementary Division and the following students all placed in the Middle Division: Mitzi Z, 1st Place, Tania W, 2nd Place, Miles M 4th place, and Josephine L, 5th place. Last week we published the winnings for our students in the National Tournaments: so again, congratulations to Josephine L for perfect scores in On-Sets and Equations, 5th place in the overall sweepstakes, and 9th place in propaganda.

The Middle School Team overall took 2nd place in the overall sweepstakes and 3rd place in both Propaganda and Presidents. Come see the impressive "thinker" awards our school received in the lobby of the Carrollton campus!

If you want to be a part of us, please contact Renee Gillen at [Renee.Gillen@Auduboncharter.com](mailto:Renee.Gillen@Auduboncharter.com)

~Deanie Zengel

## MATERIAL NEEDED FOR ART PROJECT

Ms.Rona's class is doing an art project with Ms. Kayleigh that involves the use of many small gears. If anyone has old broken watches or anything that has small gears that they could donate to this piece, contact Ms. Kayleigh at [kmaier3@gmail.com](mailto:kmaier3@gmail.com).



*An Audubon RareBird at the Academic Games*

## GRADUATION

Congratulation to the 2010-11 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation class! The graduation ceremony will take place at Ben Franklin High School, on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

<b>AbuMousa Kutauba</b>	<b>Ancar Bianca</b>
<b>Anderson Mikhaila</b>	<b>Bangbola Oluwatimilein</b>
<b>Beckham Tylar</b>	<b>Belin Adrian</b>
<b>Beriss Zoe</b>	<b>Bloomenstiel Seth</b>
<b>Bonila Steven</b>	<b>Borne Jamie</b>
<b>Buchholz Noah</b>	<b>Burnett Chelsey</b>
<b>Bush Duane</b>	<b>Bynum Jasmine</b>
<b>Cannatella Olivia</b>	<b>Carcamo Brandon</b>
<b>Carter Qaadhee</b>	<b>Cohn Matthew</b>
<b>Collins Alana</b>	<b>Cronin Kate</b>
<b>Cuellar Celeste</b>	<b>Daniels Michala</b>
<b>Dean Taylor</b>	<b>Desobry Charles</b>
<b>Ferrans Sandrine</b>	<b>Funches Sophia</b>
<b>Geslin Guy</b>	<b>Howell Jacqueline</b>
<b>Jennings Liam</b>	<b>Johnson Ghita</b>
<b>Johns Darius</b>	<b>Knatt Mesha</b>
<b>LeBlanc Elena</b>	<b>Love Tyrone</b>
<b>McCarthy Beatrix</b>	<b>Rhone Breian</b>
<b>Sampson DeweyAdeyemi</b>	<b>Smith Dominique</b>
<b>Smith JaMalcolm</b>	<b>Smith Lucien</b>
<b>Smoot Jeffrey</b>	<b>Stallard Lloyd</b>
<b>Sterling Janae</b>	<b>Toth Stephen</b>
<b>Triplett Ike</b>	<b>Turner Brayden</b>
<b>Villavasso Starr</b>	<b>Wetherington Briana</b>
<b>Williams Jason</b>	<b>Wilson Janae</b>

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Parents - individual and group pictures have been delivered to the teachers on Thursday, for distribution to your student/child. Please be sure to check your child's school bag (for the younger kids) and/or ask the teacher if they have been passed out. The Friends of Audubon PTO has enjoyed serving you this year and we thank you for your participation and patronage.

~Todd Taylor, Fundraising Co-Chair

## **PHOTOS FOR NEXT YEAR'S ACS CALENDAR!!**

We are looking for pictures of events, trips and projects from this year to put in the next photo calendar for the 2011-12 school year. We will have pages devoted to the French trip, Washington DC, Fall Fete, the gardens and City Park Amusement Night. We are looking for other themes as well. If you have any ideas and the picture to go with it, let us know about it. Also, we would like to decorate the cover with artwork from the children. Please submit photos of individual or class projects. Email all photos and ideas to: Tracy Cameron at [tracy.cameron@g-mail.com](mailto:tracy.cameron@g-mail.com) or Corinne Gibb at [cgibb@uno.edu](mailto:cgibb@uno.edu).

## **AUDUBON COMMUNITY BROCANTE**

Here the details for everybody:

- The doors will open at 7:30 am for people to set up and at 8:00 am for the public.
- We would like to have an idea of how many will participate. Please send an email to Corinne at [cgibb@uno.edu](mailto:cgibb@uno.edu) if you intend to sell.
- It is open to all Audubon family to sell and to the public to buy.
- There will be a registration table at the door and we will ask each family setting up to give \$5 dollars to cover the expenses. You keep all the profits!
- Please provide your table or blanket. But we will have a few tables for rent at the cost of \$5.
- Please sell only kids items, and clean up at the end.

There will be water and soft drinks as well as snacks for sale! If you have any questions or if you would like to help put signs up, advertise or help at the registration table, please contact Corinne: [cgibb@uno.edu](mailto:cgibb@uno.edu).

## **ART EXHIBIT**

This Saturday, May 21 4-6pm at the Ashe Cultural Arts Center 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, the Visual Arts Network (VAN) presents *Images of the Louisiana Wetlands – Its Habitat, Wildlife, Marshes & Landscapes*. An optional donation of \$5 is appreciated.

This exhibit features artwork of students in grades 1-3 alongside paintings from artist-in-residence Dollie Eaglin-Monroe. Participating students are from Ms. Rona's, Ms. Burck's, and Ms. Betty's Montessori grades 1-3 and Mme. Claudine's 1<sup>st</sup> grade French classes. For more information, call Dollie Eaglin-Monroe at 239-0126.

## **LUNCH MENU**

**Monday:** BBQ Ribbettes, Whole Wheat, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Garden Salad & Fresh Kiwi

**Tuesday:** Browned Rice, Tossed Salad, Orange Circles, Cornbread

**Wednesday:** Whole Wheat Spaghetti Supreme, Carrots, Garden Salad, Grapes

**Thursday:** Chicken Fajita w/ Brown Gravy, Brown Rice, Mustard Greens, Pears, Cornbread

**Friday:** Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomatoes w/ Pickles, Mixed Fruit

## **PAPER FLOWERS**

On Mother's Day my son (1<sup>st</sup> grade French student) wanted to make some money and something pretty sweet and noble happened instead.

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Antone was looking to make some money so that he could Save, Give and Spend. He noticed that people on the way to Jazz Fest had things for sale, like water, lemonade and art. Antone decided that he wanted to make money as well. He wanted to sell some pipe cleaner lions, but his mom told him it was quite time consuming and he would not be able to keep people waiting as they would be tired on their way out of the festival. A day earlier he had learned how to make paper flowers out of tissue paper and decided that maybe that would be easier to sell. He asked for a shoe box from his mom and punched holes on the top so that it would hold the paper flowers by the stems. Out he went to make some money with a sign that read: "25 cents for a flower" when his mom said that instead of asking for a quarter each, to ask for donations instead and that way people could give what they wanted. While his mom went to visit with the neighbor, Nancy, Antone asked his dad what "a donation" meant. Antone's dad explained that a donation was a gift or a grant or sometimes people gave to a cause like for people when they are sick. Antone thought about it and decided that he would "make money" for Nancy, our neighbor who was sick, "she has cancer, you know..."

This brought tears to both of his parents. Though it took him a little bit of time to get comfortable with talking with strangers, he nonetheless started offering flowers to the folks leaving Jazz Fest.

----- About thirty minutes in to it, his dad realized that people were saying: "No, Thank You" to his offer of a paper flower; Antone's dad offered to match whatever money he made for Nancy to him, thinking he could make maybe \$10 before the evening was through. Well...it did not take long, before Antone got in to a groove and people started putting money in his shoe box, and starting running out of flowers. His mom helped him make over 75 flowers by the time the rush of people walking by slowed down. At the end of the evening, Antone counted the money and he had raised \$80.00 for Nancy.

Another neighbor, a salesman himself was so impressed by the little boy with the paper flowers and touched by the fact that Antone wanted to give the money to a cancer survivor, which this neighbor's own sister had as well that he asked how much had been raised. When he learned the amount, he took out his wallet and matched it. A total of \$160.00 in a shoe box was presented to Nancy about 4 hours after the idea had been incepted. With tears in her eyes, Nancy thanked Antone and told him how touched she was by his thoughtfulness and that she was going to send the money that was raised the American Cancer Society.

*~Brian and Wendy Westbrook*

### **FREE TENNIS LESSONS**

Are you interested in playing tennis or improving your game? Free Tennis Instruction at the ALL New City Park/Pepsi Tennis Facility on Marconi Drive. Instruction is for New Orleans youths from age 6 - 16 on Saturday mornings from 8-11a.m.

The local organization is supported by the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Volunteer instructors and parents are always welcomed! For more information, contact Max Begue at 504-908-0964.

### **SUMMER ART WORKSHOP**

Glassblowing, torch-working, metal sculpture, printmaking, copper enameling and MORE!

Summer Workshops: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm  
May 31st - August 19<sup>th</sup> Ages 9 - 17

Printmaking and copper enameling taught by prominent artist and ACS parent, Cathy DeYoung

Contact: Email us at

[neworleansglassworks@gmail.com](mailto:neworleansglassworks@gmail.com). Please include a contact phone number.



# **AUDUBON BROCANTE**



## **Kids items only!**



**Clothes, toys, books, kids furnitures...  
Large Garage Sale!**

**When: Saturday May 21st, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Where: Audubon Charter School yard  
428 Broadway St (at Hurst St)**

