
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
Back to School Edition, August 21, 2009

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PRINCIPAL'S WORD: WELCOME

Hello and welcome to a wonderful new year of teaching and learning! We are so happy to see many new and returning faces. There is so much positive energy in the air, you can feel it! We are looking forward to working with you and your children. Whenever you see us, please stop to say hello, introduce yourselves, and know that you are welcomed.

As knowledge increases, wonder deepens.
~ Charles Morgan

~ Janice Dupuy, Principal

WELCOME NEW MONTESSORI FACULTY AND STAFF!

We have new Montessori faculty and staff at both campuses! More details on each of them soon:

Broadway Campus:

- o Robin Burck—Lower Elementary Teacher, Room 209
- o Janice LeBlanc—Lower Elementary Teacher, Room 302
- o Lando McCall—Lower Elementary Assistant, Room 300

Carrollton Campus:

- o Crissy Moore—4th-5th grade Teacher, Room 10
- o Derrick Rogers—6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies
- o Alistair Watson—6th grade Math and Science Teacher

~ Ellen Selvidge

START/DISMISSAL TIMES AND DROPOFF/PICKUP CHANGES

Broadway Campus:

School hours: 8:20 a.m. – 3:35 p.m. Friday early dismissal: 2:30 p.m.

Supervision begins when the gates open at **8:10 a.m.** Students who are not enrolled in Charter Care are not allowed on the school grounds prior to 8:10 a.m. (Charter Care is available at 7:00 a.m.)

- o Charter Care: enter at the cafeteria, Pine St. entrance
- o French K-2nd grade: enter at the Hurst St. yard
- o Montessori K-3rd grade: enter at the Garfield St. yard
- o French & Montessori PreK classes and Kindergarten students in Montessori Primary classes (Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Leigh, Ms. Mary, Ms. Mary Lou): go directly to the classroom.

At dismissal time, please must remain outside the gates and wait for your child to come to you.

Carrollton Campus:

School hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Friday early dismissal: 2:10 p.m.

Supervision begins when the gates open at **7:50 a.m.** Students who are not enrolled in Charter Care are not allowed on the school grounds prior to 7:50 a.m. (Charter Care is available at 7:00 a.m.)

- o Charter Care: enter at the cafeteria, Hampson St. entrance
- o ALL 3rd-5th grade students: enter at Maple St. gate
- o ALL 6th-8th grade students: enter at Hampson St. gate

At dismissal, students should report directly to Charter Care, Arts Reach, Athletics, or Tutoring or

leave campus immediately. Any student unsupervised on campus (inside the school gates) before 7:50 a.m. or after 3:25 p.m. will be subject to disciplinary action, including detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

You can find more details at the ACS website (www.auduboncharter.com) and in the Parent-Student Handbook.

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Tuesday, August 25*: First day of school for PreK-4
- *Tuesday, August 25*: Grade Level parent Meeting: ALL 4th and French 3rd grades, 6 p.m., Carrollton campus cafeteria
- *Wednesday, August 26*: Grade level Parent Meeting: ALL 5th and 6th grades, 6 p.m., Carrollton campus cafeteria
- *Thursday, August 27*: Grade level parent Meeting: ALL 7th and 8th grades, 6 p.m., Carrollton campus cafeteria
- *Sunday, August 30*: Welcome Back to School Picnic, 1-5 p.m., Audubon Park, Walnut and St. Charles
- *Tuesday, September 1*: First day of school for PreK-3
- *Tuesday, September 1*: Picture/ID Card Day
- *Monday, September 7*: Labor Day: No School
- *Thursday, September 10*: Carrollton Campus Open House
- *Tuesday, September 15*: Broadway Campus Open House

LUNCH NEWS FOR 2009-2010

This year, Audubon Charter School will utilize the Child Nutrition Program provided by New Orleans

Public Schools (NOPS). Please note the following changes:

Meal prices have changed:

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reduced</u>
Breakfast	\$1.00 per day	\$.30 per day
Lunch	\$2.00 per day	\$.40 per day

Students are no longer allowed to “charge” more than one day of meal service; they will be allowed to eat lunch one day and must bring their account current the next day or they will NOT be served lunch. We recommend that you make lunch payments on a weekly or monthly basis. The cafeteria manager is available between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

If you have children at two different campuses, you will need to write two different checks.

Lunch applications were sent home yesterday. Please return them as soon as possible. If you are not interested in applying, or do not qualify, please write your child(ren)’s name on the application and write NOT INTERESTED IN APPLYING on the application.

If your child has special dietary needs, please notify the cafeteria manager in writing.

The cafeteria managers’ contact information is as follows:

Ms. Patricia Collins, Manager
Broadway Campus
504-358-8426

Ms. Tyra Holmes, Manager
Carrollton Campus
504-359-8418

~ Alisa Davillier Dupré, Operations Manager

ACS WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

Please join your fellow students, families, teachers, and administration for ACS’s BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK PARTY!!!

Date: Sunday, August 30, 2009

Time: 1-5 pm

Place: Audubon Park, Walnut and St. Charles

Please bring a dish/item according to grade to contribute!

- PreK—Drinks
- Kindergarten—Meats for grilling (another grill if anyone wants to bring one) and sandwiches (bread, cold cuts)
- First grade—Fruit trays and vegetable trays
- Second grade—Paper products (plates, napkins, cups), knives and forks
- Third grade—Sweets (cookies, cakes, brownies, etc.)
- Fourth grade—Chips and dips
- Upper grades—Games, soccer balls, Frisbees, etc.

Contact Daliah Wolfson at Daliahb@bellsouth.net or 504-913-0510.

BOX TOPS AND MORE

Welcome back to the collection and submission world, also called the school year. We are motivated and plan to exceed every goal we hit in 2008-9. A recap: we submitted and received 3,024 points (our total is 3,274) and collected \$289.30 in Boxtops; we received \$206.54 from CC's Coffee; and ordered a soccer ball, playground ball and 2 whistles from Nestle's GoPlay program (a little more work than gain, but accretive).

We need your help to shatter our goals in 2009-10.

On the Audubon Charter School homepage (www.auduboncharter.com), look for "Box Tops and Labels for Education" and click on "Here's what to save" to get a PDF of eligible items for the Campbell's Label and Boxtops programs. Please print the list, place it on your refrigerator, send it to family and friends, and save-SAVE-SAVE your

labels, Boxtops and CC's Coffee UPCs. If you are shameless, go to your office break room (or office administrator's) and get the 5 UPC points from your office CC's Coffee deliveries and 1 point UPCs from the sugar boxes and dispensers. It all adds up (I collected 48 UPCs last week!). We will put a submission calendar in a future issue of the Rare Bird so you will be ready to submit. Just put the labels, Boxtops and UPC points in a Ziploc bag and send them with your RareBird on submission days and we will do the rest, and keep you informed.

Finally, we are exploring and will update you on two additional programs: the Tyson's A+ label program and the Cartridges for Kids recycle program (ink cartridges, old cell phones, old game consoles). Please bear with us and we'll give guidance on these, too. Though these programs seem tedious, our beloved Audubon Charter School and our PTO can and do reap the rewards of our actions. *Ca marche!!!!*

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Taylor at audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com or (504) 232-0362. Please put "Boxtops/Labels" in the subject line of your email.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Do you have school spirit? Are you interested in becoming an Audubon Cheerleader? If so, and you are in 4th – 8th grade, please come out to the two-day tryouts on Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. on the blacktop at Carrollton.

You must be there on both days to be considered. The first day is for learning a standard spirit cheer, a dance cheer routine, and several standard cheer jumps. The second day is for tryouts. Tumbling is helpful but not required.

Parents are asked to come to a brief meeting at the end of day one, Thursday, August 27th, from 5:30 – 5:45. Parent involvement will be essential to our success and team expectations will be discussed.

Coach Michelle
michelle@imdiversity
504-430-9501

AUDUBON ATHLETICS NEEDS YOU!

Audubon Athletics is looking for a coach for a 4th-5th-6th grade flag football team. If you can help, please contact tina_felix@auduboncharter.com. Thanks!

GRANDE MERCI

Thank you to Julie Swan for her wonderful translation for the French PE curriculum. She spent countless hours over the summer translating it to English for the French Director. Everyone, please give her a round of applause! She deserves it!
~ Paige

CHARTER CARE

For more information on Charter Care and to register your child, please call the school office (Broadway: 504-862-5135 ; Carrollton: 504-324-7110) or see Ms. Lee or another Charter Care worker in the cafeteria after school. New registration forms will be on the ACS website soon.

AT THE AUDUBON CHARTER WEBSITE

Need updated health forms? A Teacher Appointment Request Form? A copy of the ACS Athletic Handbook or a Rare Bird from last school year? Check out the website for news, procedures, fundraising and volunteer opportunities, ParentConnect, and more.

COMING SOON: HELP PHOENIX RECYCLING HELP ACS

Teachers began recycling at ACS last year. Phoenix Recycling will be offering a program for schools to earn money toward their recycling bill. More details will appear in the next Rare Bird. Thanks to 1st-2nd-3rd grades teacher Melanie Vaughn for alerting us to this opportunity!

GOT NEWS?

If you have an announcement for the Rare Bird, please send it to the editors at rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com no later than **12 noon Mondays** for the Thursday edition. We welcome student-written items and all kinds of school news. If you don't want to write the piece yourself, just send in the details and we'll take care of the rest.

TWO LITTLE BIRDS' SUMMER

We spent our entire summer with our uncle, aunt and cousins in Palm Beach, Florida. We swam, visited the beach and went to camp. We went bowling, played tennis, and went to the movies. We also read several novels. We had a great summer and are glad to be back at home with our parents who missed us very much.
~ Adam B. 6th grade
~ Margaux B. 4th grade