
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
September 3, 2009

SEND A TEACHER TO SCIENCE CAMP; PHOTO RETAKES; AUDUBON GEAR!; KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE FLU?; CUB SCOUTS 2009-2010; CONGRATS CHEERLEADERS!

SEND A 3RD – 5TH GRADE TEACHER TO MATH & SCIENCE CAMP!

You learn a lot of cool stuff from your teachers every day. But where do teachers go to learn more about stuff like math and science? Some teachers get to go to the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is a cool summer camp just for teachers! At the Academy, teachers do lots of fun math and science experiments to share with you in the classroom. The experiments seem like games, but really they help everyone learn about math and science!

To nominate your favorite 3rd – 5th grade teacher, go to www.sendmyteacher.com to send your teacher an e-card or print out a certificate to let them know how special they are. Parents can nominate teachers, too. And teachers can even nominate themselves by filling out an application. But the deadline is October 31, 2009!

~ Elizabeth Nicol
PTO Grantwriter

PHOTO RETAKES & GROUP PHOTO DATES

Individual Student Photo Retakes

Broadway & Carrollton: Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Student Group Photos

Broadway: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Carrollton : Wednesday, March 24, 2010

~ Jean Kijko
Fundraising Co-Chair

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Monday, September 7:* Labor Day: No School
- *Thursday, September 10:* Carrollton Campus Open House

- *Tuesday, September 15:* Broadway Campus Open House
- *Tuesday, September 15:* PTO General Meeting, 6 p.m., Broadway Campus cafeteria

AUDUBON GEAR!

Audubon Gear will be sold at both the Broadway and Carrollton open houses, as well as the first PTO meeting. The coveted Saints rare bird shirts and the traditional rare bird t-shirts will be sold. Shirts are \$6-\$16. Don't forget your car magnets (\$5). Get them now to enjoy all school year!

~ Wiebke Breuer
Audubon Gear

KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE FLU?

- Cover your cough; cough into your sleeve or elbow.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- If you have a fever, stay home for at least 24 hours after that fever has ended.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after the fever has ended *without* using fever-reducing drugs; this will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- Plan for child care at home if your child gets sick or school is dismissed: if you plan in advance, it can help cut down on the number of children coming to school sick.
- Get a vaccine when it becomes available.
- See <http://www.flu.gov/> for more information.

~ Patty Kissinger and Alisa Dupre

RARE BIRD DISTRIBUTION TEAM (STILL) NEEDS YOU

We are trying to assemble a "large" Rare Bird distribution team to ensure receipt of our community news. The commitment would be 1 Thursday/month 1 - 2 hours (maybe less). The task is to pick up, sort, and deliver the Rare Bird to the

classes. We will coordinate and publish the schedule to the team to ensure we are on task. Broadway AND Carrollton parents are NEEDED.

Please email Todd Taylor at audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com if you are interested, including which Thursdays you'd prefer (1st, 2nd...). Please put "RB Distribution" in the subject line.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed at the Carrollton Campus Library Wednesdays & Thursdays between 10am-3pm.

Also, we are looking for age-appropriate magazines for 3rd-8th graders to use in the library. Please drop off magazines at the Carrollton campus. Look for white box under stairwell on the 1st floor.

If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call Elaine Schlesinger at 504-453-5310.

SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS AND MORE!

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 items eligible for the Campbell's Label and Boxtops programs and save-SAVE-SAVE your labels and Boxtops. Don't forget about CC's Coffee UPCs! Distribution days will be announced soon.

Please contact Todd Taylor at audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com or (504) 232-0362 if you have any questions. Please put "Boxtops/Labels" in the Subject line.

CUB SCOUTS 2009-2010: JOIN THE FUN!

St. Andrews' Cub Scout Pack 48 is looking for boys who want to have fun. Our boys go camping, build and race model boats and cars, do service work, play games, and learn leadership skills and personal responsibility. We'd like your son to join us.

Pack 48 is sponsored by St. Andrews' Episcopal Church and is made up of 1st - 5th grade boys from St. Andrews', Newman, St. George's, and Audubon Charter. We meet approximately twice a month, often at St. Andrews' Parish Hall, but many meetings are outings or trips. Most meetings occur on Sunday afternoons. One meeting is for the dens

(boys in the same grade); one meeting is for the pack (all boys in all grades). Attendance is strongly encouraged, but with busy schedules, it's impossible for everyone to be at every meeting.

Dues for the year are \$95.00. Uniforms are encouraged. This can be the official scout shirt, neckerchief, and belt (roughly \$50.00) or just the pack tee shirt for \$10.00. We don't want dues to be an impediment, however, and dues and uniform scholarships are available.

On Saturday afternoon September 12th, the first grade boys will have their first meeting—a field trip to Jackson Square at 2-3:30 pm. They will learn the basics of scouting, learn a bit about Vieux Carre history, and eat beignets. Boys who are interested in staying with the pack will be given a model boat kit so they can build and race it at the Pack 48 Raingutter Regatta on September 26th.

Other events include two camping trips and a year-end service project that will lead up to the pinewood derby in January 2010. There will be at least one camping trip in spring 2010.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Bill Daly at wjdaly@nocoxmail.com.

CONGRATS CHEERLEADERS!

A big shout out to the new 2009–2010 Audubon Rarebird Cheerleaders. These girls endured a two-day tryout period and have proved to have enough school spirit to represent Audubon as cheerleaders this year. We started out with 21 girls and 18 persevered. Their names are:

Mimi B. 4th	Jhane M. 8th
Margeaux B. 4th	Alani M. 4th
Desnae C. 6th	Taylor M. 5th
Nydia G. 4th	Crystal R. 7th
Samantha H. 5th	Cori R. 5th
Destyn J. 4th	Jada S. 8th
Kylett J. 4th	Ashli S. 4th
Arielle J. 8th	Victoria S. 8th
Reyonne L. 4th	Tonyell W. 6th

Congratulations.....Job well done!!!

~ Coach Michelle & Asst. Coach Lizette