

The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
September 17, 2009

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VOLLEYBALL: UPDATES AND FUTURE GAMES



Volleyball season is well under way. The first game against Lusher was last Tuesday. Our 4th – 6th grade girls gave it their all and played hard but they fell a little bit short and they lost both games. Our 7th – 8th grade girls dominated the court and won both of their games. Thank you to our cheerleaders for coming out to support our team and to all the parents, family members, and friends for bringing that Audubon spirit to Lusher. GO RAREBIRDS!!!

Come out and support our players at the upcoming games. The Athletics Department will have a snack booth at our home games with lots of goodies for sale. Bring a chair and come out to support our team and enjoy the game.

WHERE	WHEN	TIME
Wed., Sept. 16 th	Hynes Charter School 3744 Gentilly Blvd.	4:15pm
Thurs., Sept. 17 th	Audubon – Carrollton Campus vs. Holy Name of Jesus	4:15pm
Friday, Sept. 18 th	Audubon – Carrollton Campus vs. St. Andrews	4:00pm
Tues., Sept. 22 nd	Arden Cahill – 3101 Wall Blvd., Gretna	4:30pm
Wed., Sept. 23 rd	Metairie Park Country Day	4:15pm

	300 Park Rd., Metairie,	
Friday, Sept. 25 th	Crescent City Baptist 4828 Utica St., Metairie	4:15pm
Mon., Sept. 28 th	Audubon – Carrollton Campus vs. Holy Name of Jesus	4:00pm
Friday, Sept. 30 th	Victory Fellowship 5708 Airline Dr., Metairie,	4:15pm

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, September 14-Monday, September 28:
PTO Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Sale
- Monday, September 21:
- Saturday, September 26: FAME Board meeting,
10 a.m., Broadway Campus cafeteria
- Monday, October 12-Wednesday, October 14:
Fall Break: No School
- Thursday, October 29: Report Card
Conferences: Half Day of School
- Wednesday, November 4: Individual student
photo retakes, Broadway and Carrollton
Campuses
- Saturday, November 14: Fall Fete

LUNCH MENUS: SEPTEMBER 21-25

Monday, Sept. 21:

Breakfast: grits and eggs or blueberry muffin, juice
or chilled peaches

Lunch: jazzy red beans with ham and rice or chicken sandwich; tossed salad or seasoned spinach; orange or mixed fruit; sliced whole wheat bread; sugar cookie

Salad plate: chef salad with beets; orange circles; crackers or roll

Tuesday, Sept. 22:

Breakfast: oatmeal with toast or turkey bacon or assorted cereal and toast; juice or banana

Lunch: meatloaf and creamed potatoes; seasoned carrots or green peas; whole wheat roll

Salad plate: vegetarian salad with boiled eggs; golden apple; crackers or roll

Wednesday, Sept. 23:

Breakfast: grits with turkey sausage or waffles with syrup; chilled pears or juice

Lunch: breaded pork chop patty or turkey deli sandwich; dirty rice; seasoned spinach or mixed vegetables; fresh grapes or apple or banana; tossed salad; whole wheat roll

Salad plate: tuna salad with lettuce; fresh grapes; crackers or roll

Thursday, Sept. 24:

Breakfast: French toast or assorted cereal and toast or muffin; spiced apples or juice

Lunch: roasted chicken; parsley buttered potatoes; green beans or frozen mixed vegetables; fresh fruit or chilled pears; whole wheat roll

Salad plate: chicken salad with lettuce; mixed fruit; crackers or roll

Friday, Sept. 25:

Breakfast: grits with egg squares or toast with egg squares; chilled peaches or applesauce

Lunch: cheeseburger on bun; potato wedges or creamed potatoes; lettuce and tomatoes with pickles; fresh pears or mixed fruit; whole wheat oatmeal raisin cookie

Salad plate: yogurt with fresh fruit; graham crackers

CALL FOR MONTESSORI ROOM PARENTS

Hello Montessori Parents! We are looking for some wonderful Montessori Parents to fill the Room Parents Positions for the 2009/2010 school year. It is a great way to earn your volunteer hours and get involved. Please contact me at 504-314-8260 (home) or 504-261-8782 (cell) or by email at kmorrison4@bellsouth.net.

Please also know that if there is anything I can do to be of assistance during this school year, please let me know.

~ Kay Morrison
PTO Montessori Vice President

CALL FOR FRENCH ROOM PARENTS

Some French classrooms still need volunteers and we can always use more. Room parents help the teachers organize events and also serve as key organizers and contacts when the PTO or school needs to get parent volunteers (in other words, you get to set up phone trees and email lists for your child's class). This is a key role and a great way to volunteer at the school.

If you would like to volunteer, please email me directly (dberiss@uno.edu) or feel free to give me a call at 504-894-9482.

Thanks!

~ David Beriss
PTO French Vice President

SAVE THOSE EGGSHELLS!

Fall Fete is approaching and we will need eggshells for confetti eggs. We will need plenty of clean, dry shells to stuff so please start saving them now. More details on collecting your volunteer hours for saving your shells will be coming soon.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS

We had two great days of student photo sessions. Please note that the cut-off date for receiving orders and payments for individual school photos will be **Friday, September 18th, 2009**. Please put sealed envelopes in the PTO boxes in the administration offices at either campus and they will be hand-delivered to Romaguera Photography. You are also welcome to order online at www.romaguera.com. Families will receive children's photos in the beginning of October.

~ Jean Kijko, Fundraising Co-Chair
504-621-2315 or 504-283-3240

IT'S BOXTOPS AND LABELS SUBMISSION TIME

Boxtops, Campbell's Labels, A+ and CCs UPC collections are well underway this year with several families already submitting items held over from last year. We are moving forward with \$125+ in Boxtops for Education submissions already. Please put all your labels, boxtops and UPCs in a Ziploc-style bag then drop the bag in your campus collection box (Broadway: in the PTO box in the office; Carrollton: in the collection box near the office) on **Wednesday, September 23**. Please put these dates on your calendar for future collections: October 14, November 18, December 16, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, and May 26.

For a printable list of items, please go to www.auduboncharter.com, scroll to the bottom right and look for the Boxtops link. Please be sure to share this with your family and friends. Our goal is \$1,000 for Boxtops and \$1,000 for CCs UPCs. If you have questions, please email Todd Taylor at audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com and put "Boxtops/Labels" in the subject line, or call at (504) 232-0362.

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

In an effort to score some cash for our PTO and to be environmentally responsible, we are going to participate in the Cartridges for Kids program, a recycling program of electronic goods, cellular

phones, and ink cartridges, among other things. We are working on putting the link on our school website (www.auduboncharter.com) for you to print and distribute to family and friends. We will have 3 collections this year, at the December 2009, February 2010 and May 2010 PTO meetings. These dates are subject to change as we become more familiar with the program and its submission dates, so please look for more updates in the Rare Bird. For now, just hold those used cell phones, game consoles and ink cartridges (ask your office administrator to save for you if they do not recycle). Thanks for helping raise money and lessen our collective "footprint." If you have questions, please email Todd Taylor at audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com with "Cartridges for Kids" in the subject line, or call him at (504) 232-0362.

~ June Erb and Todd Taylor

PTO GIFT WRAP AND COOKIE DOUGH SALE

The PTO Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Sale kicked off Monday, Sept. 14, and will run through Monday, Sept. 28. To conserve paper, students with siblings may not have received their own packet on Monday. We get 50% of the cost of each item we sell, so we really want to make a big push this year. In addition to Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough, there are great gift items, and we ask parents who need to buy corporate gifts to consider using some of the products that we are selling instead of going elsewhere.

There are a few things we want to mention, and we hope this makes the process easier for you. First, each campus has a different identification number to help with the delivery process. Broadway's identifying school number is **102789**, and Carrollton's school number is **105916**. For families who have two or more students at Audubon Charter, you may choose to sell "as a family" or "as individual students." In other words, if you choose to sell "as a family," record your sales under just one student's name. Use the school number for that child, and that child will receive the product. For example, if you have a younger child at Broadway, but would like the older child at Carrollton to be responsible for bringing home the products, use the

older child's name and the Carrollton number. If siblings want to run their own sales separately, then each child needs to use his or her own school number.

And remember, you have forms to take orders from families and friends, but you do not return that form to the school. Orders **must** be entered on the Innisbrook website. Go to www.innisbrook.com and select the "Parents EZ" button. Enter the school number, and follow the steps to enter your orders. Then, you must print a voucher that you return to school with your payment. Return the voucher and payment to your student's teacher in the envelope it came in (with the happy monkey) by Monday, September 28. *We understand that some families may not have access to a computer or printer. If that is the case, then send in your order form with your payment, and we will enter it for you.*

Finally, **no cash** will be accepted. **Please make checks payable to Friends of Audubon PTO.**

We hope this information helps, but if you have questions you can email Jeannie Jones at basiebites@gmail.com or Jennifer McNamara at jenmcnamara@cox.net.

Also, please note that Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough will have separate delivery dates in November. We will need at least three volunteers to help distribute products at each campus on those dates, so if you would like a "One-Day Commitment" Volunteer Project, this would be a good one to plan on doing. When we learn the delivery dates, we will let you know.

Thanks!

~ Jeannie Jones, Innisbrook, and Jennifer McNamara, Fundraising Co-chair

POWER SCHOOL

Parents at the Carrollton Campus received their user name, password and instructions to log on to access Power School during Open House last week. We will put the link to Power School on the front page of the school's website. You can also type it in manually at ps.powerschoolnops.com/public. If you did not attend open house, please stop by the office to pick up your user name – we cannot send this

information home with the students. Power School is a valuable tool for parents. You can check your child's grades and attendance, have e-mail alerts sent to you, and send e-mail to your child's teacher. This is a great way to keep up with how your child is doing in school. If parents are having difficulty accessing Power School, please contact Alisa Dupre at Alisa_Dupre@auduboncharter.com.

Parents at the Broadway campus have a user name, however since students do not receive letter grades, the only information that shows up in Power School is attendance. If you would like to receive a user name and password for attendance, please send a note to your child's teacher and we assign a Power school user name and password.

~Alisa Dupre

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE AND PENNIES FOR PEACE

Audubon Charter School students will participate in the International Day of Peace celebration on Monday, September 21. Students will create and plant Pinwheels for Peace and donate Pennies for Peace during the school day; Broadway Campus students will participate in a morning celebration and Carrollton Campus students will hold their assembly in the afternoon. Please be on the lookout for the school pinwheels next week and visit these website for more information about the Pinwheels and Pennies for Peace projects. To learn about International Day of Peace, visit <http://peaceoneday.org> and <http://internationaldayofpeace.org> and <http://www.penniesforpeace.org/>.

~Ellen Selvidge

DON'T FORGET

The Rarebird needs your articles so don't forget to send your information to rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com by noon on Monday!

