
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
October 15, 2009

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THIS FRIDAY!

CUB SCOUTS NEWS



It will soon be time for our fall campout. On October 24, we head up to Avondale Scout Reservation about one hour north of Baton Rouge. We will pitch our camp at a beautiful site next to a tranquil pond. The boys will take hikes in the woods and play games during the day. In the evening, we will tell stories under the stars around a campfire and snack on s'mores. We will spend the night in our tents, then head back the next morning after a leisurely breakfast. You will have some real quality time to spend with your kids. Hope to see all the Cubs there.

~ Bill Daly, pack48.cubs@gmail.com

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Our school is a great school, and we do awesome things. We are trying to earn money by having a fundraiser. We are asking you to donate your money to UNICEF. UNICEF is an organization that helps poor children to live better lives. We encourage you to help us help children in need by participating in "Trick or Treat for UNICEF."

Dates: October 5 - October 22: preparation and presentation of the project

October 23: collection boxes distributed

November 2: boxes collected

You can check out the website UNICEF.ORG for more information. There will also be a class competition and a teacher challenge. Thank you for your help.

~Sallah A., Trey C., Wesley C., Kameron F.,
Samantha H., James K., Thaddius N., and Destini
W. (from Ms. Monique's 4/5 class)

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Thursday, October 15:* Box Tops Collection Day
- *Tuesday, October 20:* PTO general meeting, 6 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Saturday, October 24:* FAME Board meeting, 10 a.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Thursday, October 29:* Report Card Conferences: Half Day of School: No ArtsReach or French Homework
- *Wednesday, November 4:* Individual Student Photo Retakes, Broadway and Carrollton campuses
- *Tuesday, November 10:* PTO meeting general meeting, 6 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* FAME Board meeting, 9 a.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* Fall Fete!

- Monday, November 23- Friday, November 27:
Thanksgiving Holidays: No School

A CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST!

Did you know walking our halls is a Super Talented, Celebrity Jeweler? Ms. Beaula McCoy, our Arts Reach Jewelry Teacher, is featured on www.Oprah.com as one of the 2009 jewelers involved in the O Bracelet Project benefiting women in Rwanda. The bracelets are sold through Macy's department store.

Ms. McCoy's beadwork was one of the auction items at last year's Gala. She is the grandmother of Nia and Isha Mbaye.

See Ms. Beaula and her work at <http://www.oprah.com/slideshow/omagazine/200910-omag-obracelet-designers/13>.

~*Secret Mbaye*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ANNUAL FUND PHONE BANK

Audubon needs volunteers to make annual fund phone calls to parents at a phone bank Thursday, October 22 in the Carrollton campus computer lab. These are friendly calls asking parents to make a gift of any amount to the annual fund to support their children's education. Phone calls will be made in hourly shifts starting at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. If you want to help out, but aren't available at these particular times, arrangements can be made for you to make calls on another day. Please join us to help Audubon reach our goal of 100% participation!

To volunteer, please contact Sophia Griffies, at 504-324-7100 or Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com.

~*Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist*

UPTOWN TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (UTNA) ANNUAL MEETING

Neighbors and business partners are invited to the UTNA annual neighborhood association meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7 p.m. at Lambeth House. Please come out to discuss neighborhood plans, successes and challenges (known and unknown). Your concerns matter and we value your voice.

For more information, email Rodney Montz, UTNA president, at rocket@bellsouth.net and put "UTNA Annual Meeting" in the subject line. We welcome your attendance and your annual membership. Light refreshments will be served.

PTO WEBSITE: SIGNED UP YET?

The Audubon Charter PTO has a web site to help organize volunteers/events and gather information for our PTO Membership Directory. We need all parents go to <http://friendsofauduboncharter.org> and create a user name and password. You may already have one from last year's Fall Fete. Please add or update your information. Use authorization code 1337. The field to enter this code is at the bottom of the account information page. This code limits access to the directory and other features to the ACS community.

Remember, all parents and teachers are PTO members; dues are a donation, not a requirement for membership.

~*Tracy Cameron, PTO Membership Chair*

GLOBAL GREEN USA 1ST ANNUAL GREEN JOBS/CAREER FAIR

Do you have or know a New Orleans public high school student? Let him or her know about the Global Green USA First Annual Green Jobs/Career Fair! It's FREE and features:

- professionals from more than 20 green jobs who will talk about their work and the paths they took to get there

- representatives from local nonprofits and institutes of higher learning
- special guest speaker Jerome Ringo, President of the Apollo Alliance
- entertainment by Clarence Going Green Rap Group
- free breakfast and lunch!

The job fair will be held Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at Walter Cohen High School, 3520 Dryades, New Orleans.

Registration is required. Reserve a spot and sign up for job seminars at www.globalgreen.org/events/90.

CREPE MAKERS NEEDED FOR FALL FETE

We need 2-3 large crepe pans with burners and crepe batter, and 2-3 experienced crepe makers to make and sell crepes Fall Fete. We can solicit donations for ingredients, but please plan to make the crepe batter. This should be a hit at the Fete and we would love to have crepe cooks participate.

~Linda Baynham

FALL FETE CALL FOR OYSTER GRILLERS!

We are really excited about plans to offer "Audubon Charter's Char-Grilled Oysters" at the Fall Fete. But to do this and start planning, we need to get a group of about fourteen people committed to running this booth. This would be a great opportunity for some Dads to get together and help out. As a group, you could coordinate picking up the oysters and other supplies, setting up the grills, and breaking up the day so that everyone takes a turn grilling and serving instead of working the booth the entire day. This could be a great way to advertise our festival and get attendance from our neighbors! If you want to volunteer for the "Oyster Committee," please e-mail Jennifer McNamara at jmcmamara@bakerdonelson.com or call 566-5240.

FALL FETE UPDATE

We still have immediate needs for restaurant donations and are also soliciting donations for the Raffle Table. Please see the October 8 Rare Bird [look for archives in the Rarebird listserve or at the ACS website, www.auduboncharter.com] for names and contacts for committee chairs. Chairs/co-chairs are still needed for the following sub-committees: Stage Management, Raffle Table, Cake Table, Art Table.

Please go to www.friendsofauduboncharter.org to register and be able to sign up to work on Fall Fete committees. Soon you will be able to sign up for Booth Chair positions, and thereafter other volunteer services.

Food Booth Chairs will coordinate with volunteers to pick up food, set up the booth, coordinate volunteers to serve and clean up, and arrange for return of items borrowed. We REALLY need about 12 more people to step up and help us. If the online sign-up is not available yet, contact Jennifer McNamara at 566-5240 or jmcmamara@bakerdonelson.com and bask in the gratitude you will experience! We have already received volunteers to manage several booths—thanks Mandy Manual and Julie Blow who got in touch with us all on their own and early!

~ Jean Kijko and Jennifer McNamara, PTO Fundraising co-chairs

SAVE THOSE EGGSHELLS!

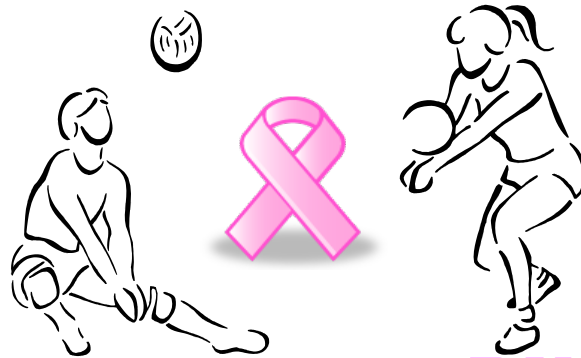
Fall Fete is approaching and we STILL need **lots** of clean, dry eggshells for confetti eggs. Please keep saving them and stay tuned for collection and volunteer hour details.

GOT NEWS?

If you have an announcement for the Rare Bird, please send it to the editors at rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com. The deadline for the next issue is **Monday, October 19, 12 noon**. Deadlines are always 12 noon the Monday before the Thursday issue.

Audubon Charter Athletics

Volley for the Cure Challenge



Paint the Blacktop **PINK**
(Everyone wear pink and support the Cure)

Friday, October 16, 2009
3:00 'til 5:30 pm

Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will challenge the teachers, parents and students to a volleyball game on the blacktop on the Carrollton Campus. We would like everyone to join us as we participate in the "Cure for Cancer" Campaign. There will be concessions and a raffle. Bring your lawn chair and come support. If you would like to challenge the girls to a volleyball game, fill out the registration form and place it in the box outside of the office.

\$5 per player: staff and parents

\$3 per player: ACS students

Deadline to register will be Thursday, October 15 by NOON.

1/2 of the proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation

(please cut and return with fee)

Name: _____ *Phone #* _____

Grade: _____ *Amount Paid:* _____

Emergency Contact: _____