

The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
November 5, 2009

FALL FETE NEEDS YOU!; WE NEED CONFETTI EGGS!; ANNUAL FUND/CAMPAGNE ANNUELLE DE DON'S; ANNUAL GALA/LE GALA; COURT OF DREAMS; COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY; IMPORTANT DATES; BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS NOV. 6-13; CUB SCOUTS' FIRST CAMPING TRIP; RAINY DAY GAMES DRIVE; FRENCH 5TH GRADE COFFEE SALES ALERT; PARIS 2010; 2009-10 YEARBOOK

FALL FETE NEEDS YOU!

Fall Fete is almost here—Nov. 14, 11 a.m to 5 p.m.—and we really, really need your help!

Class-by-class Paper Goods Donations: We are asking each class to collect donations of paper goods by Wednesday, November 11th.

<u>Grades (French & Montessori)</u>	<u>Paper Goods</u>	<u>Suggested Type (Suggested Store)</u>
Pre-K3, Pre-K4	white foam bowls, 12 oz.	Hefty Everyday Foam, Soakproof Bowls, 12 oz., 50-count (Wal-Mart)
K	white napkins	Bounty, 200-count, white (Walmart)
First, Second, Third	paper plates, white, at least 8 inches	Hefty Everyday Foam, Soakproof Plates, 8.875 in., 130-count (Walmart)
Fourth, Fifth	white plastic forks	Great Value white plastic forks, 48-count (Walmart)
Sixth	white plastic spoons	Great Value white plastic spoons, 48-count (Walmart)
Seventh	16 oz Styrofoam Cups (for snoballs)	(Sam's Club, Walmart, etc.)
Eighth	12 oz coffee cups with lids	(Sam's Club, maybe Walmart)

Please send your items in to the classroom and Fall Fete committee members will pick them up on the 11th. With this help, we can keep costs down and proceeds up!

Volunteer Sign-up: The sign up sheets are online at <http://www.friendsof Audubon Charter School.org>. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL BOOTHS. Just log into the site and go to the Fete Sign-Up area to choose the shift and activity that you want. We depend on **you** to make this a fun and successful

event. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so and when you do, be sure to enter the authorization code, 1337, at the bottom of the account information page. This code limits access to the directory and other features to the ACS community.

Please update your account details so we can contact you. If you have any trouble with or questions about the site, call or email Tracy at 723-5147 or tracy.cameron@gmail.com.

Tents Needed!—Earn 5 Volunteer Hours: We need fifteen (15) tents, size 10x10 feet, EZ Pop Up. You earn five volunteer hours for setting up your tent between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and taking it down at the end of the Fete. Please sign up at <http://www.friendsof Audubon Charter School.org> under "Donations." This is how we'll keep track of the number of tents and volunteer hours.

Fall Fete Pre-Sale Tickets and More!: Advance sales will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Carrollton cafeteria, and Friday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Broadway cafeteria.

- Tickets \$1
- Discounted wristbands \$10 (\$15 at the Fete)
- T-shirts are \$16 (youth extra small \$10).

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Audubon PTO." Cash is welcome, too.

Questions re: Fall Fete? Please e-mail FallFeteQuestions@cox.net or contact a Fall Fete Committee Member directly. Contact information for Fall Fete Committee Members can be found at www.friendsof Audubon Charter School.org.

WE NEED CONFETTI EGGS!

Please send in filled confetti eggs for Fall Fete. We don't seem to have many yet and this is always a very popular activity that always sells out.

When you use an egg, just lop off the top bit, leaving a hole about the size of a quarter or half dollar. Rinse the shell well and let it dry. Then fill with confetti and tape the top closed. Submit a slip for the volunteer time it took you. (We trust you!)

We need as many eggs as we can get to the Broadway campus by Friday, Nov. 13. If you bring filled eggs to the Carrollton campus or if you bring in eggshells that need to be filled, please email me at kermitforg@gmail.com. I'd also greatly appreciate an email letting me know if you have eggs to bring in so I can get an idea of how many we have. Thanks!

~ Rachel McCaleb Watts

ANNUAL FUND

Many thanks to all of our parents who have made a gift or pledge to the annual fund! This campaign will be a huge success if all Audubon families give what they can, regardless of the amount. A high rate of parent participation in the annual fund is often a key factor in helping the school secure funds from foundations. Please support our students by making a gift or pledge today.

Gifts can be made in cash or by check, Visa or MasterCard. You can also donate online at www.auduboncharter.com or pledge your support by contacting Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist, at Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com or 324-7100. Pledges are not due for payment until May 2010. Thank you for your investment in our children!

CAMPAGNE ANNUELLE DE DONNS

Un grand merci à tous ceux qui ont fait un don ou une promesse de don depuis le début de cette campagne. Quelque soit le montant final, si chacun donne à la hauteur de ses moyens, cette campagne sera une immense réussite. Un fort taux de participation est souvent un facteur déterminant dans le succès d'une telle opération. Dès aujourd'hui, aidez notre école et nos élèves en donnant ou en faisant une promesse de don !

Nous vous rappelons que les dons peuvent être effectués en espèces, chèques mais aussi par carte de crédit. Vous pouvez également donner en ligne en vous rendant sur www.auduboncharter.com. Les promesses de don peuvent être faites en contactant

Sophia Griffies, Directrice du Développement (par mail à Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com ou par téléphone au 504-324-7100) et peuvent validées jusqu'en mai 2010. Nous apprécions votre engagement. Merci!

ANNUAL GALA

Plans for Audubon's annual fundraising gala are underway! The event, which will be held at the beautiful Elms Mansion on an evening in late January (date to be confirmed shortly), will offer excellent food, dancing, and a silent auction and raffle. We need volunteers to request auction and food donations, pick up donations, help with setup, sell tickets, etc. We also welcome our parents' help to secure auction items, including gift certificates, jewelry, vacation stays in private condominiums or houses, and children's activities such as summer camps and birthday parties. To join the gala committee or to offer a donation for the auction, please contact Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist, at Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com or 324-7100.

LE GALA

Le traditionnel gala de charité aura lieu cette année encore! L'événement, qui se tiendra fin janvier, se déroulera dans la sublime demeure Elms Mansion. Au cours de cette unique soirée, délicieux mets, musique, enchères silencieuses et tombola seront proposés. Nous avons besoin de volontaires pouvant prendre en charge la recherche de partenaires pour la nourriture et les enchères, l'organisation logistique, la vente de tickets, ... Nous recherchons également des parents pouvant contrôler les articles mis aux enchères et ce que ce soit les chèques-cadeaux, les bijoux, les séjours-vacances (y compris en France) ou les animations destinées aux enfants (fêtes d'anniversaire, centres aérés). Pour intégrer le comité d'organisation du gala ou faire une donation, merci de contacter Sophia Griffies, Directrice du Développement à Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com ou au 504-324-7100.

AUDUBON COURT OF DREAMS

The entire Audubon Charter Athletics department is invited to see ACS vs. Holy Name Girls Basketball on the Hornets court in the New Orleans Arena Friday, Dec. 11! Tickets are \$14 each. Each member of the basketball team must purchase a ticket. The ticket also gets you into the Hornets v. Knicks game! But for ACS to participate, we have

to sell 100 tickets FAST! The deadline is FRIDAY, NOV. 13!

There will be transportation for team members and parents. A flyer with all the details will be featured in next week's issue due to space constraints.

For more information, contact Tina Felix at tfelix@auduboncharter.com.

COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY

Cookie Dough orders from the Innisbrook sale will be delivered to the Carrolton and Broadway campuses Friday, November 6th. We do not have an exact time of delivery, but it will be after 11:30 a.m. If you made a large order, you may want to pick it up directly from school instead of having your student bring it home. Also, if your children are in aftercare, you may want to pick up earlier than 6:00 p.m. so it does not thaw.

~Jennifer McNamara, PTO Fundraising Co-chair

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Friday, November 6:* Cookie Dough delivery
- *Tuesday, November 10:* PTO meeting general meeting, 6 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* FAME Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Broadway cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* **FALL FETE!**
- *Wednesday, November 18:* Box Tops Collection Day: send in your box tops, UPCs, etc. in a Ziploc-style bag
- *Monday, November 23-Friday, November 27:* Thanksgiving Holidays: No School
- *Thursday, December 3:* Pre-K/Kindergarten Applicants Curriculum Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *December 4-8 and 11-15:* Sunship II - 5th grade students overnight trip in Covington, LA

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS—NOV. 6-NOV. 13

Friday, November 6

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

Lunch: Fish on bun or fish strips; potato wedge or creamed potatoes with cheese; lettuce and tomato with pickles; satsuma or mixed fruit; whole wheat oatmeal raisin cookie

Salad plate: yogurt with fresh fruit; graham crackers

Monday, November 9

Breakfast: grits with turkey sausage or whole grain pop tarts; chilled pears or juice

Lunch: Sloppy joe on bun or hot dog with chili on bun; seasoned corn or green beans; fries or tossed salad; fruit mix or fruit cup; sugar cookie

Salad plate: Chef salad with beets; fruit mix, crackers or roll

Tuesday, November 10

Breakfast: biscuit with sausage patties or waffles with syrup; chilled pineapple or juice

Lunch: white beans with turkey ham; steamed rice; steamed broccoli; garden salad with spinach; sliced peaches or chilled pineapple; whole wheat bread or whole wheat rolls; bread pudding

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

Wednesday, November 11

Breakfast: grits with scrambled eggs or toast with egg omelet; chilled peaches or juice

Lunch: Chicken nuggets or pizza; baked macaroni; seasoned broccoli or tossed salad; fresh apples; whole wheat roll

Salad plate: tuna salad with salad mix and spinach; fresh apples; crackers or roll

Thursday, November 12

Breakfast: Manager's choice

Lunch: Turkey in gravy with brown rice or fajita wrap; green beans or peas and carrots; tossed salad; satsumas or sliced cantaloupe; whole wheat roll

Salad plate: turkey salad with salad mix and spinach; fresh grapes; crackers or roll

Friday, November 13

Breakfast: grits with sliced ham or muffin; fresh fruit or juice

Lunch: Popcorn chicken; creamed potatoes with sprinkled parsley; steamed mustard greens or green beans; grapes or bananas; whole wheat roll or sliced whole wheat bread

Salad plate: Chef salad with spinach and beets; fresh oranges; crackers or roll

CUB SCOUTS' FIRST CAMPING TRIP



I liked the camping trip. I saw vultures, frogs, deer, rabbits and lizards. I found lots of tadpoles and frog eggs. The s'mores were good and we took apart an American flag and put one piece at a time in the fire and then we buried it. (The Boy Scouts of America have their own ceremony to respectfully retire the flag. The U.S. Flag Code states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.")

~ Maxwell H., French 1st Grade & Tiger Den, Pack 478

Attending from Audubon Charter were: Jack C., Fiona C., Max H., Keelan C., Richard K., Miles F., and Henry F.

RAINY-DAY GAME DRIVE FOR OUR KIDS!

Let's help keep our kids entertained during those rainy days during recess and after care! We are now collecting game donations at both campuses. Bring old or new games to the volunteer sign-up table during Fall Fete. After the Fete, we'll have a donation box set up in the Photocopy Room at each campus. We hope to end up with a cart of games at each campus for all kids to enjoy!

Ideas for donations include Mancala, Trouble, Connect Four, UNO, tic-tac-toe, checkers/chess, Sorry, Twister, card games, backgammon, Charades, Pictionary, art supplies (markers, crayons, large paper, etc.), building sets (Legos, blocks, etc.), soccer balls, basketballs, kickballs (soft), footballs, and hula hoops. DVD's such as the Planet Earth documentary, exercise tapes, or sing-alongs are also welcome (no movies or cartoons please).

If you have any questions, please contact Corinne Gibb at cgibb@uno.edu or Emily Flagler at eflagler@waringarchitects.com.

FRENCH 5TH GRADE COFFEE SALES ALERT

French classes have been selling coffee to support the 5th grade trip to France. Please remember to turn in all coffee orders/checks to your child's teacher by Nov. 6th so that deliveries can begin on Nov. 16th. Thank you!

~ French 5th grade

PARIS 2010

Everyone in the middle school has an opportunity to go to Paris, France, for an exciting visit. Remember to bring back to school the papers and the deposit to Ms. Lechat by November 11th and enroll at EFtours.com before November 30th. These deadlines must be respected for us to plan further.

Any questions? Email me at Laurence_lechat@auduboncharter.com

~ L. Lechat

2009-2010 ACS YEARBOOK

A few volunteers are needed for the yearbook committee. Photos and information will be collected throughout the year. If you have pictures of events that have already taken place this year, please send them to audubonyearbook@gmail.com with a short description and the names and grades of the persons in the photos.

Also, we are taking a poll to see what kind of yearbook our community is interested in. The choices are:

- full color hard cover for \$30
- full color soft cover for \$25
- b/w soft cover for \$16

Please email your choice to audubonyearbook@gmail.com. We will make our decision based on your input so let us know what you want!

~Tracy Keller Cameron, PTO Membership Chair