
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
January 14, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S WORD; AUDUBON GALA UPDATES; IMPORTANT DATES; ARTS REACH LATE REGISTRATION; BROADWAY; BROADWAY START TIME; CCs COFFEE UPSCS; LABELS FOR EDUCATION BONUS POINTS OPPORTUNITY; SEARCH FOR A GOOD CAUSE; FREE HOMEWORK CLINIC; REMINDER: TEACHERS; MAYORAL FORUM; WORLD BOOK ONLINE; ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS/LEAP AND ILEAP HELP; GALA RAFFLE ORDER FORM

PRINCIPAL'S WORD: "HAPPY" NEW YEAR!

Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response." ~ *Mildred Barthel*

During the first week or so of the new year we often hear the greeting, "Happy New Year!" We hear it so often that we really do not give it much thought. So, take a minute to really contemplate the thought behind the greeting. As Mildred Barthel states, happiness is a conscious choice. Choose happiness. It is contagious. In addition, on behalf of the entire Audubon faculty, staff, and administration, we thank you for the wonderful gifts, beautiful cards, and delicious sweet treats showered upon us for the holiday season. Our students are the true gifts to Audubon Charter School. Teaching and working with your students make us happy.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER...QUI SE RESSEMBLE S'ASSEMBLE



~artwork by Roydie P.

The 2010 Gala is fast approaching! Break out your boas and feathers for this fun-filled evening of delicious cuisine, entertainment by Flip Side, and a silent auction! Invitations were sent home with students last week.

If you are unable to attend the event, you may still register for the cash raffle by completing and returning the form on the last page to the Broadway campus main office by Wednesday, January 20! The winner receives 50% of cash raised! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

For more information or to purchase event tickets, please visit www.auduboncharter.com. If you did not receive your invitation, please contact Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist, at 324-7100 or Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com. Proceeds raised by the event will directly benefit Audubon's academic programs and the children we serve.

2010 Gala
Saturday, January 23
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The Elms Mansion
3029 St. Charles Avenue



SPONSORS

The Elms Mansion
New Orleans Center for Mind-Body Health
Ofadean SalonSpa
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RESTAURANTS & CHEFS

Café Minh
Charles Mende

Chef Daniel Bonnot
Cochon
Dooky Chase Restaurant
La Crêpe Nanou
Mona's Café
Patois
Pepperoni's Café
Jacques-Imo's Café
Maurice's French Pastries

The following is a sneak peek of the auction donations. Gala guests should check their auction catalog for details.

Fun at Audubon...

Lunch with the Principal
Principal for the Day
Saturday Afternoon Sock Hop for the Class
Classroom Visit with Audubon's City Council Member Stacy Head
Classroom Visit with School Board President Woody Koppel

For Audubon Parents...

Student Art
Alliance Francaise-gift certificate for classes

Children's Activities...

Chez Clay-pottery painting gift certificate
Global Wildlife Center-pair of Safari Wagon passes and stuffed giraffe
Gym Rompers gift certificate
Ivanov's Gymnastics or tumbling lessons
Love Swimming- gift certificate for swim lessons, a UV swim shirt and goggles
Skate Country-birthday party
University Montessori School's Camp Cricket
Summer Camp

Arts and Culture...

Theater tickets courtesy of Forefront Theatre, Jefferson Performing Arts Society, Le Petit Theatre, and Todd Souvignier, author/co-producer of The Front Man
Family memberships to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and the New Orleans Museum of Art
Michaul's-Lundi Gras package for four people for the Orpheus and Proteus parades
Tour with Historic New Orleans Walking Tours
World War II Museum

Health and Beauty...

Bath Junkie gift certificate
Curves
Downtown Fitness Center-three-month membership
Ofadean SalonSpa-massage
Planet Beach Contempo Spa-Uptown-three-month spa membership
Teeth Bleaching System, courtesy of Dr. Gerald Tully
Wild Lotus Yoga

Home and Garden...

Stephanie Adler ASID, AIA Assoc-two-hour design consultation
Alvarez+Basik-one-hour garden consultation and 3" tree, including installation, or shrubs or annuals of equal value
Clutter Control-two-hour consultation
The Occasional Wife-gift certificate or three hours of services

Jewelry...

Mignon Faget-strawberry snowball pendant

Art...

Carol Peebles-commissioned child portrait
Michalopoulos
Kristopher Naeger-painting
Glass sculpture by Carlos Zervigon
Audubon's own Mr. Tran

Animal Lovers...

Canine Connection-two free nights of boarding or two days of daycare and bath/ten free washes in self-wash tub

For the Car...

Uptown Carwash-package of St. Charles car washes

For Pleasure...

Cigar Factory New Orleans-cigars and humidior
I-House Promotions-Segway Rental
Lilette-gift certificate
Ralph Brennan Restaurant Group- gift certificate and signed cookbook
Signed Hornets basketball
XS Martial Arts Dojo-martial arts classes

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Monday, January 18:* Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday: No School

- *Tuesday, January 19*: Arts Reach Late Registration, Broadway campus 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
- *Saturday, January 23*: FAME Board meeting, Broadway campus, 10 a.m.
- *Saturday, January 23*: Birds of a Feather Flock Together...*Qui Se Ressemble S'Assemble* 2009 Annual Gala, 7-10 p.m., The Elms Mansion, 3029 St. Charles Av.
- *Thursday, January 28*: Report Card Conferences—Half Day: Broadway dismissal 12:15 p.m.; Carrollton dismissal 12:00 p.m.
- *Monday, February 1*: Arts Reach classes begin
- *February 15-17*: Mardi Gras Holiday: No School
- *Saturday, March 6*: Spring Fest, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

**ARTS REACH LATE REGISTRATION:
BROADWAY CAMPUS**

Late registration will be **Tuesday, January 19, 8:00 am - 10:00 am.**

The classes still available are:

Spanish 101 (K-3 rd) grade	(10 spots)
Cooking (2 nd -3 rd) grade	(5 spots)
Jewelry Design (1 st -3 rd) grade	(4 spots)
Chess (1 st -3 rd) grade	(3 spots)
Soccer (K-1 st) grade	(5 spots)
Writing (2 nd -3 rd) grade	(5 spots)
Hoops (K-1 st) grade	(6 spots)
Hoops (2 nd -3 rd) grade	(12 spots)
Art Fun (K-1 st) grade	(5 spots)
Art Fun (2 nd -3 rd) grade	(10 spots)
Tap (K-3 rd) grade	(5 spots)
Scrapbooking (1 st -3 rd) grade	(6 spots)

~Tina Felix, Parent Representative

BROADWAY CAMPUS START TIME

This is a friendly reminder to the parents of children attending the Broadway campus that the students must be lined up at 8:10 a.m. (instruction begins at 8:20). Many parents enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria with their children. However, all students must be out of the cafeteria no later than 8:10 or they become tardy for class. Thank you!

CCs COFFEE UPCs

The annual submission for CCs UPCs is this month, January 2010. Please be sure to drop your submission(s) off, in Ziploc styled bags, at the office on Broadway or the drop box on the Carrollton

campus. Ask your friends, family and other collectors to provide you with whatever they have saved for our efforts. And don't forget the bonus points on boxes of CCs Coffee delivered to your office. We hope to receive your last submissions by **January 27**. We have done a great job so far this year; let's hope we are able to substantially increase our earnings from 2008-09. Thank you and keep using that Audubon Charter School "connected" CCs reusable card at your local coffee shop.

~June Erb, Dina Sonia, and Todd Taylor

LABELS FOR EDUCATION BONUS POINTS OPPORTUNITY

Has your class, academic or athletic team, campus community group (Boy/Girl Scouts, cheerleaders, music/choir group, annual fund raising event, FAME Board event) performed a community service in the name of Audubon Charter School during the 2009-10 school year? Pennies for Peace, Volleyball For The Cure both come to mind. Please email the information to audubonvolunteer@yahoo.com, we would like to submit your volunteerism to the Labels for Education program for consideration to receive bonus points. Please email your information no later than **Friday, January 29** and include a coordinator's name and contact information. Thank you, Rarebirds.

~June Erb, Dina Sonia, Todd Taylor

BOX TOPS, CAMPBELL'S LABELS, CCs, ETC

For the remainder of the school year, every Thursday will be a collection day for all of our non-traditional revenue i.e. box tops, CCs UPCs, Campbell's labels, etc. For a complete list, visit the ACS website <http://www.auduboncharter.com>

"SEARCH" FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Do you "google"? A great alternative that yields the same results AND raises money for ACS is <http://www.goodsearch.com>. In the box that asks you to verify your charity, type in "Audubon Charter French and Montessori – PTO". All searches generate money for the school. If you shop

through goodsearch at participating vendors, a percentage of your order will be donated as well.

FREE HOMEWORK CLINIC

Xavier University’s Homework Clinic will resume on January 25, 2010. The Clinic services K-8th graders.

Days: Mon., Tues., Wed.
Time: 3:30 pm -5:00 pm
Place: House of Studies

MAYORAL FORUM

A mayoral forum on education will be held at Warren Easton High School, Thursday, January 21st from 6 to 8 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend and find out where the candidates stand on charter schools. Make your voice heard! Let the candidates know where you stand.

REMINDER: TEACHERS

January 31 is the last day to submit your receipts for reimbursement. Please contact Niki Mouille at friki24@hotmail.com with any questions.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE AT HOME!

All students can now access World Book Online from home. To log on through Audubon Charter School’s account, go to www.worldbookonline.com with user name “studentaudubon” and password “audubon”. Happy Searching!

~ Elaine Schlesinger, Carrollton Campus librarian, and Kathy Cannata, Broadway Campus librarian

ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS AND LEAP/I-LEAP HELP

ACS has bought a subscription to Study Island, a research-based standards mastery program. Any ACS student can study for free anywhere the Internet is available. Study Island also has built in security features. Students can also access the Louisiana PASS [Practice Assessment/Strengthen Skills] from any computer with Internet access. PASS practice tests specifically help students prepare for LEAP and

iLEAP. You can find links, log ins, and passwords at the ACS website [<http://www.auduboncharter.com>].

GOT NEWS?

Please send any news, pictures, information, etc to the editors at rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com. The deadline for submission is Mondays at noon. Student written work is always welcome!

CASH RAFFLE ORDER FORM

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ CASH RAFFLE tickets at \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

A confirmation receipt will be sent to the email address below.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

My Child's Name: _____

Method of Payment: Check Cash
Visa MasterCard
Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____/_____
Authorized Signature: _____

Checks should be written out to Audubon Charter School. The lucky winner will be notified on Monday, January 25.