
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
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ACS VIOLINISTS AND MIDORI!

Congratulations to the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra and Jaz M. (2nd grade French, Mme. Delphine), Nia M. (5th grade French, Mme. Suzanne) and Isha M. (3rd grade French, M. Thierry) for their amazing performance with world-renowned violinist, Midori! Midori was here January 6th - January 9th teaching Master classes throughout the city, performing with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and culminating her visit with a performance with GNOYO. Isha was lucky enough to win tickets to the private reception. Special thanks to Dr. Jean Montes for his dedication to young musicians.

~*Secret Mbaye*

ACS ANNUAL GALA

Birds of a Feather Flock Together... Qui Se Ressemble S'Assemble
Saturday, January 23
7 p.m.-10 p.m.
The Elms Mansion
3029 St. Charles Avenue

It's not too late to buy tickets to the 2010 Gala, a fun evening of excellent entertainment, fine cuisine, and dancing at the beautiful Elms Mansion! To purchase tickets, please submit your reply form (located in your invitation or on www.auduboncharter.com) with payment to the

Broadway campus by 12 PM Friday. Your tickets will be held at the door.

If you are unable to attend, you may still purchase cash raffle tickets or bid on class auction items, including student art. Please see www.auduboncharter.com for details. Advance raffle ticket purchases and auction bids must be received by 12 PM Friday at the Broadway campus. Advance bidding is available only for class auction items.

We'd also like to thank our "Nest Egg" sponsors:
Bran's Pest Control, LLC
Patricia Burke and M.L. Davidson
The Dagoglou Family
Dr. Corey Hebert and Ms. Alanah Adams, Esq.
Mark and Jennifer McNamara
Jeffrey and Florence Montz

For further information, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- *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
- *Tuesday, February 9*: "Watch Me Work Night", Carrollton Campus - current students and parents
- *February 15-17*: Mardi Gras Holiday: No School
- *Saturday, March 6*: Spring Fest 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

AUDUBON'S HELP FOR HAITI DRIVE

Through the United Methodist Church, we as a school can prepare health kits to be shipped to Haitians in need.

The following kit is used in places where people do not have ready access to many essential supplies for everyday life. Please follow the directions exactly.

Include all items; do not add items that are not on the lists. Extra gifts, though given with the best of intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed. Note: All items sent must be new!

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. Please include \$1 for each kit to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping kits.

Important: Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

~Secret Mbaye

GAME TO HELP HAITI AND END HUNGER

Our class was so touched by the devastation in Haiti that we felt compelled to do something to help those in need. Sadly, people all around the world are struggling due to a lack of food and other resources. We visited FREERICE.COM. You can donate 10 grains of rice for each question you get right. No need to fear - FREERICE is here. Please visit the site so that you can make a difference, too.

~Kameron F., Samantha H., Azalea N. (Ms. Monique's 4/5 class)

8TH GRADE VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

The 8th grade class will be selling chocolate roses, chocolate fleur de lis, chocolate lips on a stick and

more for Valentine's Day. Order forms will be disseminated to homerooms at the Carrollton campus on Tuesday, January 20th. All orders must be placed by January 29th to ensure delivery for Valentine's Day. Please help our students raise money to go to Washington, DC in the spring. Thanks for your support.

~8th Grade Class of 2010

JAMMIN' IN JANUARY DANCE

Friday, January 29, 2009, 7 PM until 10 PM at the Broadway campus. Open to students ages 11-15 (6th-9th grades). Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Concessions will be sold. Photographer will be available to take pictures (\$5).

~Yolande Morant



SPRING RENAISSANCE FAIRE – COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED

“Joust into Spring”, Audubon’s Renaissance Faire will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 11:00 to 4:00. Some of the activities will be a jousting field, archery, chess, a petting zoo, balloon sculpture, hair wreath-making, face painting, May pole and Go to the Dungeon. We have about six weeks to plan this event and would like to have weekly meetings with Committee Chairs as needed. We need Committee Chairs to help us so please e-mail or call Jean or Jennifer if you would like to be a part of the planning of this exciting event. This is the last PTO Fundraising event for the school year so if you haven’t fulfilled your volunteer hours yet this could be a great chance to complete your hours.

Graphics: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: Make booth signs (French and English translation) and help coordinate volunteers to put up signs the day of the event.

Logistics: Jean Kijko 504-283-3240 / 504-621-2315 simko4460@cox.net

Description: A site plan has already been designed. Jean will arrange security with the school, arrange janitorial services, check on electrical needs and school's PA sound system, order tents, tables and chairs, order ice and arrange stage setup and take down with Marlin Gusman.

Tents, Tables & Chairs: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: A site plan has already been designed. We need someone to coordinate with Fun Services the morning of the event and instruct volunteers to help set-up tables and chairs as per site plan, place tablecloths on tables and help take down tables and chairs in the afternoon.

Ticket Sales: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need someone to set up point-of sale tickets, coordinate volunteers to sell tickets, make ticket collection boxes and coordinate with Command Central who will be counting tickets.

Volunteer Coordinator: Tracy Cameron 504-723-5147 tracy.cameron@gmail.com

Description: Tracy has volunteered to run the volunteer sign-up registration site, www.friendsofauduboncharter.org and help make sure we have volunteers as needed. Set up communications and headsets.

Food & Drink Booths: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need someone to help plan a menu, get costs estimates, solicit donations from restaurants if needed, verify existing paper products, help set prices and on the day of the event help monitor food booths. We plan to work with teachers and room parents and assign a booth to each class. We will coordinate volunteers through this effort and work directly with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Entertainment: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need someone to MC entertainment on the stage throughout the day, coordinate Talent Show, class presentations and extra-curricular presentations. Develop Entertainment Line-Up. We will have a separate "Stage Management" committee to set up the stage and equipment.

Activity Booths: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need two people to help plan activities, help solicit volunteers to run Activity Booths, help set prices and on the day of the event help monitor activity booths. We plan to work with teachers and room parents and assign a booth to each class. We will coordinate volunteers through this effort and work directly with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Artisan Coordinator: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need someone help solicit artisans for eight to twelve booths. We can supply a table and chair but the artist will have to supply a tent if they want one. We also need help determining a fee to allow artist to sell their goods and on the day of the event we need help to monitor artisan booths. We would like to reach out to the Audubon Community first for selection of artists.

Decorating Coordinator: NEED COMMITTEE CHAIR

Description: We need someone to help solicit volunteers to decorate the stage and general decorating around the fair.

Contact PTO Fundraising Co-Chairs if interested:
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simko4460@cox.net
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GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL VISITOR'S DAY

The December 16 Grandparents and Special Visitor's Day at the Broadway campus was a tremendous success! Following a welcome and refreshments, grandparents, friends and family visited students' classrooms. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to see the children's classrooms and meet teachers and staff. The Carrollton campus Grandparents and Special Visitors Day will be held on Thursday, February 25. Detailed information will be sent to parents in February.

~Sophia Griffies, Development Specialist

CC's COFFEE UPC's

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, and to 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 the boxes of CCs Coffee delivered to your office. We hope to receive your last submissions 1/27/10. Thank you and keep using that Audubon Charter School "connected" CCs reusable card at your local coffee shop.

~June Erb, Dina Sonia, Todd Taylor

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS PROGRAM; LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Cartridges for Kids is off to a slow start, but up and running. Please remember to drop off old cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, video games and console, digital cameras, DVDs, GPS devices, and calculators.

We have submitted 881 Labels for Education. We hope to get a bonus submission and some additional labels submitted in February. Please remember to collect from your friends and submit your labels soon.

~June Erb, Dina Sonia, and Todd Taylor

BOXTOP LABELS

The next submission date for Boxtops is February 11th. We have \$140 so far in boxtops labels. For every Boxtop label, our school gets \$0.10. Every dime counts for our school. Get your family and friends to help collect labels. Boxtop labels are on hundreds of your favorite products in grocery stores so cut them out and turn them in! The labels are on Betty Crocker, Nestle, Cheerios, Chex, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Huggies, Cottenelle, Hefty products, etc.

~June Erb, Dina Sonia, and Todd Taylor

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.

BRACELET FOUND

A bracelet with the initials FSF on it was found on the Carrollton Campus. It will be in room B6.

~Laura Fairbanks

PETER AND THE WOLF FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, January 31 at 3 p. m., the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra presents a concert at First

Baptist New Orleans - 5290 Canal Blvd. This family concert includes *Suite No. 1 from Peer Gynt*, *Peter and the Wolf* with narration by NOCCA President Kyle Wedberg, and "Can Can" from *Orpheus in the Underworld*. "Meet the Musician" stations begin at 2:15 and post-concert activities will include refreshments and the book mobile!

Adult Tickets are \$10 with FREE admission for students 12 and under! **Call 504.523.6530 to order your tickets today.**

~Secret Mbaye

CARROLLTON CAMPUS TRAFFIC FLOW

Due to construction work on Carrollton Ave. and the closure of Maple St. between Short St. and Carrollton Ave, the following traffic flow has been implemented for the Carrollton Campus.

3rd-5th grade students will enter and leave at the Short St. gate. We are asking parents to come from either Burthe or Maple St. to Short St. and drop off students. This will ensure that students exit the vehicle on the school side.

Middle School students will drop off and pick up on Hampson St. We are asking parents to come from Carrollton Ave. to Hampson St. Please DO NOT come from Broadway or Short St. to Hampson, as this will create a SAFETY issue for students.

DO NOT drop students off across Carrollton (at the Walgreens) and ask them to cross the street – this will be a construction zone and NOT SAFE for any of our students.

We are advising parents to leave home earlier so that students arrive to school ON TIME.

