
The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO
February 4, 2010

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JAMMIN' IN JANUARY DANCE

The dance was a huge success! A great time was had by all. A special thanks to Ms. Malveaux, Wanda G., Michelle M., Mr. & Mrs. Weber, Sheila E., Alysha J., Sunrae M., Sara H., Valencia K., Marie P., Mr. Stampley, Ms. Denise, Ms. Detrice, Officer Baptiste, Michelle A., Mica K., Angela D., Charlene B., Mary R., Carole T., D. Arnaud, Lee S., Ms. Louise, and an extra shout out to anyone whose name I may have omitted. Get ready for Frolicking in February!

~Ms. Yolande

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Friday, February 5:* Letters of Intent due
- *Tuesday, February 9:* PTO Meeting
CANCELLED!
- *Tuesday, February 9:* "Watch Me Work Night", Carrollton Campus - current students and parents **CANCELLED!**
- *February 15-17:* Mardi Gras Holiday: No School
- *Saturday, February 27:* FAME Board meeting 10 a.m. Broadway
- *Saturday, March 6:* Spring Fest 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- *Tuesday, March 9:* PTO Meeting 6 p.m. Broadway Cafeteria

LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETURN TO ACS

Letters of intent to return to ACS for the 2010-11 school year will be sent home with students on Monday, February 1, 2010. Please complete and return the letters to your child's teacher no later than Friday, February 5, 2010. We will have a copy of the form on the school's website in the event your child's copy is lost. It is very important that all forms are turned to the school in a timely manner.

~Alisa Dupré, Operations Manager

5TH GRADE BAKE SALES

Beginning Friday, February 5, the 5th grade French class will hold bake sales at the Broadway campus at dismissal. The treat tables will be set-up on both the Hurst St. and Garfield St. sides of the school. We look forward to seeing you! These delicious sales will occur every Friday for the next several weeks!

~Sheila Ealey and Secret Mbaye, 5th Grade Moms

RARE BIRD SIGHTING AT THE LPO

Several Rare Birds were spotted at Sunday's LPO family performance. Attendees were treated to movements from *Candide*, *Peer Gynt*, and *Peter and the Wolf*. Carlos Miguel Prieto chose Naomi G. (1st grade, French) to take to the stage to introduce the instruments. Naomi made Audubon proud! She stood with confidence and named every instrument. Later, Olivia K. (3rd grade, French), Emma D. (3rd grade, French), Nia M. (5th grade, French), Isha M. (3rd grade, French), and the Brochenin children joined the orchestra onstage to dance the can-can.



Also in the audience were Patrick K. (first grade, French), Maxwell H. (1st grade, French), Soren H. (preK French), and Chrise D. (1st grade, French). The birdwatcher may have missed a few, too!

~Melissa Erekson

MICHAUL'S FOR MARDI GRAS

Michaul's Live Cajun Music Restaurant is generously making a contribution to Audubon Charter School for each Mardi Gras parade package or other event booked by Audubon parents. The venue, located at 840 St. Charles Avenue, offers a safe and enjoyable place to view Mardi Gras parades, as well as a venue for corporate events. To request a booking, please email michauls@bellsouth.net, subject: Michaul's reservation and copy Sophia_Griffies@auduboncharter.com. For more information, visit www.michauls.com or call 522-5517.



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: Kelly Leahy 504-862-6467
kleahy@gmail.com

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.friendsof Audubon Charter.org and help make sure we have volunteers as needed. Set up communications and headsets.

Food & Drink Booths: Patty Kissinger
504-988-7320 kissing@tulane.edu

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: Tiffany Alexander 504-237-7767
tmlewis5@uno.edu

Stephanie Adler 504-415-0340
Stephla@bellsouth.net

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:
Jean Kijko 504-283-3240 / 504-621-2315
simko4460@cox.net
Jennifer McNamara 504-566-5240 / 504-450-2403
jmcmamara@bakerdonelson.com

SMITE WITH MIGHT!

We will be doing the aluminum can smasher booth at Spring Fest again. It will be renamed, "Smite with Might!", to go with our Renaissance fair theme.

Please begin saving your drink cans between now and March 5th. Collection bags for **clean and dry** (and unsmashed!) cans will be set up at school for drop off the week before the festival. The smashed cans are recycled after the event so it's a win-win situation - reduce pollution and raise money for your school. Thanks!

~Amy Johnson

NIGHT WITHOUT TELEVISION

February 8-12 is Literacy Week in Louisiana. In celebration, we are asking that families participate in a "Night without Television"- reading instead of watching television. This event is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education Association, the American Medical Association, and the LA Reading Association.

Participation can help set the habit for less television viewing.

As part of our continued efforts to promote literacy, Audubon Charter is sponsoring a "Night without Television" on Wednesday, February 10. We are asking parents and students to participate in this event.

Happy Reading!

~Ms. Tiffany

ASTRONAUT SALLY RIDE INVITES GIRLS TO EXPLORE SCIENCE AT TULANE UNIVERSITY

Want to learn how to extract DNA from a strawberry? Take a computer apart? Search for life on other planets?

Registration is now open for the Sally Ride Science Festival at Tulane University on Saturday, March 13 from 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., where experts, including Sally Ride Science Festival scientists, representatives from local industry and faculty from the Tulane School of Science and Engineering, will run discovery workshops for 5th-8th grade girls who are interested in digging into science. There will also be workshops for parents and teachers on ways to nurture students' interests in science and math. A \$20 advanced registration fee covers the workshops, lunch and a street fair with hands-on activities, booths and music.

For more information, click the following link:
<http://riptide.me/9D>

~Melissa Erekson

GOT NEWS?

The Rare Bird wants to hear from all of you! If you have any news, events, stories, etc. that you would like to share, please send it to the editors at rarebirdnewsletter@yahoo.com by noon on Mondays. As usual, student written work is always welcome!