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Friday Announcements

Friday, April 14, 2006

Dear Parker Families,

As part of our work as a Mentor School in the Small Schools Project for the Coalition of Essential Schools, we have been asked to participate in a research study that examines several different elements of the work we do with students at Parker. The study will enable CES to learn, through quantitative data, the impact an “Essential” education has on students in CES schools as they move beyond secondary school and college. In effect, the study will help Parker and schools like ours to find voice in the national discussion of standards, standardization, and the very real challenges and issues facing educators, parents, and students today. Over the course of the next few months, we will provide several different types of data to CES to help them compile research about the effectiveness of the Ten Common Principles in schools around the country.

There are a few different things happening that you should know about, and I wanted to explain each briefly:

Teacher Assignment and Student Work Collection: Four teachers from Division II have been invited to submit samples of assignments and the resulting work of three students each from different times during the year. Teachers and students were selected at random for this part of the project, and all the work will be submitted anonymously, and with affirmative consent.

Teacher and Student Surveys: Between now and May 15, each student and teacher in the school will be asked to complete a 50-question survey about classes, teachers, and school culture. The survey, which will be completed online, takes about 15 minutes to finish. We will be asking students to complete these during Wednesday advisory this spring.

College Study: For the next several years, CES will follow the progress and achievement of Parker graduates, using a well-tested model to look at students’ academic success after graduating from Parker. We will ask senior teachers to take some time in mid-May to have students complete a survey for this project, and to distribute the paperwork that will enable CES to gather graduates’ transcripts directly from colleges for the next several years. Again, all aspects of the study will be done with consent of students.

Becka Kane and Frank Honts will be working on the major details of this project, and if you have any additional questions, please feel free to be in touch with any of the three of us.

Have a restful, safe, wonderful week away, everyone!

Teri

CES Research Project Withdrawal

The student survey will be conducted in advisories during the month of May. It is completely anonymous. If you do not want your child to participate please fill out the form below and return it to the main office by Friday, May 5th. Thank you.

By returning this form I **do not** give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the survey of students for the CES Research Project.

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

COMING SOON

April, 2006

Monday, 17 - Patriot's Day (no school)
Tuesday, 18 - Friday, 21- Spring Recess
Monday, 24 – Classes begin again
Thursday, 27 – SPED PAC meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 28 – Senior Project Exhibitions

CALENDAR

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES! (*Subject to change*)

May, 2006

Monday, 1 – Senior Project Exhibitions
Tuesday, 2 – Senior Project Exhibitions
Wednesday, 3 – Senior Project Exhibitions
Wednesday, 3 – PEF Auction Meeting in Room 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 6 – SAT testing
Thursday, 11 – Junior/Senior Prom, Union Station, Worcester
Monday, 15 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 17 – PEF Grant Requests due
Sunday, 21 – 11th Annual Parker Road Race and Springfest
Tuesday, 23 – MCAS Testing
Wednesday, 24 – MCAS Testing
Wednesday 24 – PEF Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 25 – Graduation Portfolio due for Seniors
Friday, 26 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 29 - Memorial Day (no school)
Tuesday, 30 – MCAS Makeup Testing
Wednesday, 31 – MCAS Testing
Wednesday, 31 – Café Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

June, 2006

Friday, 2 – Last Day for Seniors
Saturday, 3 – SAT testing
Tuesday, 6 – HAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 - Noon dismissal - Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
Saturday, 10 – ACT testing
Tuesday, 13 - HAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 14 – Division 1 trip to Harvard Pond
Monday, 19 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 23 - Last Day of Classes (or earlier)
Monday, 26 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 26, Tuesday, 27 and Wednesday, 28 - Faculty Work Days (or earlier)

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who sent in tissues. We are still in need of more tissues, crackers, and also cough drops. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

Shirley Nelson

Many thanks to Margot Hammer, mother of alumni students Lindsay and Kelly Hammer, for a large donation of office supplies.

TEACHER'S WISH LIST

Division II MST is looking for donated supplies for an upcoming unit on electrical circuits. (The unit begins immediately following the break.) We are in need of:

- D-cell batteries
- buzzers
- switches
- pushbuttons (such as doorbell buttons)
- miniature DC motors
- inexpensive flashlights, bulbs, etc
- anything students could use in a battery-powered circuit

Also, it would be a great help if students who have access to them could bring their own multimeters for circuit analysis, as we have a limited number available. Thanks! - Division II MST

USED REFRIGERATOR NEEDED:

Would anyone have any leads on a replacement refrigerator for the faculty room? If you know of someone who has a spare fridge in good condition who would be willing to donate it to the school, we would be most appreciative. Please contact Michelle Pirelli, our new business manager at the Parker School at (978) 772-3293 or mpirelli@parker.org.

PLEASE...

Sign up to be a Juror for a Senior Project Exhibition!

Are you knowledgeable or interested in the Essential Question?
Do you know the student well who is presenting the exhibition you have chosen?

If so you are welcome to attend the exhibition but we cannot allow you to sit on the jury as a panelist. It is important that the community member is an unbiased member of the community. Is there another Essential Question that looks interesting?

Are you sure that you can make it to the exhibition time?

Thursday, April 27 **Monday, May 1**
Friday, April 28 **Tuesday, May 2**

All Essential Questions are posted with dates and times of the exhibitions on the web.

Go to www.parker.org and click on Essential Questions and Senior Exhibition Schedule

If you are interested in being a juror, please contact Nicky Dudensing at (978) 772-3293 or nicola@parker.org



Here are a few ways that you might wish to fulfill your 20 hour Volunteer commitment?

Looking for a way to fulfill your volunteer hours next year? Want to learn about the work of the Parker Board of Trustees? We need someone willing to come to each of the monthly Board of Trustee meetings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (schedule set by the first meeting at the end of August), take minutes and work with the Clerk and Chair of the Board of Trustees to finalize the minutes for the School's records. If you want more information on the commitment, feel free to contact Valerie Sampson (this year's minute taker) at samadhi@toadware.net.

Boys Middle School Baseball needs a couple of parent volunteers to help with practices and games. Please contact James at jaitken@parker.org

Please see Page 11 for more help needed -

DIVISION THREE

Seniors should all have turned in their final products. They will get feedback on them after vacation and will revise them after the exhibitions are completed. They are in the midst of preparing for the Senior Project Exhibitions, which will begin on Thursday, April 28th and run through Tuesday, May 2nd (with two taking place on Wednesday, May 3rd). These are public exhibitions and if you are interested in attending, please see the schedule on the Parker website.

This week's course updates are from Matt Smith's A/H class: Sports and Society in America, and Diane Kruse's MST class: Calculus

In **Sports and Society in America**, we just wrapped up our unit on ethnic and racial groups with a final fishbowl discussion around two questions: "How have sports positively or negatively affected ethnic and racial groups in America?" and "In what ways have sports united or divided ethnic and racial groups in America?" Students should have written a reflection on this discussion and included it in a packet of class notes and previous discussion reflections that will be assessed for listening. Students are also in the middle of research projects, where they are looking at an aspect of sports and analyzing how it reflects and affects society. People are learning about a range of topics, from sports unions to coaching/leadership techniques to steroid use to the rising popularity of "leisure sports" like poker and darts. Students have developed research questions and located sources and they should be busy taking notes.

Calculus

Students are learning to calculate the volumes of various solids of revolution using the disc method and the shell method--calculus classics! Visualizing and describing the figures obtained through rotation is half the battle. The deadline for the current problem of the week was extended to the Monday after vacation, due to popular demand. When we return from vacation, students will have the opportunity to review topics from the entire year, and to learn some final techniques and applications of integration.

MATH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Division I MST

This week in MST we have been investigating the physics of car collisions as part of the COW #14 "Crash Dummies." Last Friday students built wooden cars and then on Monday and Tuesday of this week investigated the relationship between the velocity of the car and the distance a small action figure (not wearing a seat belt) was thrown when the car collided with a book. COW #14 was due on Thursday. We are encouraging all students whose intention is to Gateway this June to revise work during the break unless all their work through COW#13 is at a Meets level.

After the break we will be starting on a new Unit "Vernal Pools." We will be taking field trips out to a vernal pool at least once a week. Students should be prepared for this by wearing shoes (not flip flops) and bringing bug spray. The first trip out will likely be the Monday or Tuesday after vacation.

All students should bring a new pocket folder for this unit and do a "Bag Dump" over the break, organizing their bags so that only the new folder, any revised work to be marked or put in their portfolio, and any ongoing math puzzles are in the new folder.

We are also encouraging students to come to class with a sharpened pencil ready to work!>-----

Division II MST

This week we finished up the Ecology unit. Students presented their scientific posters on their chosen variables, comparing closed systems to open systems. After break we begin a combined math and science unit on Electricity. If your student is a Gateway candidate in MST, A/H, or Division I Spanish, check out the Gateway calendar on the Parker website under Division II. Note that MST Gateway candidates need to have their portfolio and letter of intent ready by Monday, April 24.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

A/H Division I

We have been continuing our work on forms of resistance looking at Civil Disobedience, Sit-Ins and School Integration during the 1950s and '60s. Ask your students about how different responses to oppression are either Fighting, Fleeing (Flight), Assimilating or Integrating. We have also been continuing our work with "To Kill A Mockingbird" using poetry, dramatization, close reading and discussion. Over vacation students should continue to read the novel and work on revising pieces for their reading portfolio. Also, any student planning on a June gateway should use the vacation to get up-to-date with revisions and any work they have discussed with their assessor. Enjoy vacation!

A/H Division II

This week in Division 2 A/H students completed and handed in their research papers on the Great Depression. Students are continuing to work on their AE photography unit, and they have received their black and white film. Students should have their photos complete, developed, and ready to present by Thursday, April 27. Because we are using black and white film, processing may take longer than usual and students should be prepared to schedule in time for developing their film. Students should always remember to check with their individual instructors for any due date changes. Gateway dates that are coming up fast and should be noted are:

Monday, April 24 all final revisions are due
Friday, April 28 letter of intent and project proposals are due
Monday, May 1 portfolios are due

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness class

In Alan's classes, students continued to understand ways of accessing information about healthy food choices by looking at correspondence with Walter Willett, author of "Eat, Drink, and Be Healthy." We also tested our knowledge by playing a Super Quiz Me game which is connected to the Movie "Supersize Me." Students will be viewing "Supersize Me" as a way to examine the influence of the media, fast foods and American culture. We ran, performed push-ups, played wiffleball, and ultimate Frisbee this week.

Deborah's Wellness class

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes, students had a mix and match of ultimate team hand ball, street hockey and dodge ball. In Health class, students were able to navigate the Harvard School of Public Health's web site answering guided questions about the healthy eating pyramid. They will take this information and compare and contrast it to the USDA's food pyramid. Another reminder to have your child bring or wear sneakers for physical activity class.

Laura's Wellness class

This week in Wellness we played team handball and dodgeball. In Health class we began viewing "Supersize Me," a movie that analyzes the effect of fast foods on overall health and well being. We will finish watching "Supersize Me" after April vacation.

SPANISH

Spanish - Division I

Year 1: We are assessing our pronunciation for the play, "The Four Singers of Guadalajara," which we will perform in class upon our return from vacation.

Year 2: Earlier this week, we worked hard to get ready and practice for Noche Sabrosa. It was quite a successful night, with very impressive presentations by our eighth graders. Muy bien hecho! The food was very "tasty," and we'd like to thank all of the students and parents that helped to make this night possible. GRACIAS! Once we return from vacation, we will start our new unit learning about the history and popular culture of Cuba. Have a great vacation!!! Feliz primavera.

Year 3: Students are completing their culture project on soccer and baseball. They will play a soccer game on Friday where they will have to speak Spanish as part of the game. This project can be completed in English, but those that need a writing assessment may complete it in Spanish.

Spanish Division II

Felicitaciones a los alumnos y profesores de División I.2 por una noche fabulosa y sabrosa!

Congratulations to the students and teachers of Division I.2 for a fabulous and tasty night!

Esta semana los estudiantes trabajaron en las investigaciones independientes de la crisis de café. (Son proyectos de leer y hablar o leer y escribir.) Felicitaciones en completar una semana de mucho trabajo!

This week students worked on their independent research (reading and speaking or reading and writing) projects on the coffee crisis. All students should have turned in their projects before leaving for break. Great job on completing a week filled with hard work!

Spanish Division III

This week in Division 3 Spanish, students have continued their study of the subjunctive in Spanish, making an effort to use the subjunctive in a student-led discussion on Monday and practicing tricky use-cases in their homework assignments. In class this week, we've focused on improving fluency, using advertisements as models for speaking activities in which students work to imitate the fluidity and intonation of native speakers.

LUNCH MENU for week of April 24

Monday: Soft Taco Wraps, Lettuce & Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Tuesday: Cheesy Baked Ziti, Garden Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Wednesday: PIZZA DAY, 2 slices, salad, fruit & milk for \$3.50

\$1.50 a slice A La Carte, Drinks & Snacks also available

Thursday: French Toast, Sausage Patty, Orange Juice, Fruit Cup, Milk

Friday: Cheeseburger on Bun, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Reminder for Jazz Band Students

If you wish to continue participating in Band for the second semester please bring in your payment of \$100 to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you. We are still missing a great many checks. We are still missing a few.

LIBRARY NEWS!

*Can you guess what all the items below have in common? Look them over before you read on.. yes, they are all educational. Yes, they are new and we have them in our Parker School library.. and YES! Parker families paid for their purchase! This is a sampling of some of the items purchased this year, from **Buck\$ for Book\$**, thanks to the generous support of our Parker families!*

Please watch upcoming Friday Announcements.. this Annual event is coming soon!

*-With great appreciation of your support,
Laurie Nehring & Maura Barstow*

- REF 940.3 Burg, David F. **The American Revolution : an eyewitness history.** NY : Facts on File, c2001.
- REF 940.3 Reef, Catherine. **Working in America : an eyewitness history.** NY : Facts On File, 2000.
- REF 973.917 **The Great Depression : Historic events for students.** (3 Vol. Set) Detroit, MI : Gale : Thomson/Gale, c2002.
- 303.372 **American values : opposing viewpoints.** Detroit : Greenhaven Press : Thomson/Gale, c2005.
- 338.542 **The Great Depression.** San Diego, CA : Greenhaven Press, c2000.
- 345.730 **The Patriot Act : opposing viewpoints.** Detroit : Greenhaven Press : Thomson/Gale, c2005.
- 614.497 **Epidemics : opposing viewpoints.** Detroit : Greenhaven Press : Thomson/Gale, c2005.
- 959.704 **Living through the Vietnam War.** Detroit, MI : Greenhaven Press : Thompson/Gale, c2005.
- 973.931 **The war on terrorism : opposing viewpoints.** Detroit : Greenhaven Press ; Thom/Gale, c2005.
- DVD LibrOfc 363.91 **World in the balance.** Widescreen format. [S.Burlington, Vt.] : WGBH, c2004.
- DVD LibrOfc 520 **Cosmic voyage.** Burbank, CA : Warner Home Video, 2002.
- DVDs LibrOfc 530 **Physics, Chemistry & Earth Science Greatest discoveries with Bill Nye.** Silver Spgs,MD : Disc School, c2004-05.
- VIDEO LibrOfc 574. **Wetland biomes : essential and endangered.** Raleigh, N.C. : Rainbow Ed. Media, c1998.
- VIDEO LibrOfc 579 **Life in a drop of water.** Raleigh, N.C. : Rainbow Educational Media, 2001.
- VIDEO LibrOfc 909 **Abuse of power.** Bethesda, Md. : Discovery Channel School, c2005.

LOST AND FOUND

The following items are in the front office, do they belong to you?

TI83 calculator in a Staples black zipped case

Black material CD case with 13 CDs inside - Phantom of the Opera, Beethoven Symphony #5, Louis Armstrong, Beatles Revolver etc.

SPORTS UPDATE

For week of April 17, 2006

Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	Dismissal from class	Bus Leaves	Pract./Game Time	Pick-up
Mon., April 17	HS Baseball	Away vs. St. Clement	See website		9:30 AM	11:00 AM	1:45 at school
	HS Softball	Away vs. St. Clement	See website		9:30 AM	11:00 AM	1:45 at school
	MS Baseball						
	MS Softball						
	Track						
Tues., April 18	HS Baseball						
	HS Softball						
	MS Baseball						
	MS Softball						
	Track						
Weds., April 19	HS Baseball						
	HS Softball						
	MS Baseball						
	MS Softball						
	Track						
Thurs., April 20	HS Baseball						
	HS Softball						
	MS Baseball						
	MS Softball						
	Track						
Fri., April 21	HS Baseball	Away vs. Ayer	See website			3:30	5:15 at Ayer
	HS Softball	Away vs. Ayer	See website			3:30	5:15 at Ayer
	MS Baseball						
	MS Softball						
	Track						

- All basketball uniforms are due back to the office NOW!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach Needed – Middle School or High School level needed (Part-time is OK). Please contact Ben if you can help out at bbenoit@parker.org or (978) 772-3293 Ext. 114. |
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For week of April 24, 2006

				Dismissal	Bus	Pract./Game	
Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	from class	Leaves	Time	Pick-up
on., April 24	HS Baseball	Home vs. Bromfield	Lura White	2:45		3:30	5:15 at field
	HS Softball	Home vs. Bromfield	Willard	2:45		3:30	5:15 at field
	MS Baseball	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	MS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:00 at field
	Track	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Tues., April 25	HS Baseball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Away vs. Ayer	See website	2:35	2:45	3:30	5:45 at school
	MS Softball	Away vs. Ayer	See website	2:35	2:45	3:30	5:45 at school
	Track	Away vs. Hudson Catholic	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:15 at school
Weds., April 26	HS Baseball	No practice					
	HS Softball	Practice	School			TBA	
	MS Baseball	No practice					
	MS Softball	No practice					
	Track	No practice					
Thurs., April 27	HS Baseball	Away vs. Nashoba Tech.	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	5:45 at school
	HS Softball	Away vs. Nashoba Tech.	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	5:45 at school
	MS Baseball	Away vs. Lincoln	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:15 at school
	MS Softball	Away vs. Lincoln	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:15 at school
	Track	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Fri., April 28	HS Baseball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	MS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:00 at field
	Track	Practice at Ayer	See website			3:30	5:30 at school

PARKER MODEL ROCKET CLUB

Parker Model Rocket Club TARC Team Completes Qualification Round

The Parker Model Rocket Club TARC team completed their qualification flights this past weekend at the regional TARC launch in Amesbury, MA. Their scores were good enough that they will likely make it into the final round of competition. The team is competing in the Team America Rocket Contest (TARC) <www.rocketcontest.org> for a share of the \$60,000 prize money to be split among the top ten teams in the country. The goal of the contest is to design and construct a model rocket to loft a raw egg to exactly 800 feet altitude and recover it intact by parachute with a total flight time of exactly 45 seconds.

The top 100 teams (based on their qualifying scores) will be invited to the TARC finals, which will be held in The Plains, VA on Saturday, May 20. The TARC contest board will announce the 100 finalists on Friday, April 14. I'm confident the Parker team will make the cut.

The team uses a computer simulation model which takes into account atmospheric variables such as barometric pressure, air temperature, and wind speed and rocket parameters such as the motor thrust-time curve, liftoff mass, aerodynamic drag

coefficient, and launch angle to predict the maximum achieved altitude of their rocket. They conducted a series of test flights where they measured the atmospheric variables and used the simulation model in combination with the maximum altitude measured by a miniature computerized altimeter to infer the drag coefficient of their rocket. The team then used the simulation model to adjust their launch angle to maximize the rocket's altitude for the observed wind speed and to adjust the lift-off mass of their rocket to exactly achieve their target altitude of 800 feet.

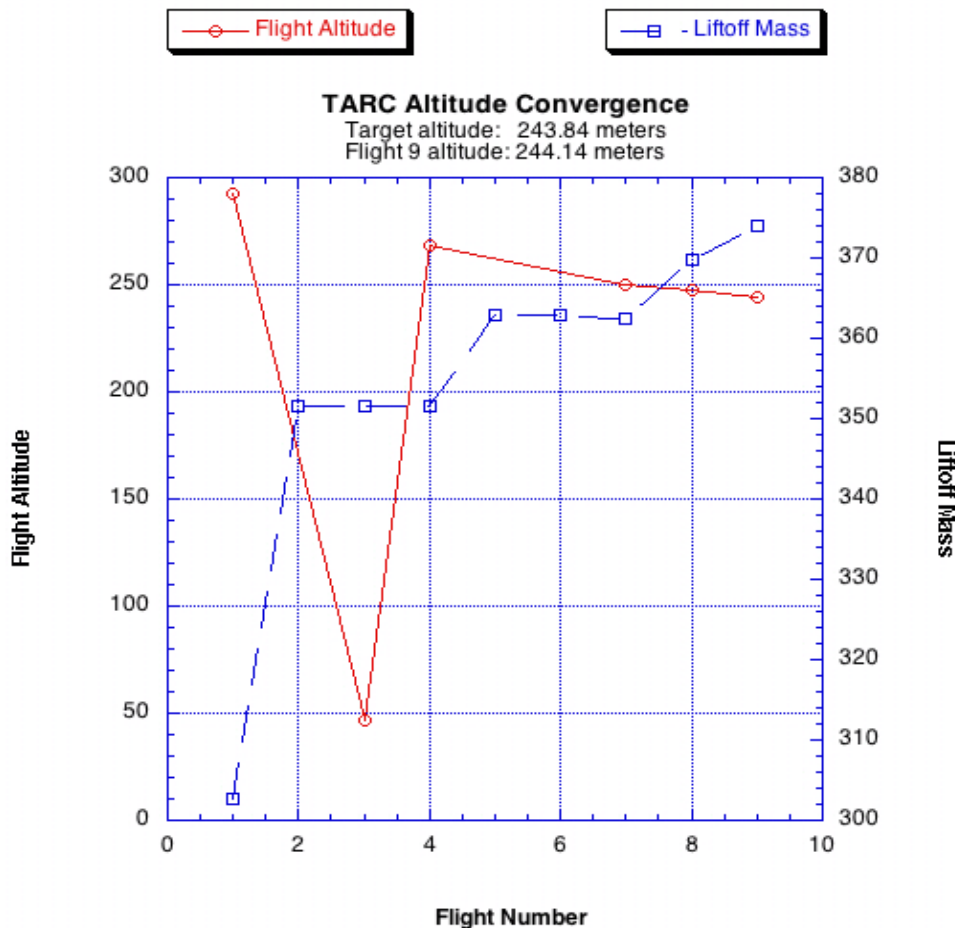
The team also uses a parachute simulation model to calculate the parachute size needed to achieve a flight duration of exactly 45 seconds, given the burn-out mass of their rocket booster and the parachute ejection altitude and time.

The TARC team experienced a number of trials on the way to completing their qualification flights, including having one rocket destroyed by landing in a river and another (including its altimeter) apparently lost to a group of neighborhood hooligans. They braved snowstorms, cold winds, rain, and the Amesbury Police to complete their test flights, often only to find disappointment when the altimeter failed to return a reading.

Their first qualification flight last Saturday achieved an altitude of 813 feet and a time of 45.44 seconds for a total error score of 13.44. Their second qualification flight incurred a separation of the shock cord connecting the booster to the payload section, so the flight time (53.18 seconds) was longer than the target due to less weight on the parachute. However, they achieved a maximum altitude of 801 feet, only one foot off the target, for an error score of 9.18. This was the second-best score of the day.

I find this performance amazing; the team was only able to get good data from three of their seven test flights, but they managed to converge to within one foot of their target altitude.

- Steve Byan, PMRC TARC team mentor



Steve Byan <stevebyan@mac.com>

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Parker Prom '06

Thursday May 11th
7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Union Station, Worcester
Food. Juice and Pop. Music. Dance. Friends. Fun.
Tickets go on sale Monday, April 10th for \$60 per person
Come to be seen.



Job Opening: Library Assistant

Position opening for a Part-Time Library Assistant beginning in May. This position is 12 hours a week, following the school vacation schedule. The ideal candidate will have some experience working with young adults in a library and basic computer skills. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter by Wednesday, May 3rd to Laurie Nehring at Laurie@parker.org.

Attention Parker Parents:

We are still selling Parker Sweatshirts for \$25.00 in the lobby. There is limited stock left of the sweatshirts and we are now selling Parker tee-shirts for the spring/summer season! Tee-Shirts will be sold for \$10.00, and you can pay by cash or check (check made out to the Parker School). - Division 2 Spirit Committee



CAN YOU HELP?

Needed - Girls Varsity Basketball Photographs

I am doing a documentary on the Girls Varsity Basketball Team and my camera was broken for the last two play-off games. I am looking for anyone with pictures from the Keefe Tech. or West Boylston game. If you could email me these pictures it would be great. My email is hannahmak@gmail.com. Thanks.

Parker Road Race Plant Table

There will be a plant table at the Parker Road Race this year. Flowers, herbs, and vegetables will be available. Please stop by and shop for your early garden needs. All proceeds go to the Parker Essential Fund.

Parker Gardeners – Do you have any plants you would like to donate to the table?
Donations should be potted. If you need pots please call Kathy Farese at (978) 422-0491 or Diane Senge (978) 365-3258. You may bring plants to school on Thursday, May 18 or Friday, May 19 (the week of the race). Thanks!

You can Win a New Ipod

All you have to do is enter the 11th Annual Parker Road Race and Springfest. Every Parker Student registering to run or walk the race is automatically entered into a raffle for the new video Apple Ipod. Only current Parker students are eligible for the raffle. So enter now and join us on Sunday, May 21st for the race.



The Blast, by [Victory Kayaks](#)



The color of the kayak being raffled off is 'Parker green'

THE KAYAK RAFFLE HAS RETURNED!

Make this your lucky year to win a kayak. This year we are offering you a chance to win the **Blast**, by Victory Kayak. This kayak is compact and easy to transport. It is perfect for the paddler looking for a versatile kayak that can accommodate young paddlers and adults 200+ pounds in a wide range of conditions. It comes with a Paddle from Northeast Outfitters.

Only 200 tickets are available for this "Parker Green" kayak featured only at Dick's Sporting Goods - ticket price is \$5 each. Purchase your tickets in the Parker Office with cash or checks (payable to Parker Essential Fund). Mail-in orders will be accepted. You will be assigned a numbered ticket and entered into the raffle. We will also be selling tickets at the Road Race and Springfest. You don't have to be present to win.

Don't forget to buy your tickets now. The lucky winner is sure to have a recreational **Blast!**

