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Friday Announcements

Friday, May 12, 2006

Dear Parker Families,

The school is taking on that feeling again, like it's a hive, housing intense production at an almost scary pace. There isn't an unused corner of the school building, an empty room, office, or closet, as so many students have officially and unquestionably shifted into high gear to end the school year well. Doing good work at Parker is alternately noisy, messy, partnered, solo, silent, and usually layered in some combination of all the above. The walls of the school are lined with photographic exhibits, written work, and college acceptances. The video equipment and computers are chugging from 7:30 in the morning until too late in the day. In essence, we're doing what we do.

Despite the accelerated speed with which things seem to be taking place, the month of May, unlike any other in the school year, brings with it remarkable spectacle. I'm a little worried that we might just miss some of the small and fine details all around if we don't hit the pause button. Even at Parker, we can use a pause button.

This afternoon, the members of the Class of 2006 came together for a senior meeting, and had an hour-long conversation that ended with their decision about their hopes for graduation speakers. Besides marveling at the fact that they did in fact accomplish their objective in only one session, it was a study in the best we could ever hope for in terms of how we might wish our students might think or talk about their teachers or their school. Too quick a snapshot would lack the detail conveyed in their careful words about what their teachers have taught them over the years, the warmth and thoughtfulness in their nominations and discussion. Our students were demonstrating, in those moments, mastery in learning to use their minds well, in their expertise about living within a culture of unanxious expectation and in close proximity with one another and their teachers.

If we were running down the halls, we might miss the beauty and deliberateness of the photographs exhibited there. Walking slowly, however, the presence of these series of images creates a feeling that the walls are indeed alive with the voices of our students as they have learned something about seeing documenting the world around them.

The other day, a Division 1 teacher said, almost as an afterthought, something about the ways in which she could actually see the intellectual growth her students had made over the year. "They can do things in the spring that we couldn't even necessarily really ask of them in the fall." Spending any amount of time with any middle schooler in May is an extraordinarily vibrant and affirming experience- one that doesn't necessarily translate into hallway behavior or superficial notice. But look and listen with just a touch more care and see the ways in which *To Kill A Mockingbird* resides in them, how attentive these students can be to one another's thoughts and questions about this book, about vernal pools, about fair play and growing up together.

In the middle of all the noise and our own pressing deadlines, it feels important to take a slow breath and really look at our children- and see what and how they are doing. And the bonus in that breath...lilacs!
Have a beautiful weekend.

Teri Schrader

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AGENDA: BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2006, 7pm, Room 27, Parker School

- 7:00 I. **Greetings, introductions, approval of minutes--Andy**
Board Action: Vote on 4/3/06 and 4/10/06 minutes
- 7:10 II. **BUDGET: FY06 financial update/FY07 budget—Teri**
Final FY07 budget will not be voted until June meeting
- 7:50 III. **BUILDING PROJECT**
A. Fundraising update—Teri
B. Legal Work--Andy
Board Action: See proposed wording of vote in attachments.
C. Permanent Home--Andy
Board Action: See proposed wording of vote in attachments
D. Building Group Report—Chet
- 8:10 IV. **ANNUAL MEETING/BOARD OFFICERS—Diane**
- 8:15 V. **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**
A. Parent & Student survey follow-up—Andy, Eve, Brenton
B. Staff survey results—Andy
C. Trustee survey/Principal self-evaluation-Andy
- 8:45 VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-Andy/Kathy**
Board Action: Roll-call vote on whether or not to go into executive session to “discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.”
- 9:00 **MEETING ADJOURNED**

NEXT BOARD MEETING 6/29/06, 6:00pm
Note that this is a Thursday night and that meeting starts at 6:00.
This is the final meeting of the 2005-06 School Year.

COMING SOON

May, 2006

Monday, 15– Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 – Community Forum 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 – Parker Road Race and Springfest committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 17 – PEF Grant Requests due
Sunday, 21 – 11th Annual Parker Road Race and Springfest

CALENDAR

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

May, 2006 (cont.)

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 Make-up Testing
Wednesday, 31 – MCAS Make-up Testing
Wednesday, 31 – Café Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

June, 2006

Thursday, 1 – MCAS Make-up Testing
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)
Thursday, 29 – Trustees Meeting at **6:00 p.m.**

COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday, May 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

What now?

We'd like parents to have an opportunity to discuss their questions with the Board of Trustees, so please join me, Teri Schrader, and other Board members for a **Community Forum from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday,**

May 16. The first half of the forum will be devoted to questions that arose on the parent surveys. We'll begin with the trustees' search for a permanent home for Parker, and move on from there. Depending on the sense of the group, we'll either use Friday Announcements or another forum to address any questions that we don't have time to get to. The second half of the forum will be dedicated to working with Teri to discuss concerns about after-school supervision of our students.

REMINDER – GRADUATION – CUT FLOWERS

Graduation is less than a month away and the junior parents are busy making plans for a wonderful community celebration. It has become a tradition to ask families to contribute flowers and greens from their gardens to decorate the school. We will be asking again this year and just wanted to give everyone a heads up.

Thank you so much!

Many thanks to the family of Matthew Hotaling for their donation of batteries and Kleenex and to the family of Katherine Elkind for their donation of page protectors and pencils. Many thanks also go to the Hayward family and the Haley family for the much needed plastic sheet protectors. Terry/Lee

Can You Help?

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.

Parent Help Needed: Boys Middle School Baseball need some parent volunteers to help with practices and games. Please contact James at jaitken@parker.org

DIVISION THREE

Three weeks remain until seniors need to have completed all the graduation requirements (they need to do so by June 2nd). They will be spending that time finishing up classes, compiling their graduation portfolios and writing cover letters for them, making final revisions on senior project products and research summaries, and thinking about how to end their time at Parker well. There are a variety of special events in the last weeks of school that allow them to begin to celebrate their good work, but right now the focus is really on finishing up the academic and other graduation requirements.

Juniors have begun talking about the Junior Retreat in their advisories. It will be taking place the final week of school, and our hope is to depart on the afternoon of Sunday, June 18th and to return on the evening of Tuesday, June 20th. (The Big End is on Wednesday, June 21st.) Whether we leave on Sunday will depend on whether this works for the majority of students/families. If there is a small number of students who couldn't come until Monday, arrangements will be made to ensure that they are able to do so. Parents should look for a letter informing them of more details on the Retreat around the end of next week.

This week's course updates are from Heidi Kulik's MST classes, Chemistry and Engineering Design:

News from Chemistry class

Currently we are studying Thermodynamics and analyzing heat and the transfer of heat between the System and the Surroundings. Our new best friend formula is $Q=m*c*\Delta T$. We have been using calorimetry to conduct experiments and on we have calculated the energy contained within a hot or cold pack. We have boiled water in a paper cup and discussed the high heat capacity of water. Did you know that you could keep a water mister in your car and on a hot summer day, you can mist the inside of the car to reduce the temperature within the car? It's all because water has such a high heat capacity. It's also the reason why you shouldn't water your plants or the lawn on a very hot sunny day--the energy to evaporate the water that remains on the leaves will burn the leaves.

Engineering Design

The cardboard chairs are complete and so we have moved on to the last project of the year, a Rube Goldberg Design project. The purpose is to place a ball inside of a cup. Students are designing a five foot section and must use at least three different moves to move a ball along. The sections will be linked together, and here is where the team work will evolve. Students must decide how they will receive the ball and how they will deliver the ball to the next person. We have tracks, chemical reactions, springs, flinging hammers, and pulleys, just to name a few of the gadgets that the students are constructing in room 20.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

A/H Division I

This week in A/H we have continued to study the African American Civil Rights Movement through primary source video footage (from "Eyes on the Prize" series) and listening assessments. All classes have finished reading "To Kill A Mockingbird" but we are still exploring the themes and messages that connect the entire book. You can ask your student about how the book connects to tragedy and prejudice. Next week students will begin work on our final research project - a case study of an "overlooked" or oppressed group. Each student should choose his/her topic over the weekend so be sure to check and see what group interests your student! Students planning on a June Gateway should be revising all work to a "meets" and all other students should plan on revising at least one piece before the end of the year in order to cultivate the habit of reflection.

A/H Division II

This week in Division II A/H we began planning our literature circles which will begin next week. Students have selected their books and will devise a reading calendar once they are in their literature circles. We also began a poetry unit in writing workshop, and released gateway students to begin working on their projects. Gatewayers have all submitted a project plan and timeline, and should be prepared to have their project ready for oral reviews the week of June 5th.

MATH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Division I MST

With last week's COW #15, "Life in a Wicked Big Puddle," being handed in, our science classes are now broadening our focus of study to encompass biology subjects such as classification, taxonomy, and animal life cycles. Homework this week was to revise COW #14, doing 1/2 hour of homework each night.

In Math, our work is now focusing on statistics and probability. Key vocabulary (a.k.a "mathematical language") that students will be using in the COW #16, "Toss for Triangles" includes words such as triangle, line segment, theoretical and experimental probability, and sample space. This COW requires not only prediction, organization, and problem solving, but also rolling dice! This last skill could be practiced as a family for some good ol' fun!

June gatewayers please remember to hand in all work on time, including revisions of any COW's that do not meet since mid-year. And please talk to your assessor if you have any questions or concerns.

Division II MST

This week in Division 2 MST, students have been designing and building their electronic projects. There are lots of lights flickering and buzzers buzzing. The projects are due on Monday. Templates can be found on the class websites.

Next week we begin Year End and Gateway Projects, which will take us through the end of the year. Students should have already submitted project proposals and materials lists.

SPANISH

Spanish Division I

7th Grade:

Esta semana estudiamos la hora en Español.

This week we studied how to tell time in Spanish

8th Grade:

Esta semana escuchamos a la canción cubana "Los Bailadores de Camay"

We listened to a Cuban song which explored pre-revolutionary rural culture in Cuba.

9th Grade:

Esta semana escuchamos a algunos programas del radio que trata del béisbol profesional en Los Estados Unidos.

We listened to radio programs in Spanish which discussed professional baseball.

Spanish Division II

This week Division II started a new unit: Latin Music! We listened to many songs and responded to the songs with our personal commentaries. Next week we will continue to listen to a great deal of music.

División II empezó una unidad nueva esta semana: La música latina! Escuchamos a muchas canciones en español y respondimos con nuestros comentarios. La semana que viene continuaremos escuchar a mucha música.

Spanish Division III

Finalmente, esta semana tuvimos clase de español!. El lunes tuvimos el privilegio de tener a los abuelos de Lydia aqui. Pudimos escuchar historias increíbles de sus vidas en Mexico.Como cada semana, los estudiantes lideraron una discusion. Para terminar la semana introdujimos un nuevo tiempo verbal, el imperfecto de subjuntivo. La ultima fase del curso estara dedicada al lenguaje formal.

We hope that the seniors can complete all their work in the upcoming weeks, the year is almost over!!

Feliz fin de semana, Tomas y Patricia

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness class

In Alan's classes, students exercised, threw the javelin, played softball, and tried the two line bridge. In Division 2, students started to work on their nutrition project by keeping a food log and then assessing their diet. They also answered questions about their work relating to the skills of decision making and accessing information. In Division one, students were given their recipe project and they answered questions about nutrition Jeopardy style.

Deborah's Wellness class

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes we were able to start our Softball module. When up to bat, students were able to choose from an underhand pitch or using the tee. This enabled students of all abilities to hit the ball. In Health class, we debriefed "Supersize Me." Students started by naming information that surprised them. The focus of the debrief lay in choices, media influences and looking at processed foods in general. Letters have been sent home for any student that is in danger of not meeting the requirements for Wellness. If you receive this letter, and your child will be well aware of this, please emphasize the importance of meeting the goals outlined in the letter. Thank you for your support!

Laura's Wellness class

This week in Wellness we played touch football, backyard games and capture the flag. In Health we compared the USDA Food Pyramid with Walter Willett's Healthy Eating Pyramid to determine which gives the most accurate and healthful recommendations. Next week in Health, the project for the Nutrition unit will be introduced and assigned. The students will research and prepare a healthy recipe to share with the class as a culminating activity. In Wellness we will play softball, manhunt and volleyball. All students should be prepared for physical activity class by wearing or bringing a pair of sneakers. NO flip flops please. Thank you :)

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

The Parker DI team is busily planning their upcoming trip to Global Finals in Knoxville, TN, at the end of May. The team performed their moving skit before the Parker Community on Wednesday morning and they are looking forward to representing Parker and Charter schools at the tournament. They will be competing against approximately 60 teams from all over the world. Last year at Globals, the Parker team placed 9th overall and was awarded a DaVinci. A huge thank you to all who have already made a donation toward their fundraising goal of \$10,000 to cover the costs of the trip. And an enormous thank you to the PEF for their very substantial grant!!! Bernadette Stockwell, team manager— (978) 486-8730.

PARKER ESSENTIAL FUND – GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Parker Essential Fund is now accepting grant applications for review at the final PEF Board meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 24. If you have enrichment ideas or items for next year that require funding, please submit applications to the PEF Box by Friday, May 19 with Teri's signature. Bridgit has the forms and instructions in the office. If you have questions please call or email Maryellen Grady (978) 486-4064 or mwgrady@gmail.com.

The PEF is a group of parents, teachers and students whose purpose is to raise money to support educationally enriching activities at Parker. Check the Parker website for a list of recently funded items by the PEF.

SPORTS UPDATE

| Date | Parker Team | Practice/Game | Location | Dismissal from class | Bus Leaves | Pract./Game Time | Pick-up |
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| Mon., May 15 | HS Baseball | Practice | Willard | | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | HS Softball | Home vs. New Testament | Willard | 2:45 | | 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 | Away vs. Assabet | See website | 2:20 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 6:30 at school |
| Tues., May 16 | HS Baseball | Home vs. New Testament | Lura White School | 2:45 | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | HS Softball | Practice | Willard | | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | MS Baseball | Away vs. Carlisle | See website | 2:20 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 6:15 at school |
| | MS Softball | Away vs. Carlisle | See website | 2:20 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 6:15 at school |
| | Track | Away vs. Blackstone Valley | See website | 2:05 | 2:15 | 3:30 | 6:30 at school |
| Weds., May 17 | HS Baseball | No practice | | | | | |
| | HS Softball | Home vs. St. Clement | Willard | | | 4:00 | 6:00 at field |
| | MS Baseball | No practice | | | | | |
| | MS Softball | No practice | | | | | |
| | Track | No practice | | | | | |
| Thurs., May 18 | HS Baseball | Practice | Willard | | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | HS Softball | Practice | School | | | 3:30 | 5:30 at school |
| | MS Baseball | Home vs. Hanscom | Willard | 2:45 | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | MS Softball | Home vs. Hanscom | Willard | 2:45 | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | Track | Practice | School | | | 3:30 | 5:00 at school |
| Fri., May 19 | HS Baseball | Away vs. St. Mary's | See website | 2:20 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 6:15 at school |
| | HS Softball | Away vs. St. Mary's | See website | 2:20 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 6:15 at school |
| | MS Baseball | Home vs. St. Mary's | Willard | 2:45 | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | MS Softball | Home vs. St. Mary's | Willard | 2:45 | | 3:30 | 5:30 at field |
| | Track | Practice | School | | | 3:30 | 5:00 at school |

LUNCH MENU for week of May 15

Monday: Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Corn, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Tuesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle or Tomato Sup, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Wednesday: PIZZA DAY, 2 slices, salad, fruit & milk \$3.50 – 1 slice a la carte is \$1.50, Drinks & Snacks also available

Thursday: Pepperoni Calzone or Cheese Calzone, Orange Juice, Fruit Cup and Milk

Friday: Grilled Hot Dogs on Bun, Curley Fries, Cole Slaw, Fruit Desert, Milk

ROCKET CLUB BAKE SALE – Monday, May 15 & Tuesday, May 16

Eat a Brownie! And help the Parker TARC team raise money to go to nationals! All items \$1.00.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please would you remember to enter your volunteer hours through the Parker website. As of this date we have **1171 hours** logged in; should you prefer to have Bridgit enter them for you, please call the office instead. The Annual Report is published at the end of the school year and this is where we report how much volunteer help we have had.

Volunteering at Parker is obviously a very important part of the philosophy of the school. If you are not sure how you can help please do not hesitate to call the office and we will find a niche for you! Again, many thanks.

SUMMER WRITING AND MATH WORKSHOPS AT PARKER ***July 10 – 21, 2006***

Mark your Calendars for
Summer Writing and Math Workshops at Parker!

Dates: July 10-21, Monday-Friday mornings

This summer, Parker will offer two-week sessions with a focus on writing skills and algebraic thinking for Division 2 students. Each session will meet for approximately 2.5 hours each day. Students will have the opportunity to create a piece for their Division 2 portfolios in each workshop.

The cost for these workshops will be \$150 per student, which covers all instruction. Confidential financial assistance is available through student services.

Details about enrollment, times, and the specific course descriptions will be provided in next week's Friday Announcements. Space will be limited to keep classes small, so mark your calendars now if you might be interested!

For more information, contact Diane Kruse (dkruse@parker.org)

SUMMER CAMP **DRAMA IS FUN**

But sometimes that fact is lost in the small parts, long nights, and lack of participation

So, for those who have forgotten, discovered, were too shy to learn, or whose faith never waned that Drama is indeed fun, this is the camp for you!

This program will center around the individual and group's growth, participation, and enjoyment by focusing purely on improvisation, story-telling and other drama games. Two one-week long sessions will have campers, grades 6th through 9th, working from 9-3 on the many elements essential to good acting:

From the basics: Projecting and Miming

To the complex: Objectives, Relationships, and Story-telling

There will be no formal production at the end of the week for fear that we would lose sight of our original goal; drama is fun. Instead students will informally present the skills they have learned in the forms we worked on during the week.

The camp will be sponsored by the Upside-Down Theater group in Groton Massachusetts, and will be operating out of the Groton Dunstable High School Black box theater.

The week will be taught by Jake Yarmus and Andy Hughes. Both have extensive experience with teaching and participating in Improvisation and Acting.

There are two potential weeks, July 17-21 and July 24-28.

IMPORTANT!

These dates are tentative because the minimum requirements of 8 campers need to be met. So, if you are interested please email Jake Yarmus at his email jakeyarmus@gmail.com or DramaisFun@gmail.com. Have a wonderful summer and hope to hear from you soon!

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Birding with Clay (and Frank when he can)

Hey, everyone: For the next several weeks on Saturdays (May 13, and 20), Frank and I will be leading birding exhibitions to local birding hotspots (Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Great Meadows in Concord, and Plum Island) to especially take advantage of the spectacular warbler migration that happens in Massachusetts in May. If you are interested, then meet at the Parker School by 8:00 a.m. on those days and then we can go from there. Be sure to bring a set of binoculars, bird books, a water bottle, and money for lunch. It should be great fun! Thanks, Clay Hobart

PARKER ROAD RACE AND SPRINGFEST

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.



**Free lunch for the advisory with the highest turn out
at the Parker Road Race and SpringFest!!!**

The Parker Road Race is offering the advisory with the highest number of registrants a free lunch, at a secret – to be announced -- venue.

The Parker Road Race and SpringFest is one of the big events on the Parker calendar. We would love you all to be there. We've got a great race, cash prizes, music, games, raffle, food, fun and your friends. Plus, all Parker students get a free raffle ticket for an iPod when they register.

It's a great day. Make it better by making your advisory the winning one and get a free lunch in the deal. – Tony Dolph

PARKER ROAD RACE BAKE SALE TABLE

What Springfest would be complete without a table full of delicious baked goods? We need volunteers for baking. The more bakers that are willing to share their best desserts, the more the Bake Sale table can contribute to the success of the road race. All donations of baked goods from brownies, cookies, squares, etc. that can be sold individually to cakes or pies that can be sold as a whole would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday afternoon (May 19) before 3:45 p.m. or can be delivered to the Bake Sale table on race day (the earlier the better). Please contact Sue Tremblay (978) 425-9486 with any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.

SUPPORT THE ROAD RACE!

In gratitude for their many services to Parker and our children, the Road Race Committee invites all Parker faculty and staff to walk or run the Road Race without entry fee. We also invite members of the Parker Community to make a contribution to the Road Race in honor of our faculty and staff. A contribution of \$17, the standard entry fee, to support the race would be great! Checks should be made out to the Parker Essential Fund and mailed to the Parker Road Race, 49 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434. Thank you! Joe Glannon

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!

The Blast, by [Victory Kayaks](#)



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

THE KAYAK RAFFLE IS BACK!

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**!

Parker School Library
4th Annual
"BUCK\$ FOR BOOK\$"

Dear Parker Families:

Please consider joining us in the celebration of our 4th Annual fund drive for the library! This year, we honor FIVE YEARS of hard work, finally getting ALL of our non-fiction books fully cataloged! Your monetary contribution will directly support the purchase of new library books and educational DVD's & videos which enhance the Parker library collection and support our kids' love for reading and learning.

*This year, we will be simplifying the program by putting all donations into one fund, dedicated solely to library purchases. The fund will then be available to any Parker teacher or student to request materials needed for the Parker Library. Last year, **Buck\$ for Book\$** raised enough money to more than double our library book budget by raising \$3,264! This made a huge difference for us!*

We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution before May 31, 2006. Thank you for your on-going support of our library—

Sincerely,

*Laurie Nehring
& Our Parent Volunteers*

Parker School Library: "2006 BUCK\$ FOR BOOK\$" Donation

Donator: _____

Student: _____ Div/Advisor: _____

Amount Enclosed*: ___ \$25 ___ \$35 ___ \$50 Other: \$_____

* Your tax-deductible donation of any amount will be graciously appreciated!

Nameplate Message (optional) _____

Please make checks payable to Parker School Library
Return form & donation by Wednesday, May 31, 2006 -- MANY THANKS!



Register online at www.signmeup.com/53240 or

Print an application at www.parker.org and drop it at the office on Monday.

**The 11th Annual Parker Road Race and Springfest,
Sunday, May 21st.**

2-mile walk and run begin at 10:00 AM

5-mile run begins at 11:00 AM

Remember!

All Parker students registering to run or walk are entered automatically to win the newest video Ipod. Only Parker students are eligible for the Ipod raffle. Registrations accepted up to the day of the race.