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Friday Announcements

Friday, May 19, 2006

Dear Parker Families,

Our Community Forum this week was a combined agenda, mixing an information session on the progress and status of our efforts to obtain a permanent home for the school with a very practical discussion of an evolving dilemma concerning the safety and supervision of students who remain at school beyond our hours of operation. About a dozen or so parents attended our session, and though this letter will focus on summarizing our conversation, it is also intended as an open invitation to all our families to join our ongoing examination of the issues related to after school supervision and student safety.

This year we have seen a dramatic rise in the number of students who remain at school past the end of the school day, 3:30. Parker has always had an after school athletics program and opportunities for students to participate in performing arts and other organized activities, and has functioned as a place where students seeking help or even just some extra time with their teachers could easily arrange to stay after school. Though these programs have grown over the years, we feel confident in our procedures, which require coaches, theatre directors, and everyone who supervises the school's organized after school activities to remain with their student participants until the last child has been picked up and taken home. Our concern here at the school among staff is a hefty upsurge in the numbers of students who are staying after school for reasons unrelated to fulfilling any of these purposes. Our discussion on Tuesday evening focused on a few key questions related to the responsibilities of the school, the students, and their parents in ensuring the safety of all students.

As a community, we are focusing our attention of the issues related to after school supervision, and we intend to spend the remainder of the school year gathering information and opinions about what we will change and what we intend to keep about our after school culture.

What works well about our current after school configuration? What does not? What are reasonable parameters and acceptable purposes for staying at school beyond dismissal? How can we ensure the physical safety of our students given their increased activity in exploring the developing neighborhood that Devens is becoming? Are there essential social needs being met by the school serving as a place for casual conversation and "hanging out", benefiting friends who live far apart?

We discussed several ideas together, including the notion of "after school care" on a fee for service basis, as happens in some schools in the area. Would parents who need to utilize the school in this way be willing to pay for a service of this kind? We discussed systems within the school for helping students and teachers to be very clear about after school help. How might we work with our students to assist them in developing their ability to take responsibility for committing to after school study and following through with those commitments? And we talked about communication. Some parents don't necessarily know what their students are (or aren't) up to when they stay at school after the end of the day.

Some things are known now: we know we won't suddenly become a school where individual needs are overlooked in an organizational flurry. We know we won't ever be a school where the doors are locked arbitrarily and our children are left to stand alone in the cold or in the dark! We know we want to approach this dilemma and manage it in ways that involve and include our parents who are bound to care for their sons and daughters, our school staff whose worry and sense of obligation keep them here well beyond the call of duty, and our students, who must ultimately accept their share of responsibility for their choices, decisions, and safety.

In our efforts to clear our campus at a reasonable hour while still supporting our students in their after school needs, please know that teachers are at school until 4:15 to work with students. Effective this week, we are asking all students, through their advisor, to state their intentions to work after school. Attendance will be taken in those sessions. In the event that a student does not attend the work or help session they signed up for, parents will be contacted by advisors. Any student who twice fails to honor their commitment to their stated whereabouts after school will be prohibited from staying after school for the remainder of this school year.

At our meeting, we joked at the irony packed into this concept. As we left the room one parent remarked, "Only at Parker could being forbidden to stay at school be considered a negative consequence!"

We'll continue to examine this topic as the year closes and during our summer planning in August. We plan to begin the next school year with some new thinking and some new procedures in place. As always, your thoughts are always appreciated.

Have a beautiful weekend and see you at the Road Race on Sunday!

Teri Schrader
Principal

We are sorry to inform the Parker community of the death of Clark Hills, father of Parker alumni Morgan and Alex Hills. The Hills family has generously established The Clark Hills Memorial Student Entrepreneurship Fund at the Parker School in memory of Clark. People wishing to make a donation in honor of Clark may do so by sending their contributions to Jo Hills, Olde Orchard Inn, RR1, Box 256, 108 Lee Road, Moultonboro, NH 03254 or to the Parker School at 49 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434. All checks should be made payable to The Parker School with a notation designating the memorial fund.

PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR 2006 - 2007

August, 2006

- 16 - 18 - Faculty Summer Planning
- 21 - 25 - Faculty Summer Planning
- 28 - 29 - Faculty Summer Planning
- 30 - School Opens, Registration (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- 31 - Classes begin

September, 2006

- 1 - School closed for long weekend
- 4 - Labor Day (no school)

November, 2006

- 22 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 23 - 24 - Thanksgiving Break

December, 2006

- 22 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 25 - 31 - Holiday Recess

January, 2007

- 4 - Classes resume

February, 2007

- 16 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 19 – 23 - February Break

April, 2007

- 13 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 16 – 20 - Spring Break

May, 2007

- 25 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 28 - Memorial Day (no school)

June, 2007

- 6 - **Noon dismissal - Graduation (6:00 p.m.)**
- 22 - Last Day of Classes (or earlier if we have fewer than 5 snow days).
We are required to schedule 185 days of school but we are only required to conduct 180 days of school.
Faculty planning days take place in August, January and June.

(05/19/06)

COMING SOON

May, 2006

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.
Wednesday, 24 - Student Film Night 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
Thursday, 25 – MCAS Testing
Friday, 26 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 29 – Memorial Day (no school)
Tuesday, 30 – MCAS Make-up Testing
Wednesday, 31 – Celebration of service
Wednesday, 31 – Career Day for Division 2 and 3 (9:30 – 11:40 a.m.)
Wednesday, 31 – MCAS Make-up Testing
Wednesday, 31 – Principal Evaluation Committee Meeting, 33 Andrews Parkway, Devens 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 31 – Café Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES! (Subject to change)

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.
Tuesday, 6 – Senior Night at 6:00 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
Friday, 16 – Division 2 Semi formal dance 6:30 – 10:00, Spring Hill Suites Marriot, Devens
Sunday, 18 – Juniors leave for the Junior Retreat
Tuesday, 20 – Juniors return from Junior Retreat
Wednesday, 21 – The Big End ...Last Day of Classes
Monday, 26 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 22, Friday, 23 and Monday, 26 – Faculty Work Days
Thursday, 29 – Trustees Meeting at **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** (Please note time change)

Thank you so much!

Many thanks to the family of Ian Senge for their donation of much needed sheet protectors.

Many thanks also go to the Jeromes for plastic sheet protectors and an anonymous donor for the same. Terry and Lee

Can You Help?

DO YOU HAVE A SEXTANT YOU COULD LOAN? I am a student in 9th grade that is doing a project involving a sextant. I am wondering if anyone has one that they would be willing to loan me up until the middle of June. If so, please contact me at (978) 448-2677, or through your child at Parker, for arrangements. Will use very responsibly. Thank you. Jonas Maurukas

Volunteer/Service Opportunity: A local dance studio (run by a parent of a waitlisted student) is looking for girls interested in doing service. They need girls willing to watch small children backstage at a dance recital from 1-

4:30 on Saturday, June 17. Please call Maria Morrell at (978) 425 6688 if you are interested or would like more information. (You can also see Deb with questions.)

GRADUATION - HELP NEEDED

Plea for Help and Mini-Muffin Tins

The Graduation Committee needs some volunteers to help with the Spectacular Graduation Reception. We have openings all day on Wednesday, June 7th. If you need to fulfill those parent volunteer hours, come and join us. Please call Isabel Geller at (978) 772-2445 or email her at isgell@aol.com.

Also, we are looking to borrow mini-muffin tins....LOTS of mini-muffin tins. If you can loan them to us, please put your name on the bottom (masking tape works well) and deliver them to the school. Thanks.

DIVISION THREE

Seniors now have two weeks of class left! They are continuing to wrap up classes and graduation requirements, and will be compiling graduation portfolios and writing cover letters for them in the next week. As a reminder, the date by which the graduation requirements need to be completed is Friday, June 2nd, and there are students who are still working toward these - continued focus is essential!

Juniors got a packet of information in advisory today that is all about the Junior Retreat. If they haven't given it to you, ask them for it! (There are also extra copies in the office.) The packet explains that we would like to leave for the Retreat on Sunday afternoon, June 18th and that we will return on June 20th. Please look that over and contact John Bohannon (jbohannon@parker.org) if you have questions.

This week's class updates are from Deb Merriam's A/H class, Definition: Woman.

Students have just completed their examination of the second time period under investigation in this class: 1890-1920. Primarily through small group presentations and primary document examination, students explored the evolving societal norms about women in this era. Particular attention was given to suffrage and the 19th amendment, women's "sickness" and the Victorian ideal, African-American women, working-class women, the settlement house movement, and issues of birth control. Students are now working on the assessment for this unit, a thesis paper in which they are asked to analyze an artifact from the time period and put that artifact in its socio-historical context. The final unit of the class will focus on the 1960-1970s and student's final project will be an analysis of an "artifact" from 2006.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

A/H Division I

As we wrap up our work with To Kill a Mockingbird, students are beginning their research projects. They will be looking at an overlooked group of their choice and thinking about how this group's struggle relates to what they have learned from our study of To Kill a Mockingbird and the Civil Rights movement. For this research project, students are expected to find at least one source that comes from outside of school and is not an internet source. Your child might need to go to your town library to check out a book, movie, or magazine. They might also use newspapers and magazines at home, or interview people who are a part of the group they are researching. Ask your student what they are researching and how their note taking is going. It would be great for parents to check in with students to help them stay on track with this project! Happy trips to the library!

A/H Division II

This week in Division 2 A/H we began "lit" circles. Books were distributed on Monday, and students have set schedules within their group on the number of pages to read each week. On Fridays we will be having seminars in our "lit" circles, in which students will be required to write a one page reflection. Also, every Monday students are to select a passage from their book to analyze, write a one page paper, and bring to their circle on Tuesdays to discuss. Students should have their books completely read by Friday, June 9th. We also began a unit on poetry in writing workshop, and worked on analyzing poems and discussing sonnets. Students will be assessed on two poems for this unit. Gatewayers are continuing to work on their independent projects with support from their assessors. Gateway oral reviews will begin the week of June 5th. Gateway presentations begin the week of June 12th. Have a dry weekend!

MATH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Division I MST

In Math, our work on statistics and probability continues. 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. We have also learned about the FUNDAMENTAL COUNTING PRINCIPLE and the TRIANGLE INEQUALITY THEOREM. How about those fancy terms! This COW was due today!

Next week will be an opportunity for any, who need it, to revise COW #15, "Life in a Wicked Big Puddle."

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

Students wrapped up the final instructional unit in Division II MST this Monday with the submission of the Electrical Circuit assessment. This and the next few weeks are devoted to independent year-end and gateway projects. Students have chosen essential questions relating to topics of their interest; over the next few weeks, they will research, investigate, and perform experiments to address their essential questions, culminating in a PowerPoint presentation and a submitted summary reflection. The project requirements have been updated slightly this year with the addition of a process journal in an effort to align them more closely with the senior gateway process. We are looking forward to some very interesting year-end and gateway presentations!

SPANISH

Spanish Division I

7th: Estamos estudiando el huso horario del mundo. Vamos a aprender los paises en espanol.

7th: We are studying world time zones. We will learn to tell the time in Spanish and to name countries in Spanish.

8th: En PODER # 3 de nuestra unidad de Cuba, Estudiamos la cultura de la quincenera. Vamos a escribir sobre situaciones en contexto al este suceso.

8th: For PODER #3 in our Cuban unit, we are studying the culture surrounding the quincenera. We will be writing about situations in context which surround this topic.

9th: Vamos a presentar en Espanol comentarios respeto a un partido de futbol profesional.

9th: We will be presenting a Spanish commentary on Latin football games broadcasted in Spanish.

Spanish Division III

Esta semana tuvimos una discusion muy especial. Los estudiantes estan practicando el imperfecto de subjuntivo oralmente y mediante ejercicios escritos. Hemos hecho una recapitulacion del curso para asegurarnos de que todos tienen el trabajo completado. Vamos a empezar la ultima parte del curso aprendiendo a usar el lenguaje en situaciones formales.

Next week students need to have all their work completed (make up homework, quizzes etc.)

Feliz fin de semana, Tomas y Patricia

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness class

In Alan's classes, students in Division One handed in their questions and exhibited their recipes/food and talked about the health benefits and risks associated with their creation. Division Two also handed in their work regarding their self assessment of their diet along with answers to reflective questions relating to accessing information and decision making. Students continued with flexibility exercises, running and push-ups and played soccer, volleyball, and team man hunt this week.

Deborah's Wellness class

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes students started their final projects on Nutrition. Students transcribed a 3-day eating log into the Healthy Eating Pyramid. They were asked to analyze where their food choices fell in the pyramid and how they may be able to balance their diet and daily exercise. In physical activity, we were able to resume our softball module!

Laura's Wellness class

In Health this week we played nutrition jeopardy. In addition, a class project was assigned involving the students making a recipe and bringing it to class on Monday to share. They also have to respond to a series of questions about why they chose their recipe, the health risks and benefits, how their food choices are influenced by friends, media and family and whether or not their eating habits have changed during the course of this unit. Next week the students will share their recipes. In Wellness we played 2-ball soccer and volleyball. The students will also complete a one-mile run as part of the FitnessGram. Next week we will play softball, manhunt and dodgeball.

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.

FROM THE NURSE

For Your Information: A case of Measles was recently reported in Massachusetts. If anyone has a rash and a fever, please stay home until you have been seen by your doctor and they say you can return to school. Please notify me if you have any contagious illness. Thanks - Shirley

Free and low Cost Medical and Dental Insurance...

Call these numbers for information about free and low cost medical and dental insurance.
Mayors Health line 617-534-5050 1-800-847-0710
Health Care for All Help Line 1-800-272-4232

Donations...We are out of tissues again and low on crackers. I would greatly appreciate it if you could send some in. Sincerely, Shirley Nelson

STUDENT FILM NIGHT – Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Student film night – showcasing student films, notably those made by seniors as a part of their senior projects. All are welcome!

LUNCH MENU for week of May 22

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

Tuesday: Chicken Tenders, Homemade Potato Salad, Garden Salad, 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: Cheese Tortellini Salad with Pesto, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Fruit Dessert, Milk

Friday: NOON Dismissal NO lunch

SPORTS UPDATE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parker Team</u>	<u>Practice/Game</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dismissal from class</u>	<u>Bus Leaves</u>	<u>Pract./Game Time</u>	<u>Pick-up</u>
Mon., May 22	HS Baseball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Away vs. New Testament	See website	2:20	2:30	4:00	6:45 at school
	MS Baseball	Away vs. Shirley	Lura White	2:35	2:45	3:30	6:00 at school
	MS Softball	Away vs. Shirley	Lura White	2:35	2:45	3:30	6:00 at school
	Track	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Tues., May 23	HS Baseball	Home vs. New Testament	Lura White	2:45		3:30	6:30 at field
	HS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Away vs. Hanscom	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:15 at school
	MS Softball	Away vs. Hanscom	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:15 at school
	Track	Away vs. Assabet	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:45 at school
Weds., May 24	HS Baseball	Away vs. Monty Tech.	See website		2:15	3:30	6:00 at school
	HS Softball	Away vs. Monty Tech.	See website		2:15	3:30	6:00 at school
	MS Baseball	No practice					
	MS Softball	No practice					
	Track	No practice					
Thurs., May 25	HS Baseball	Away vs. Littleton	See website	2:35	2:45	3:30	6:00 at school
	HS Softball	Away vs. Littleton	See website	2:35	2:45	3:30	6:00 at school
	MS Baseball	Away vs. Lincoln	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:30 at school
	MS Softball	Away vs. Lincoln	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:30 at school
	Track	League Championships at Hudson High	See website	1:50	2:00	3:00	7:00 at school
Fri., May 26	HS Baseball	No practice					
	HS Softball	No practice					
	MS Baseball	No practice					
	MS Softball	No practice					
	Track	No practice					
Sat., 5/27	Track	Districts for Qualifiers	Fitchburg State			TBA	

FREE MCAS BREAKFAST FOR DIVISION I AND II

Thanks to a generous grant from the PEF, we are happy to be able to offer a FREE grab-n-go breakfast on MCAS mornings to any Division 1 & 2 student who wants it. The menu will be:

Tuesday May 23

Cereal Bowl choice:
2 oz Muffin choice:
8 oz milk chocolate or white
4 oz OJ or Pineapple Juice

Wednesday May 24

Danimals Strawberry Yogurt 4 oz
Chocolate Chip Granola Bar
Banana or Orange
8 oz Milk chocolate or white

Thursday May 25

Bagel Choice & Cream Cheese
8 oz Milk chocolate or white
4 oz OJ or Pineapple Juice

Karen will be in the lobby from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. on MCAS mornings, and kids can stop, pick up a bag, grab their breakfast and GO!

Division 3 students can get the same breakfast at the really cheap price of just \$1.00!

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

Dear Parker parents and students,

There will be a Division 2 Semi-formal dance on Friday, June 16th 2006 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Spring Hill Suites Marriot in Devens (near the new Dunkin Donuts). You can bring guests (students from other Divisions will be considered guests) and dinner will be served there. Tickets will be sold from May 24th to June 9th in the lobby. Prices will be announced as soon as possible! Also please note we are in need of parent chaperones. If you are interested please contact dchamberlain@parker.org

Birding with Clay (and Frank when he can)

Hey, everyone: On Saturday, May 20, Frank and I will be leading a birding exhibition to a local birding hotspot (Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Great Meadows in Concord, or 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. 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

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

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.



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!**



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.

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!