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Friday Announcements

Date: September 30, 2005

Dear Parker Families,

It has been one of those weeks in which so much has happened, each block of each day could well be its own interesting and important Friday Letter. Our Division 1 students bounced through the school on their way to their three day retreat to Becket on Wednesday morning. A few moments before their departure, we held our first ever Gathering en Espanol, a new tradition at Parker, where we will commit one weekly all-school gathering per month to Spanish language. All members of the school community will speak in Spanish only on the last Wednesday gathering of each month in an effort to practice together and improve our ability to speak, listen, and understand Spanish. It was a wonderful start, with our visiting students from Spain serving as our featured presenters, singing to us and with us, and reading a letter of reflection and thanks for their time at our school. (Look for the full text of the letter, en espanol, on our website and elsewhere in these Announcements). And of course, this was the week we celebrated Laura Warner's contribution as a Wellness teacher, advisor, and colleague, and saw her off as she begins active duty with the US Army. This was also a week marked by a number of exceptional activities within advisories that contributed to the overall quality of life at school, such as students in Heidi's advisory cleaning, sanding, and varnishing the furniture in the courtyard and tending to that lovely space.

When we have full weeks like this one, it's difficult to focus on a single aspect of school life. The place is full and buzzing, and there is a deep purposefulness that permeates the environment. It's the sum of all this activity, the collective efforts of an awake little hive that creates a sense of place and of our good fortune at being together and energized in these ways. And while it is certain that events and timing will conspire to make some future weeks less sparkling and less wondrous, it may just make some sense to acknowledge that for now, we're off to a pretty nice start. We will know or learn how to grapple with what will be tough because we have built stock in our ability to build a sense of community within the school.

I hope you will mark your calendars for Thursday evening, October 11 at 7:00 p.m., and join members of the faculty and me for our first Parent Forum of the school year. Parent Forums are opportunities for staff and families to come together for discussion and/or activities that are intended to strengthen understanding of the school, to study or explore issues of importance to our young people and those of us who care about them, or to build community. Our Parent Forum on October 11 will focus on LOOKING AT STUDENT WORK, as we examine student work generated in Arts and Humanities and Math, Science and Technology classes in an effort to support parents and guardians in their understanding of Parker's unique assessment system. We will work in two sessions to have an experience, guided by faculty members, in looking at the work students are asked to do, and the ways in which it is evaluated by teachers. Over the past ten years that our school has existed, we have created a tradition of sessions like this, believing that our conversations about the academic program and a close look at what and how students approach their school work can only be good for our students.

I hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Teri Schrader
Principal

We would like to thank Lisa Binder for her wonderful contribution to the school while filling in for our permanent school nurse. The start up of a new school year in the nurse's office is a really huge undertaking and with the addition of the Becket trip an even busier time. It was wonderful to have Lisa looking after our students, we are most grateful to her and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

At this time we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Shirley Nelson, our new resident school nurse whose first day at Parker will be on Monday, October 3. Shirley has been an elementary school nurse for ten years and she is really eager to begin working with our teenagers!

COMING SOON

October, 2005

Wednesday, 5 - 11th Annual Road Race and Springfest meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1
Saturday, 8 - SAT testing (NOT administered at Parker)
Monday, 10 - Columbus Day (no school)
Saturday, 15 - PSAT's at Parker 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

CALENDAR

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES! (Subject to change)

October, 2005

Wednesday, 19 - Picture Retake day
Thursday, 20 - PLP Conference Day (no classes)
Saturday, 22 - ACT testing (NOT administered at Parker)
Monday, 24 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 26 - Café Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, 27 - Division 2 trip back on Friday, October 28

November, 2005

Friday, 4 - Fall Forum (no school)
Friday, 11 - Veterans' Day (no school)
Wednesday, 23 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Thursday, 24 - Friday, 25 - Thanksgiving Break

December, 2005

Monday, 5 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 21 - Café Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Friday, 23 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 26 - Friday, 30 - Holiday Recess

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Subscribe for late breaking news and weather cancellations which will be delivered by email list as well as other media. Returning families, if you're already subscribed, no need to renew!

FWPaaa is the Parker community email list for general announcements.

FWPsports is Parker's email list for sports-related announcements.

Subscribe at <http://lists.parker.org/mailman/listinfo/>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is delighted to welcome Peter MacDonald as the newly-elected Parent Trustee. Our thanks to all the parents who attended Parker's 11th Annual Parents' Meeting and voted in the election. Democratic process and the importance of the voice of parents have long been values of Parker, and the election each year of a Parent Trustee is one of the many ways those values shape the life of the school.

We are also pleased to welcome two new teacher trustees, Deborah Chamberlain and Heidi Kulik, as well as our new student trustee, Brenton Kulik. Parent Ann Glannon has also volunteered to step in for a one year term as we look to find a long term replacement for Parker Founding Trustee Bob Moran, who has stepped down from the Board after a decade of dedicated service to the school.

Lastly, our call for new members for the Board's Finance Committee yielded three extremely able volunteers to help us build on Parker's tradition of strong financial management. Our thanks to Laura Lunardo, Bill Allen, and James Kay for stepping forward. One final thanks goes to parent Valerie Sampson, who is giving her time to take the minutes of the Trustee meetings.

Thank you!

We are most grateful to the family of Laura Farr for a donation of telephone cards for students to use in an emergency, also to the family of Kelsey Sampson for a donation of 3 ½ inch floppy disks and for an anonymous donation of 'always needed' 3-ring binders.

THANK-YOU to Susan Cadogan for the donation of yarn and needles for the Knitting Choice block. If anyone else has spare yarn or needles they don't need, the Knitting choice block will put them to good use. Please drop any donations off at the office.

Many thanks go out to the Bosworth Family for their generous donation to Jewelry Choice block. All those goodies are greatly appreciated and will be well-used!

CAN YOU HELP?

Home Video Choice Block is looking for extra equipment. We are in need of cameras, blank video tapes etc. Please email Mit Wanzer, mit@parker.org

Donations of triple AAA batteries for calculators would be greatly appreciated!!!

Jewelry Choice Block will be starting up in a couple of weeks and is looking for any and all donations of beads, wire, tools, or findings. All donations are greatly appreciated and no donation is too small!

Student Services has had a busy start this year helping students get their backpacks and papers in order. We've used most of our supply of binders and slash folders (3-hole punch folders which fit into binders) and we are looking for any donations to replenish our stock. Thanks!

Division III Speakers Needed:

For those of you who do not know what the speaker series is, it is a Wednesday speaker program where Division 3 students get exposed to new information that they may not get exposed to otherwise. The format of the program is "lecture style" where community members come in and share their expertise or experiences for roughly 45 minutes give or take and then entertain questions from the students for 10 minutes.

If you would like to be a speaker or have a suggestion for a speaker, please email Clay Hobart at claytonh@parker.org. Thank you very much. Clay Hobart

Members of the Parker Community,

We need your help! As you might know, Parker recently teamed up with United Way of North Central Massachusetts and Youth Venture, a national not-for-profit that supports young people (ages 12-20) as they create, lead, and launch their own "Youth Ventures" – organizations, businesses, or clubs that make a difference to Parker and its communities.

This new program is founded on the premise that youth can and should make a difference as leaders in our community – but, as with all leaders, they need help and support as they implement and develop their ideas. As a result, we are turning to the Parker community to bolster our "Ally" base—adult mentors who help these venture teams through the process of building a venture.

Allies work with a venture team on an ongoing basis, providing the necessary support and assistance they need to succeed. We are currently seeking Parker community members with all types of experiences to work with starting teams. The level and type of commitment an Ally can make can be tailored to your individual needs and interests.

If this program sounds like something you or someone you know might be interested in, please email the school's two faculty Youth Venture advisors—Janice Gallagher and Matt Underwood to find out more information or to ask questions. We appreciate your time and consideration in helping Parker students set goals, create a team, take action, and improve their communities.

Many thanks for your support, Janice Gallagher (janiceg@parker.org) & Matt Underwood (munderwood@parker.org)



United Way of
North Central Massachusetts



DIVISION III

Seniors continue to develop their Senior Project Proposals. The formal proposal is due this coming Monday, October 3rd. The proposals will be formally reviewed by the Senior Seminar teachers and approved or sent back for revision and/or clarification.

This week's course update is from John Bohannon's MST class, Physics. The primary focus of this class is Mechanics, the study of the description and properties of objects in motion. So far in the course, we have been developing the kinematic equations that describe an object in motion and practicing with the application of those equations to the solution of problems. We have also been becoming familiar with the lab equipment that we will be using for most of the year. We have completed two labs, one on constant velocity motion, and another on constantly accelerated motion. Students are turning in an informal write up of the acceleration lab on Monday. Also on Monday, we will begin to look at the behavior of objects in free fall (moving only in the vertical direction and acted on only by gravity). We will continue doing labs to see the concepts in action, and students will be assigned their first problem of the week next week.

DIVISION II FALL TRIP

Final payments of \$150 were due Friday, September 30th. If you have not yet paid, please send a check in with your child. If you need financial assistance, please contact Terry Weisinger at terryw@parker.org (all requests confidential).

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Arts and Humanities – Division II

This week in Division 2 A/H students completed their first journal assignment on "The Scarlet Letter." Students should currently be reading chapters 5-8 of "The Scarlet Letter," and next week we will be conducting our first seminar on this text, as well as collecting their second journal assignment. We also completed our first writing workshop "check in" in which students presented their folders so that their progress could be assessed. Students and parents should know that our first listening assessment is coming up. A reminder that any student who would like to purchase "The Scarlet Letter" can do so for \$5.

MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Math, Science and Technology – Division I

We only had two days of classes this week and then it was off to Becket! C.O.W. #2 is in progress and students have been using topographic maps and creating contour maps using a technique called "The Great Flood." Math lessons have been around the concepts of proportions and spatial visualization in support of the C.O.W. We recommend that students get their models built by Monday, October 3 so that they can focus on making the perpendicular cross-sections next week. C.O.W. #2 is due Friday, October 7. After school help/work time is available on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m..

Helpful Hints for your "Big Mountain" (C.O.W. #2):

1. Buy materials over the first weekend (October 1 and 2) and start building soon!
2. Choose a material that is easily worked. Ex: Sheets of craft foam are easily cut with scissors. Ex: Modeling clay is quite plastic and can be worked by hand.
3. Each student will receive two photocopies of Mt. Watatic. Use one map to cut out contours for the stack-method of constructing your model. Use the other copy of the map to double check your accuracy of construction, to show the placement of various details, and to show the trails and places you are discussing.

Have fun with this hands-on project and Good Luck!

Math, Science and Technology – Division II

With the integrated Measurement unit now behind them, students in Division II MST have begun investigating coordinate Geometry in Math. For the next few weeks, we will study the algebraic nature of geometric transformations (translations, rotations, and reflections) and how they relate to tessellations. In Science, we will study the basic structure of the atoms, elements, and compounds, leading to an understanding of the chemical nature of matter and reactions.

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness class

In Alan's classes, students went for a hike around Robbins Pond and played touch football. We also started some work on fitness programming. It was a short week with our trip to Becket and First Aid will resume next week. The Devens Fire Department will bring down an ambulance, reviewing the EMS system.

Deborah's Wellness class

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes, we settled into kickball for our physical activity. Next week we will move into volleyball, outside. The students are doing a great job remembering to wear appropriate footwear. Please continue to support them to bring or wear active shoes on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. In First Aid students began to review the patient assessment system. Next week, we will continue with the patient assessment system, focusing on avoiding infectious disease, drowning, choking and other injuries or conditions that affect breathing or the heart. The Devens Fire Department will bring down an ambulance, reviewing the EMS system.

Laura's Wellness class

This was Laura's last week before leaving for her military duty in the army. We were very sad to see her go and wish her all the best and a speedy return.

Next week her Health class will continue their First Aid studies focusing on avoiding infectious disease, drowning, choking and other injuries or conditions that affect breathing or the heart. The Devens Fire Department will bring down an ambulance, reviewing the EMS system.

Deborah will be teaching Laura's Health class and a substitute will be running her physical activity classes until we have a permanent Wellness teacher, which we hope will be very soon.

SPANISH

DIVISION I - Spanish Year II

This week, students did their third weekly project (P.O.D.E.R.) that consisted of performing an oral presentation using a collage to represent their closest family members.

Esta semana, los estudiantes completaron su tercer reto de la semana (P.O.D.E.R.) que consistió en una presentación oral en la que tenían que hablar de los miembros mas cercanos de su familia usando un collage.

In Division II Spanish: This week, we have been continuing to focus on reading as students prepare for a reading assessment next week, using articles from BBC Mundo about the war on drugs. Students have been learning about supplies and about the attempts of the government to control the supply and demand of cocaine.

Spanish Year III

Students had their speaking assessment. They pretended to be an American immigrating to a Spanish Speaking country for a day and they were able to answer a few questions about themselves. They did a great job! All the students will revise the first speaking assessment of the year. We also started the second project, a reading assessment. Students will read two different stories about two immigrants. They will answer to the following questions: Who is he/she?, why did he/she come to the US?, where does he/she live now?, and what is his/her job now?

Esta semana los estudiantes hicieron el primer proyecto de hablar. Tuvieron que ser, por un día, estadounidenses que emigran a un país hispanohablante. y responder a cuatro preguntas sobre si mismos.

También empezamos el segundo proyecto de la unidad, un proyecto de leer. Estudiaremos y analizaremos la historia de dos inmigrantes y responderemos a las preguntas: ¿Quién es él/ella?, ¿por qué vino a los EE.UU.?, ¿dónde vive ahora? y ¿en qué trabaja?

Division III - Spanish

For the last two weeks students were reading articles about Spanish Speaking immigrants. We discussed several topics related to the history of the United States and immigration, the immigration policy, stereotypes etc. Students also wrote essays in which they gave their opinions about the articles and answered a few questions.

En las pasadas dos semanas los estudiantes leyeron varios artículos sobre inmigración en los EE.UU.. Comentamos sobre distintos temas como la historia de los EE.UU. y los inmigrantes, la política de inmigración, estereotipos etc. También escribieron ensayos relacionados con dichos artículos en los que daban sus opiniones y respondieron a ciertas preguntas.

Following is a letter from the Spanish students who have been visiting Parker and the surrounding area over the past three weeks:

A Parker:

Concretamente hace 20 días que llegamos aquí a Massachusetts. Nos conocimos todos los del grupo de Boston en el viaje. Luego conocer a nuestras familias y justo el segundo día ya al colegio. "Parker"..cómo será? será grande? Sí, seguramente será enorme y casi nadie se conocerá y pasaremos desapercibidos...pero no fue así. Nada más llegar, ya estaban esperándonos con los brazos abiertos. Nuestros hermanos nos llevaron a sus "advisories". Vaya! Que extraño es esto! En clase no hay pupitres, y además se puede comer, beber e incluso, a veces, escuchar música. Un día había gente vestida de pirata y otro día alguien nos explicó que no hay que colarse en el comedor...pero no fue eso lo que más nos llamó la atención...lo que más nos gustó de Parker fue lo que hay en cada uno de los que forman Parker. Desde el primer día, personalmente, cada mirada que me he cruzado me ha regalado una sonrisa. Todos habeis estado atentos; sobre todo los profes de español. Por supuesto que no podemos dejar atrás a nuestros hermanos. Ellos han sido nuestros lazarillos en este viaje. GRACIAS, gracias con mayúsculas a todos. Gracias porque nos habeis enseñado lo que significan respeto, tolerancia, interés, afán, disponibilidad y un largo etc. Os dire algo más: "Parker es pequeño para quien no ve más allá de sus paredes"

los estudiantes españoles

SPORTS UPDATE

Schedule for the week of October 3, 2005

Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	Dismissal from class	Bus Leaves	Game Time	Pick-up
Mon., 10/3	Boys Varsity	Away vs. N.C. Charter	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	5:45 at school
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Away vs. Lawrence Acad.	See website	2:50	3:00	4:00	5:45 at school
	Girls JV	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Girls MS	Home vs. St. Mary's	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Home vs. Keefe Tech.	Willard	2:45		3:30	5:00 at field
Tues., 10/4	Boys Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Girls MS	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	4:45 at school
Weds., 10/5	Boys Varsity	No practice					
	Girls Varsity	Away vs. Abby Kelley	See website		2:15	3:30	6:00 at school
	Boys MS/JV	No practice					
	Girls JV	No practice					
	Girls MS	No practice					
	Cross Country	No practice					
Thurs., 10/6	Boys Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Home vs. Notre Dame	Rogers		2:45	3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Girls MS	Home vs. Notre Dame	Rogers		2:45	3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	4:45 at school
Fri., 10/7	Boys Varsity	Away vs. Monty Tech.	See website		4:00	7:00	9:15 at school
	Girls Varsity	Away vs. Monty Tech.	See website		4:00	5:00	9:15 at school
	Boys MS/JV	Home vs. Monty Tech.	Rogers			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Home vs. Monty Tech.	Rogers			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls MS	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	4:45 at school

Fall Sports

Fall Game Schedules have been distributed but please be aware that there are likely to be some scheduling changes throughout the season. Please check the Friday Announcements as well as the Parker website for updated information. **Please note that colored mouth-guards, shin guards and soccer cleats are required for participation by MIAA regulations for all student athletes during both practices and games. This rule is strictly enforced. A water bottle and sunscreen are also highly recommended for all practices and games. Please contact Ben Benoit, Parker School Athletic Director, with any questions at (978) 772-3293 Ext. 114 or at bbenoit@parker.org.**

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

It has been another busy week in the Health Office. As many of you know we have an Upper Respiratory Virus going around the school, sore throat, sneezing, coughing, and congestion with no fever. If your child is one of these students please have them stay at home until the worst of it is over. The cough appears to linger for days after. A few of the cases have a low grade fever with body aches occurring. Encourage your child to drink fluids and get plenty of sleep, and while in school practice **good hand washing** so as to not to infect others.

Our Becket students are back full of good stories and lack of sleep. Have them catch up on rest this weekend so they too do not fall prey to the cold virus.

Lisa Binder RN BSN

NEWS FROM FRANK'S CAFE

Lunch costs \$3.50, with a choice of the hot lunch, a salad alternate (we have a variety of salads every day) and a sandwich lunch alternate (with a choice of several different sandwiches). The only "a la carte" we will have will be peanut butter sandwiches for \$.75, and ham and cheese or turkey and cheese sandwiches for \$1.50, plus snacks. Milk costs \$.50, and will come with the full meals.

On Wednesday, we will serve pizza both as a full meal, with a side salad, fruit and milk, or by the slice for \$1.50. Lunch tickets will be available again this year, sold in strips of 5 for \$17.50. Thanks for patronizing Frank's!

Applications for free or reduced price meals are available in the front office all year long. You may apply at any time, and are automatically eligible if you receive food stamps, TANF, or other benefits. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cathy Pearlman for more information.

Menu for the week of October 3, 2005

Monday	Soft Taco Wraps, Lettuce & Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Dessert, Milk
Tuesday	Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Bread & Butter, Fruit Dessert, Milk
Wednesday	PIZZA DAY, Side Salad, Fruit, Milk (Single Slice \$1.50)
Thursday	Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Dessert, Milk
Friday	Chicken Patty on Bun or Veggie Burger, Curley Fries, Carrot Sticks & Ranch, Fruit Dessert, Milk

2006 PARKER ROAD RACE & SPRINGFEST PLANNING MEETING

Road Race Planning Meeting

Our kickoff meeting for the 2006 Road Race and Springfest is **Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1**. Please join us as we brainstorm new ideas to make this race fun and successful. Last year we raised almost \$11,000 for the Parker Essential Fund. The race is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2006.

We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the race from sponsorship, to promotion, to set-up. Our goals this year are to double the number of runners and create a fun destination for runners, families, and community members.

If you can't attend Wednesday's meeting but would like to share your ideas and expertise about making this a fun and profitable day, please contact Mary Feeley at mefeeley@charter.net or Lori Wilkins at ldwilkins@charter.net.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are currently several job opportunities at Parker. If you are interested or know anyone who might be please go to the Job Opportunities page on our web site for more information.

http://www.parker.org/Homepage/job_opportunities_2005.htm

Upcoming Event: Scholastic Book Fair

October 17 through October 21 – Mark these dates! Parker is holding our very first Scholastic Book Fair. Though these books are primarily aimed at middle school students – 7th and 8th grade – sales are not limited to Division I students and parents. *All* are welcome to shop.

Having said that – I'd love some help. Okay, more honestly – I *need* help! Any adult who is available during the day and who would like to log some volunteer time - please call Linda Di Palma at (978) 422-6237, or e-mail me at LJDinSterling@AOL.com. Thank you!!

Parker Model Rocket Club

Interested in aerodynamics? physics? electronics? competition? smoke, flame, and the smell of burnt gunpowder? Check out the Parker Model Rocket Club. Our introductory meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. in Room 27**. We hope to conclude the meeting by demonstrating the launch of a few model rockets.

If you can't make the meeting, please contact Steve Byan <stevebyan@mac.com> and let him know your preferences between Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday for a meeting day.

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Katrina Benefit Concert to aid the Red Cross First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street, Worcester Saturday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.

A New Orleans inspired concert featuring the First Unitarian Church Choir (including Parker parent, David Spanagel) and other Worcester area folk and jazz musicians. For more information please call (508) 757-2708 or email: FirstUMusic.com

The lecture, **WEAVING: A STORY OF SURVIVAL IN LAOS**, will be presented on Friday, October 14 at 8:00 p.m. at Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, MA. (www.fruitlands.org). Light refreshments will follow. All are invited.

"Laos may be one of Asia's least developed countries, but one of the richest in textile diversity and traditions. Many weavers and treasured cloth disappeared during the disruption of the Vietnam War. Karen will recount her rewarding experiences working with a Lao cottage industry of dedicated weavers and dyers working hard to keep weaving vital and a viable vocation. She invites you to share her respect and fondness for a gentle people and culture during a journey of slides and cloth into villages and the workshops she has attended.

Groton Center for the Arts presents a new fall community arts program, "Artworks for Everyone." This 8-week class offers a variety of courses for adults and children. "Three Rivers Youth Theater" for children from age 3 through Grade 8, will have its debut. In addition, classes in beading, drawing (for those who think they can't draw), One-Stroke decorative painting and home decoration workshops are planned for all ages. Two sessions by "Abrakadoodle," a children's art education curriculum, are scheduled. For those who are interested in pursuing music study, there are beginning classes in voice training, keyboard, and guitar. Check out details at www.grotoncenterforthearts.org, to download a brochure and registration form or call (978) 448-3001.



Can you help?

Parker School's Annual Loaves and Fishes Food Drive

Starting on Wednesday October 5th and ending on October 19th, Jim's and Paul's advisory will be collecting donations for Loaves and Fishes. Though we are aware of the many relief fundraisers underway for the Katrina tragedy, we still wish to call upon your generosity to aid in a more local struggle. There will be paper bags in each advisory as well as a box in the front lobby to hold donations. Anything that you can donate will be appreciated, especially during these months that are between holidays when the shelves at Loaves and Fishes are almost bare.

Below is a list of the items that the Loaves and Fishes pantry is asking for:

Current Needs	General Needs
<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaghetti sauce juice coffee cake mix <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper bags Deodorants for women Bath and facial soap Laundry and dish detergent Razors Diapers (size 5 & 6) Band-aids 	<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canned meats Pasta sauce, jars or tall cans Cereal Mac & Cheese Fruit Juice Granulated Sugar Grape jelly Mustard Ketchup Canned vegetables (except string beans) Instant potatoes Coffee Peanut Butter Jello Baking items Dry soups

Thank you!!!

“Loaves & Fishes exists as a mission of love and faith to serve people of Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley by providing food, emergency shelter, resource referral, other temporary services and by advocating for changes by its clients that will promote independence and self reliance.” Founders of Loaves and Fishes



January, 2006

Monday, 2 - Tuesday, 3 - Faculty Planning, no classes
Wednesday, 4 - Classes resume
Sunday, 8 - Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
Monday, 9 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (no school)
Sunday, 22 - Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday, 29 - Snow date for Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
Monday, 30 – Faculty Planning , no classes
Tuesday, 31 - New semester begins

February, 2006

Monday, 6 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 17 - Gateway Celebration - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 20 - President's Day (no school)
Tuesday, 21 - Friday, 24 - Winter Recess

March, 2006

Monday, 13 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 15 - Noon dismissal - Faculty Planning
TBA - Spring Conference Day (no classes)

April, 2006

Monday, 10 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 14 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 17 - Patriot's Day (no school)
Tuesday, 18 - Friday, 21- Spring Recess

May, 2006

Monday, 15 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 21 – 11th Annual Parker Road Race and Springfest
Friday, 26 - Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 29 - Memorial Day (no school)

June, 2006

Wednesday, 7 - Noon dismissal - Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
Monday, 19 - Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 22 - Last Day of Classes (or earlier)
Wednesday, 23, Monday, 26, Tuesday, 27 - Faculty Work Days (or earlier)

August 30, 2005

