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Friday Announcements

Date: October 20 2006

Dear Parker Families,

Wouldn't you just love to have a full-ish answer to the question, "what did you learn in school today, dear?" How long might that really take, if your son or daughter took the time to apprise their parent of the ins and outs of the whole school day? How long would it take to provide detailed and specific information about a new unit begun in A/H, or new insights about the distinctions between two closely related tenses in Spanish, a challenging lab in MST or the trip to the water quality testing area or the vernal pool? How big an investment are we talking about if what we're after is a real sense of what it means to be a full-time student in addition to handling the rigors of navigating the social scene while also trying to achieve some sense of proportion and a unique perspective? I think, actually, we're talking about a lot of time. Probably as much time as it would take for us to reveal the intricacies of our workday lives to our children with the kind of care and thought it would take to reflect our efforts to be successful at whatever it is we spend our adult days doing.

Many parents carry a real desire to know and understand the world of their child; we think somehow that a lot of information might bridge the gap between growing up and growing apart. At the exact same time, plenty of our students may feel an increasing need for some kind of privacy and a way to forge a more singular bond with the school community, to outgrow the times when they traveled in a family pack. The changes in the relationships between parents and students exact a toll as we fight to keep from invading space while still communicating our continual availability and the interest we take in the lives of our children.

A school day at Parker is a long day. While our hours of operation allow some tiny accommodation for the adolescent's natural need for sleep in the morning hours, we begin early enough and end significantly later than many other schools. Playing a sport, participating in a play or seeking help from teachers, doing Destination Imagination or Mock Trial add length and intensity to the day. The thought of homework looms large for some students even as they make their way home, with only a short dinner break to provide a transition to the evening's responsibilities.

Who has time to talk?

As we reflect on the common experience of our uncommon PLP conferences this week, we might be smart to think a bit about one of the most salient and provocative of the Ten Common Principles: "less is more."

Far from wanting to give advice on how to talk to our kids, I think rather the skill sometimes resides in deliberately recalibrating our expectations of what we need to know, what we expect to hear, what we think we absolutely must find out. It may well be that like hardworking adults, hardworking kids are tired, maybe even talked out at the end of the day. The common principle that reminds us that a deliberately spare curriculum that doesn't seek to pound all important facts into the heads of students can also instruct us to rethink how hard we need to press for a beat by beat accounting of the day. After all, how many stories do we ourselves have the energy to tell in the evening? And to what end?

Maybe the art of conversation is one more beautiful subtext to the Ten Common Principles. As teachers, we strive to teach what's important, to question how the program we present is relevant and beneficial to students, to question how we choose to spend the precious resource of time. Maybe instead of wanting to know everything about school, friends, learning, Wellness, gateways, senior project, advisory, this or that assessment, we as parents could try to recalibrate our expectations for a decent evening's decent conversation, and practice letting less be more.

So, just when we are most tempted to lob a series of questions, hoping to hit an area some info will flow from, ("What did you make of your PLP? What was something that you did today that made it worth going to school? How did it feel to finally hand in that COW? What happened in soccer?"), we may most need to simply take a breath. We have a lot of questions at our school; it is a point of pride, but maybe we can learn to be happy with just sometimes sitting quietly with our children and fighting the impulse to compel them to be forthcoming.

After all, there is a difference between silence and quiet. And maybe in that quiet, we can learn to make more of a little less.

I hope we will all take a little time this coming weekend to talk, or not, with our children about whatever seems right.

Teri Schrader
Principal

PS- Please make a note in your calendar to join us as we welcome Dr. John Mohrbacher on October 26 as he discusses "The Teenage Brain", and helps us to gain insight and perspectives on our adolescents and their development, and what it might mean to help motivate them in what they do.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Parker Matters Parenting Workshop

"Strategies for Motivating Your Teen"

John Mohrbacher, MEd, LCSW

Thursday, October 26

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

John Mohrbacher, MEd., LICSW, a "therapeutic tutor" who has worked with many Parker students through the years, will offer a presentation and interactive discussion for parents on "Managing and Motivating Your Teenager: What new research on the teenage brain implies for parents who want to help their children be safe and successful."

The talk will review startling new findings on just how differently a teen's brain operates compared to that of a typical adult's. Grasping the idea that much of classic teenage behavior is "hard wired" to happen can relieve parental fears while suggesting practical ways help one's child develop adult skills such as foresight and self-management. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation, and a bibliography of useful resources will be provided. If you have further questions, please contact Joan Shulman: joan@parker.org or (978) 772-3293.

**Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School
& Theodore R. Sizer Teachers Center**

**AGENDA: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 24, 2006, 6pm, Room 27, Parker School**

- 6:00 I. **Greetings, introductions, approval of minutes**
Board Action: Vote on 9/26/06 minutes
- 6:05 II. **REPORTS**
A. Sizer Teachers Center
B. Accountability plan/charter renewal inspection
C. Student achievement data/MCAS
- 6:30 III. **ANNUAL GOALS**
Board Action: Vote on 2006-07 Board Goals
- 7:00 IV. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS/NEXT STEPS ON STRATEGIC PLAN, DEVELOPMENT, INTERIM FACILITIES**
Board Action: Vote on additional funding requests.
- 7:45 V. **2006-07 BOARD COMMITTEES**
Board Action: Vote on 2006-07 Board committees
- 8:00 **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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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/>

COMING SOON

October, 2006

- Saturday, 21 – PSAT Testing at Parker
Tuesday, 24 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 25 – Café Wednesday
Wednesday, 25 – PEF grant application meeting
Wednesday, 25 – PEF Gala and Auction Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2
Thursday, 26 – Parker Matters Parenting Workshop - **Strategies for Motivating Your Teen**
with John Mohrbacher, MEd, LCSW from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, 26 – **Pedaling for Peace** with Janice Gallagher from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room 26
Sunday, 29 – Daylight Savings Time ends
Tuesday, 31 - Halloween

CALENDAR

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

November, 2006

Wednesday, 8 – Senior Project Community Feedback Night from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9 – Genevieve Wrapping Paper orders delivered
Friday, 10 – Veterans’ Day observed (no school)
Tuesday, 14 – HAC Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Wednesday, 15 – Picture Re-takes
Wednesday, 22 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
Thursday, 23 – Friday, 24 - Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, 29 – College Finance Information Night @ 7:00 p.m.

December, 2006

Friday, 1 – Parker International Gala & Auction, Spring Hill Suites, Devens
Saturday, 2 – PLAN testing at Parker
Tuesday, 5 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 6 – Snow date for College Finance Information Night
Friday, 8 – Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* play
Saturday, 9 – Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* play
Friday, 22 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 25 – Sunday, 31 - Holiday Recess

Thank you!

Many thanks from the Nurse’s office to the family of Ken and Kevin Amici for their donation of tissues, to the family of Arielle Schlickman for the case of tissues and to the family of David Giard for the boxes of crackers.

A REMINDER FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Picture re-takes will be held on Wednesday morning, November 15 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT NOTE

If families need to get in touch with students during the school day, we ask that you call the main office versus calling the student directly on their cell phone as this is very disruptive to a class in session.

FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

- **Lunchtime Q and A about College with Parker Teachers**

Students of all divisions are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and hear about the schools our teachers know best. On Monday, Talmadge will talk about Evergreen College, Tuesday Anthony will discuss schools in Chicago and Illinois in general, also Stanford University and the University of Notre Dame. Ryan will be with us on Wednesday to share insights about U. Mass Amherst. All meetings will take place in Room 19.

- **The PSAT will be given on Saturday, October 21st.** Students should arrive at 8:15 a.m. and go directly to the gym. Pick up time is 11:30 a.m. The school will be locked after the test begins and after dismissal.
You will need: Two #2 pencils and a working calculator. No calculators will be available so remember to bring yours with you!
- Many college representatives are visiting Parker over the next two months. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to sign up to meet with them on the bulletin board outside Sue's office.

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Emmanuel College	10/30	1:00
American International College	10/30	1:20
Merrimack College	10/31	2:00
Bay Path College	11/2	1:30
Wheelock College	11/6	8:45
Wheaton College	11/14	1:30

- Sue Whalley will be available every **Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2** and during **Choice Block in Room 9**. Seniors are encouraged to use this time to work on college applications and essays if they need help. Bring drafts, outlines, and questions.

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You're Invited!

Community Feedback Night

Why:

- To see what our seniors are planning for their senior projects this year.
- To give our seniors the help with their senior projects that only your questions, advice, and contacts can provide!

When:

- Wednesday, November 8th
- 7:00-8:45 pm

Where:

- The Parker gym

CAN YOU HELP?

Division 2 MST classes need volunteers to drive students to a field site in Groton to collect water samples and measurements for a water quality unit. Ideally you would be able to spend the 4 hours with both classes, which would help us minimize the total number of volunteers that we need.

The first class will be going from 8:45-10:45 and the second class will be going from 10:50-12:50. If you could be with us from 8:45 until 12:50 then that would be great. If you can only do one of the two time periods, then that is helpful as well.

Thurs, Oct. 26th Block 1 with Kris (kgrabarek@parker.org) from 8:45-10:45 and Block 3 with Kris from 10:50-12:50.
Fri, Oct 27th from 1:20 - 3:20 with Dani (dbilliashaveet@parker.org)
Tues. Oct. 31st Block 3 with Jen (jbrassard@parker.org) 10:50-12:50 and/or Block 1 with Lorin (lorinh@parker.org) from 1:20-3:15.

If interested in volunteering then please contact the respective teacher and provide the following information:

1. Who will be driving.
2. How many students will you be able to take in your car.
3. What time period will you be able to spend with us (i.e. both, block 3 at 8:45 or Block 1 at 10:50)

Senior Eagerly Seeking a Boat that is in Disrepair! For my senior project I plan on restoring a small sailboat, but I currently do not have a boat. I am looking for an 18-25 ft sailboat with a cabin, in need of lots of repair. If you have a boat that you are willing to sell for a small amount, if you know someone that is looking for a new home for their boat, if you know of a boat that is for sale, or if you know someone who wants free labor and for me to repair their entire boat, please let me know. You can contact me by phone at (978) 422-6534 or by e-mail at jocelynemmacdonald@yahoo.com. Thanks - Jocelyne MacDonald

- **Blank burnable DVDs:** A plea for blank, burnable DVD's? Thanks, Josie (A/H)

DIVISION III UPDATE

We hope that the conversations among students, parents, and advisors at the PLP conferences yesterday were productive and informative. Teachers will be using these to generate the PLP documents for students over the next week or so. Seniors have gotten their senior project proposals back with feedback, and most of them will be revising them for the formal project conferences they will be having with their teachers next week. The seniors are now finding resources and taking notes as they learn about their chosen topics. This will be the focus of their work over the next two months and will form the fundamental understanding of their fields that they need in order to work on products, engage in internships, conduct interviews, and all the other work that will form the senior project. The next date on the horizon is the Senior Project Community Feedback night that will take place on Wednesday, November 8th from 7:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m..

This week's course update comes from Matt Underwood's A/H class, *The Morality of War in History and Literature*:

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring moral questions surrounding World War One. We began by investigating different philosophies of "just war," and we have now turned to studying the causes of the war, the fighting of the war itself, and the ending of the war. One of our primary means of thinking about the war has involved reading and discussing the novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*. In a few weeks, students will develop an essay that seeks to answer the question "Was World War One a 'Just War'?" as a writing assessment. For more information about our class (including homework assignments), please visit the class webpage at the following address:

<http://www.parker.org/DivisionIII/The%20Morality%20of%20War%20Page.htm>

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Arts and Humanities – Division I

A/H After School Help runs from 3:35-4:15 p.m. on the following days:

Amanda and Tassia: Tuesday **afternoon** ONLY

Matt and Erin: Monday and Thursday **afternoon**

Laura and James: Tuesday **afternoon** and Friday **morning** (7:45 - 8:20 a.m.)

Students should be picked up between 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. when attending after school help.

- Please note that coaches at Parker understand that academics come first. Students should attend after school help before practice whenever it is needed. Just let the coach know.

MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Math, Science and Technology – Division I

This week in MST we are focused on the patterns we see in COW#4, "Figure it Out!" We are learning about both linear and non-linear functions and then graphing those functions. Students are also studying the decomposition stages of a leaf. COW#4, "Figure it Out" was due today. Next week is a revision week in which students should be working on revising COW#1 or COW#2. Reminder: students should be doing at least 30 minutes of MST homework each night.

Reminder: MST homework help is on Mondays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Math, Science and Technology – Division II

In class students have continued to calculate a variety of statistical values as ways to summarize data. They have also worked on examining this data through visual representations. In the next 12 days this work will culminate in students analyzing the data they will collect from the Nashua River. Practice and final field trips to the Nashua are about to take place. We are looking for volunteers to help transport students to and from the site (please see the Can You Help? section of the newsletter for details). In preparation for the field trips we have been working on mini-labs related to turbidity and pH, two of the 9 parameters the students will use to measure water quality.

Kris & Eli have put up a class website that can be accessed from <http://www.parker.org/Division%20II/Homepage.html> or directly to http://www.academicresources.org/Kris_Eli_MST/index.html. In addition to handouts there is a section for parents with suggestions on how to help the students at home. A bulletin board has also been put up that will allow students and parents to communicate about schoolwork. The board is password protected, and students have received information about accessing it in their e-mails. Parents will be receiving their own username and passwords in the near future. If we don't have your e-mail, then please forward it to kgrabarek@parker.org.

MST Transition Class – Division II

This week in science we reviewed the ecology case studies students have been working on for the past two weeks. On Friday, they took a test that incorporated all of the relationships they learned. In math, students continue to work on systems of linear equations, some in two variables and some in three variables.

POW #2 was handed out on Tuesday and is due next Friday, October 27. Be aware that there are two versions of the POW. Block 1.1 math is doing POW #2b and Block 1.2 math is doing POW 2a. Both deal with systems of equations. 2a uses 2 variables, while 2b uses 3 variables.

The measurement lab revisions were due last Thursday, however many have still not been turned in. The second revisions of POW#1 were due this past Wednesday and many were not turned in. The gateway requirements for this class require students to meet on all assignments this term, so all revisions are mandatory.

SPANISH

Español División I Year 2: This week we started reading “Family Pictures” and using the text to learn about definite and indefinite articles (the, an, etc.). Next week we will continue reading the book and learning reading strategies around word order and parts of speech. We’re also looking forward to sharing the song we learned in Poder 3 “¿Cómo Es?” with the rest of the school at Wednesday’s morning gathering.

WELLNESS

Alan’s Wellness Class:

In Alan's classes, students played soccer, team manhunt, and fitness testing this week. For violence prevention, students performed a role play to consider what roles girls play at times in terms of exclusion and groups/cliques. We answered questions like:

- How is someone treated who doesn't fit in? Outside the Box/Inside the Box
- What kinds of people can go between groups?
- How do girls decide who can be in a group?
- How do boys decide who can be in a group?
- What do girls do when they see someone being excluded by a group?
- Why don't girls speak out when someone is excluded?

Deborah’s Wellness Class:

This week in Deborah’s Wellness classes we watched the video *Killing Us Softly 3*. The focus of this film is to look at how media influences create a popular culture norm for women and girls, this norm can be damaging in many ways. This film was in follow up to *Tough Guise*, a film focusing on how media influences create a popular culture norm for boys and men.

Laura’s Wellness Class:

This week in Health class we examined and debated whether or not violent video games contributed to a violent society. Next week in Health we will take a look at the role of cliques and popularity as well as the role girls take in their friendships. In physical activity we played dodgeball and floor hockey. Next week we will play soccer and flag football. Just a reminder that the weather is getting cool so remind your kids to come prepared to go outside by bringing a jacket. As long as the weather is nice we will continue to go outside for Wellness. Thank you.

PARKER’S FIRST PLAY OF THE YEAR

This production of Shakespeare’s *ROMEO AND JULIET* will begin rehearsals the week of October 23rd. Our performance dates are Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th. Rehearsals will be held Monday - Friday after school in the auditorium, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on regular school days and 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information about the production, please contact:

Sarah Mayper/Tassia Thomas (co-directors), Laura Brown (stage manager),
smayper@parker.org, tassiat@parker.org, lbrown@parker.org

****** CAFÉ WEDNESDAY IS BACK! ******

Café Wednesday will be back again on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. All are invited to come and welcome our new crop of performers as well as enjoy some old favorites, singing, reading poetry, acting skits, dancing and in general demonstrating the many talents of the Parker community.

Please make sure to pick up your students in the Auditorium at 9:00 p.m. sharp.

SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Schedule

Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	Dismissal from class	Bus Leaves	Game Time	Pick-up
Mon., 10/23	Boys Varsity	Home vs. Greater Lowell	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Home vs. Carlisle	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:15 at field
	Girls MS	Home vs. Carlisle	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Tues., 10/24	Boys Varsity	Away vs. Ayer	Ayer High School	2:35	2:45	3:30	5:30 at school
	Girls Varsity	Away vs. Ayer	Ayer High School	2:35	2:45	3:30	5:30 at school
	Boys MS/JV	Home vs. Ayer	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:15 at field
	Girls MS	Home vs. Ayer	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Cross Country	Home vs. Hudson Catholic	Willard	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
Weds., 10/25	Boys Varsity	No practice					
	Girls Varsity	No practice					
	Boys MS/JV	No practice					
	Girls JV	Away vs. Tahanto	Tahanto H.S.		2:15	3:30	5:45 at school
	Girls MS	No practice					
	Cross Country	No practice					
Thurs., 10/26	Boys Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Away vs. St. Mary's	Crompton Park	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:00 at school
	Girls JV	Season over					
	Girls MS	Season over					
	Cross Country	Home vs. Bay Path	Willard	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
Fri., 10/27	Boys Varsity	Home vs. Marian	Rogers	2:35		3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls Varsity	Away vs. Abby Kelley	Quinsigamund CC	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:00 at school
	Boys MS/JV	Season over					
	Girls JV	Season over					
	Girls MS	Season over					
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school

PARKER Basketball Sign-Ups and Pre-Season Meetings

Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity – Monday, October 30 at lunch in Room 26
 Girls Middle School and Girls JV – Thursday, November 2 at lunch in Room 26
 Boys Middle School and Boys JV – Friday, November 3 at lunch in Room 26

Fall Sports

- Fall Game schedules are being distributed to the coaches and players. Please be aware that there are likely to be some scheduling changes throughout the season. Please also 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.**

Parker / Wachusett Mountain Ski Program (Deadline, Friday, November 10, 2006)

We are pleased to continue the Parker / Wachusett Mountain Thursday evening ski program. This year's program is scheduled to run six consecutive Thursdays starting January 11th, 2007. Application packets containing all required information can be picked up in the Parker Office.

The basic cost for bus transportation is \$71 and options for lift ticket or a Century pass are in the packets, now available at the office. Equipment rentals and lessons are also available.

To keep our transportation costs reasonable, this year we will initially contract for one bus. Since it is possible that the number of applications received could exceed bus capacity, applications requiring transportation will be accepted on a first come, first serve, basis with **the first fifty (50) students guaranteed transportation**. A second bus **may** be added if sufficient applications are received to cover the cost.

Please return your completed applications, along with the two separate payments (one for the bus and one for Mt Wachusett) to the School Office, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note: Wachusett Mountain *REQUIRES* applications are signed by the parent or guardian.

Century Pass's and "On Your Own" Program

For students wishing to purchase a Century Pass **or** to ski or board "on their own", you may take advantage of the school's discounted rates and purchase a Century Pass through the Parker Ski Program. Just return the completed application to the School Office with a note that the student is *purchasing a Century Pass*. You will be able to get your picture and pass as soon as all the applications are sent to the Mountain, shortly after the deadline. You can then start boarding or skiing as soon as there is snow!

Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 10th.

John Poikonen – Ski Program Coordinator

Email: john@poikonen.NET for any and all questions

NEWS FROM FRANK'S CAFE

Monday - Taco Boats, Onions and Peppers, Mexican Rice, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday - Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, or Grilled Ham and Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday - Pizza Day

Thursday - Asian Cuisine Day - Teriyaki Chicken Bites, Vegetable Lo-Mein, Oriental Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges and Milk

Friday - Steak and Cheese Subs or Veggie Burger Subs, Potato Wedges, Fruit and Milk

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS AND BOXTOPS

Parents, please help our school raise money, we are collecting box tops for education and cartridges for kids. There will be boxes in the lobby where you can deposit these items. Cartridges for Kids accepts ink cartridges, laser cartridges, used cell phones and accessories, lap tops with power cords, and PDA's. You can find box tops on products that most of us already buy. If you could clip them and send them in to the school that would be a great way for us to raise money. For more information on either of these programs, please go to www.cartridgesforkids.com or www.boxtops4education.com . Carrie Juma

¿Where in the world is Janice Gallagher? MASSACHUSETTS → WASHINGTON D.C. →



In early November, Janice Gallagher, a former Spanish teacher at Parker, will commence an arduous 500-mile bicycle ride from Massachusetts to Washington. Her ride will raise attention and money for the Fellowship of Reconciliation's Colombia program, a human rights effort working in a war zone -- which Janice visited in August 2006 and where she plans to serve as a long-term volunteer at the end November.

You can participate in this exciting initiative -
- by bicycling a few miles with Janice, hosting her for a meal or a night during her trip, gathering a group of friends to hear her story, and/or making a personal donation to this worthy cause. Learn more by visiting Janice's website at pedalingforpeace.org.

**Come join us on Thursday, October 26th
FOR AN EVENING OF DESSERT
& CONVERSATION
from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
to hear about Janice's experience in Colombia
and upcoming adventure.**

Please visit www.pedalingforpeace.org to learn more.

WEATHER ALERT – SNOW DAYS

At **Channel Five Boston's web page**, you can sign up to be notified either by Email or cell phone of any weather alert affecting Parker. If you are interested please go to www.thebostonchannel.com and click on weather alerts. Parker always notifies Channel Five along with other local media outlets about school closings or delays.

PARKER DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Parker Destination Imagination

Want to have fun with your friends?

Want to see how creative you can be?

Want to solve problems with a team of friends (and without adult interference)?

Then learn more about Destination Imagination. We are looking for kids in Division 1 to create a DI team this year. As you know, Parker's High School team has done extremely well and made Parker a DI name. Now it's time to create a younger generation of Parker DIers.

Learn more about the Division 1 DI team by contacting Mary Timmons (parent) at (978) 448-8965 or Douglas Gandle, Division 1 (Matt's advisory). We will have our first meeting on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

RECYCLING BOX IN FRONT HALLWAY FOR BOX TOPS, CELL PHONES AND USED INK CARTRIDGES

A reminder to the Parker community that we have a recycling box in the front hallway where you may put your box tops, old cell phones and used ink cartridges. These items are another way that the PEF is able to raise funds for Parker.

AUCTION – CAN YOU MAKE SOMETHING OF IT!?

100 feet of turquoise cotton, 100 feet of red dotted Swiss and several yards of a light corduroy print. If you would like to create something for the auction with this - I am willing to donate the cloth. Please E-mail lee at leeg@parker.org or please call.

2007 PARKER ROAD RACE AND SPRINGFEST



Can you help?

We need an artist or graphic designer to design the t-shirt and add layouts for the 2007 Parker Road Race and Springfest.

If you can help, please contact Dawn de Freitas @ ddefreitas@lunenburgonline.com.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PEF GRANT APPLICATION

"Parker International Gala and Auction"

Next donation drop-off: Next Wednesday, October 25, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Items should be dropped off with Nicky Dudensing in Terry's office between the above hours.

Any questions please contact Carolyn Sullivan (978) 692-6144 or at sullivan.cb@gmail.com

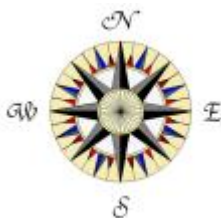
Parker International Gala and Auction

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We need your support. Please return your reservation forms soon. And... if you haven't sent in your donation form yet, please try to do so soon. Any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated. You can find a copy of the donation form attached to the Friday Announcements, or you can download a copy from the Auction web page.

If you have any questions about anything to do with the Gala and Auction, please contact Carolyn Sullivan (978) 692-6144, sullivan.cb@gmail.com or Pam Gross (978) 772-9863, rbgross@charter.net



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Second drop-off date: Wednesday, October 25 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Nicky's office

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