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Friday Announcements

Date: April 6, 2007

Dear Parker Families,

Any other school might have called it a scheduling nightmare, a disaster, but around here, we sort of just called it Wednesday evening. Wednesday evening at our school this week was more like a week of Wednesdays than a single one, as hundreds of guests and many of us swarmed around for the various events Parker hosted on April 4. With dripping shoes and stories of road conditions that varied by street and changed by the minute, we packed the gym to hear the previews of the final exhibitions that our seniors will present in less than a month. In a room just across the hall, Board Chair Andy Perkins and I met with residents of the Devens community to talk about our hopes and plans for expanding our physical plant in the coming school year, and about Parker's program of study. And just across the courtyard, we welcomed Marilee Jones, dean of admissions at MIT, who spoke to families just before Exhibition Night.

Triple booking, though in this case, admittedly a result of a few uncoordinated coincidences is neither new nor off putting to us. We are quite accustomed to complex plans and layers of details. Ironically, though, we are always striving to take care of the important details in the hopes of clarifying and distilling what's most important to its essence. Our seniors, for example, receive an entire handbook dedicated to the processes related to Senior Project. There are carefully constructed webs of due dates, "flag days", and systems of accountability described in detail, all focused on the single purpose of supporting every individual student as he or she takes a carefully framed question for a year-long ride. The details and layers of words used to explain and describe the process are merely tools to help illuminate the objectives of supporting student inquiry and active learning.

There's a quiet and continuous dance happening here, it seems, and it relates to the issue of balance. How can we be very clear in our messages to students so that they don't waste too much of their precious time being confused, while at the same time remembering that grappling with how and what a question means is a viable part of learning? How many words does it take to ignite a student's imagination, and when does adding a single syllable to that equation deflate and deter her from her own inspired work? At what point do three levels of activity in a single classroom model and support innovative and worthwhile modes of teaching and learning, and when does all that activity just become overcrowding and distraction?

We do our very best to sustain an environment where there is enough happening, enough of the time, to spark the mind and hearts of our students. Through our efforts to make our work public, and to encourage our students to make their learning public, we have created a school that sometimes has the feeling of being open 24 hours. It will probably feel that way all the way through until June now, as students in each division are pressed to demonstrate what they are doing, from the boats they are designing in Division 1 to the revolutions they are researching in Division 2, to the gateway projects and tasty nights we know will populate the weeks ahead. The truth is, even while trying to pay close attention to the principle that "less is more" when it comes to good learning, it can still get pretty noisy here

And Wednesday was noisy. But it was the good kind of noise: the kind that comes from essential questions being raised, of the truth being told, and that sounds a little like music.
Hope your weekend is as quiet (or not) as you'd like.

Teri Schrader
Principal

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

AGENDA: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 10, 2007, 6pm, Room 27, Parker School

- 6:00 I. **Greetings, introductions, approval of minutes--Andy**
Board Action: Vote on 3/6/07 minutes
- 6:05 II. **Proposed Bylaws change— Andy**
Board Action: Second Reading: vote on proposed bylaws change.
- 6:10 III. **Teachers Center Report—Teri, Heidi Lyne**
- 6:25 IV. **FY08 Budget: Policy level discussion—Kathy, Teri, Michelle**
- 6:50 V. **2006-07 Principal Evaluation – Andy**
Board Action: Vote on tools for Trustee’s Evaluation & Teri’s self-evaluation
- 7:00 VI. **Classroom Campaign – Ann, Andy, Daphne & Brenton, Deborah**
- 7:15 VII. **Principal’s Report – Teri**
- 7:30 VIII. **Classroom Addition – Rick, Bill**
- 7:45 IX. **Executive Session**
Board Action: Roll-call vote on whether or not to go into executive Session “To consider real estate transactions since an open meeting would undermine the school’s negotiating position”
- 8:00 **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm.

Join the Charter School Parent Advocacy Network:

Join over 2500 Charter school parents and board members in advocating for Massachusetts Charter Schools! Sign up on the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association’s website to receive news, legislative updates and ALERTS about political issues impacting your charter school. Easily send emails to legislators and the Governor weighing in on important political matters impacting your child’s education!

You can join by going to www.masscharterschools.org and clicking on “Parents Join Here.” It is critically important that parents and board members be involved in these advocacy efforts. For the past six years the Network has been a powerful voice for charter school parents and board members with the Massachusetts State Legislature and Governor. Without the Parent Advocacy Network’ efforts during the past six years, Massachusetts Charter Schools would likely have seen their funding reduced, number of schools frozen and paralyzing restrictions placed upon them.

It’s easy to join. www.masscharterschools.org. Do so today and protect your child’s education.

Come and see...

THE IMAGINARY INVALID

By Moliere

Starring students in grades 7-9th !

This play will be performed twice on
Wednesday, April 11th at 2:00 pm,
and Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 pm.

All tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door or in Nicky's office.

This play is not only performed by students,
but also directed and designed by students.
Come and see what a group of Parker students are capable of creating!

COMING SOON

April, 2007

Tuesday, 10 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 – Graduation Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 – *Invisible Children: Rough Cut* documentary at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 11 – *The Imaginary Invalid* by Moliere at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 11 – Hunger Banquet at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 – *The Imaginary Invalid* by Moliere at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 13 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
Monday, 16 – Patriot's Day (no school)
Tuesday – Friday, 17 – 20 - Spring Recess
Monday, 30 – Senior Exhibitions begin

CALENDAR

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

May, 2007

Tuesday, 1 – HAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8 – Noche Sabrosa
Monday, 14 – MCAS Testing begins
15 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 20 – Parker Road Race and Springfest
25 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
25 - Senior/Junior Prom at Union Station in Worcester at 7:00 p.m.
28 – Memorial Day (no school)

June, 2007

6 – Noon dismissal - Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
19 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
18 – Last Day of Classes (as of 3/8/07) will be later if school is cancelled for a day or more

Subscribe to Parker community email lists!

We use the Parker Listserv to post announcements and reminders about life at Parker.

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/>

Thank you

Many thanks to the family of David Giordano for their donation of batteries and to the family of Alexandria Goullaud for their donation of paper towels and paper handkerchiefs.

Can You Help?

Please send us your favorite recipes! ASAP!

Please find your favorite recipe and consider sending it to the office as soon as possible. The money earned by this endeavor will go to the Classroom Campaign. We are hoping to collect enough of these recipes to make a cookbook that will be published in time for registration in September. We are also hoping that students and parents will be able to sell them to friends, neighbors and relatives. Any questions or suggestions please call Lynne Mendes at (978) 448-2634.

Wanted – !!

Division 3 students are creating this year's prom theme loosely based on Casino Royal 007. If you have any playing cards (either full decks or not), poker chips, and/or dice that you would be willing to donate, please send them in with your child to the attention of Heidi Kulik. Thanks!

PARKER ROAD RACE AND SPRINGFEST

DO YOU NEED TO FULFILL SOME VOLUNTEER HOURS?

The Parker Road Race and Springfest is in need of volunteers for the following:

- **Sponsorship Committee** - to make follow up phone calls to potential sponsors who have received request letters. This is something that needs to be completed in the next two months.
- **Raffle Committee** - to solicit and pick up donations/purchases for our raffle table.
- **Runners Bags** - to solicit and pick up donations/purchases for our runners bags.

Please contact Dawn de Freitas @ (978) 842-2605 or basketdealer@gmail.com for more information.

YEARBOOK PAGES REMINDER!!

The deadline for parent pages in the yearbook is fast approaching. If you are interested, please submit your materials in the next week, as specified in the letter that was sent home last month. Ads submitted after Monday, April 9 will incur a late fee of \$15.00. Any questions, please email yearbook@parker.org.

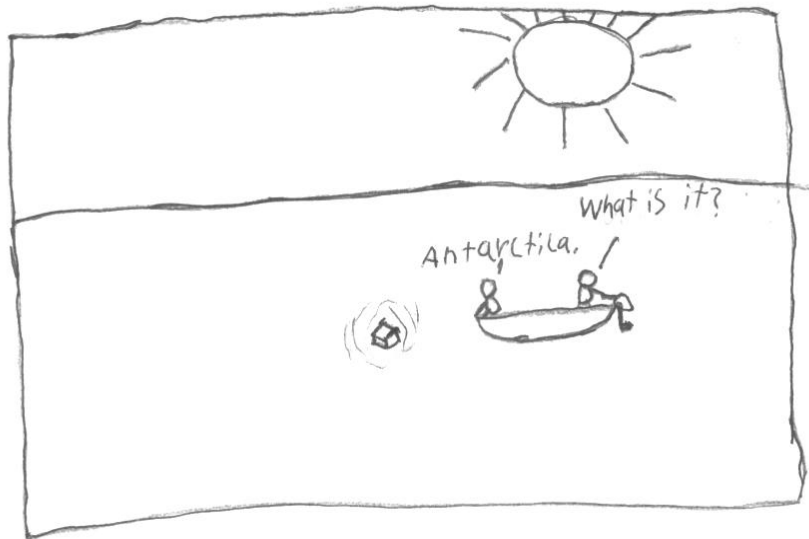
Parent pages for the graduating seniors in the yearbook are due by Friday, April 9. A late charge of \$15 will apply to all pages submitted after this date and we cannot guarantee that they will make it into the yearbook if they are late. Please send photos, text, and money in as soon as possible. Please refer to the mailing that was sent last month for more details. If you need another mailing or if you have any questions, please email yearbook@parker.org. Prices for parent pages are as follows:

¼ page	\$45.00
½ page	\$70.00
full page	\$125.00
late fee	add \$15.00 (after April 9)

Deb Merriam, on behalf of the yearbook staff

UPDATE FROM DIVISION III

Comic Conservation Campaigner



"The Comic Conservation Campaigner reminds you that if a solution isn't found to the problem of Global Warming, this won't be too far away."

Mike Bernklow is a Division III student, passionate about the environment! E-mail comments to SuperSonic404@comcast.net

We want to thank everyone who came to Senior Project Exhibition Evening this week. It was a great turnout, and the seniors were excited and invigorated by the experience. As we were telling kids to pack up, several said, "Really? Is it over already?" They were pleased by how much they knew about their topics and by how interested the attendees were in hearing about their projects. Again, thank you for making it a very successful evening.

Senior project final products are due on Monday. Some students may need extensions, and this is a component of the project that must meet standards, so many students will have revisions to do. There are two weeks of school remaining before the start of the formally assessed exhibitions, and students will be spending that time planning the presentations, preparing their supporting visuals, and practicing, practicing, practicing!

This week's course update is from John Bohannon's MST class, Physics:

We have finished our study of Mechanics, which included the equations of motion, Newton's Laws, uniform circular motion, universal gravitation, work, energy, power and finishing with the conservation of momentum in various kinds of collisions. Students will spend the next week working on a Systems Thinking assignment in which they will use their new Physics knowledge to analyze a system involving a car on a rollercoaster, going around a loop, up a hill, and off a jump. We will spend the rest of the year using what we know about mechanics to explore fluid mechanics.

PLEASE...

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

Are you knowledgeable or interested in the Essential Question?

Do you know the student well who is presenting the exhibition you have chosen?

If so you are welcome to attend the exhibition but we cannot allow you to sit on the jury as a panelist.

It is important that the community member is an unbiased member of the community.

Is there another Essential Question that looks interesting?

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

**Monday, April 30 Tuesday, May 1
Thursday May 3rd, Friday, May 4**

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

[Senior Exhibitions Questions and Schedule](#)

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

MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Math, Science and Technology – Division I

This week in Division I MST it has been an exciting week featuring a visit from the Devens Fire Department. The firefighters brought their Sea Eagle rescue boat (the Zodiac) to demonstrate its rescuing abilities. We were also able to view their Ice Sled which is used for ice rescues on Devens. One student and one teacher were granted the privilege to try on the "Gumby Suit", clothing designed to protect rescuers from hypothermia during winter water rescues. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Lieutenant Tim Kelly and fire fighters Whittier, McLaughlin, Cullame, Kelly

and Baker of the Devens Fire Department. We would also like to thank Steve Byan who brought his fantastic four foot model of a freighter and Chris Nonis who presented his senior project with a model of a speed boat. In math we have

been revisiting ratios and rational numbers. We have also been working to deepen our understanding of Archimedes' Principle and how it relates to point of balance in triangles and the center of gravity in boats.

Progress reports have been completed and will be mailed out early next week.

We appreciate the support parents are providing their sons/daughters as they visit a local boat/ship in preparation for C.O.W. #13's oral presentation. Thank you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS....

- Many students still have not turned in C.O.W. #12 "Float Your Boat!"
Assigned: 3/23 and DUE 3/30
- Revision Week: C.O.W. #11 "Mystery Materials": all students are required to effectively utilize the revise process to improve their assessments. Assigned: 3/30 and DUE 4/6
- C.O.W. #13 "Local Wonder"...Oral presentation on boat visited with visual aids (tri-boards are recommended)
Assigned 3/9 and DUE 4/9
- MST Gateway Requirements: Students that are planning on Gatewaying at the end of this school year need to meet the Division I Standards/ Criteria for Excellence in MST. They are required to demonstrate mature Habits of Learning and consistently "Meet" for one semester as evidence for their readiness to Division II MST. In preparation for a June, 2007 Gateway students need to "Meet" from C.O.W. #10 forward.

Thank you for your support!!

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Arts and Humanities – Division I

This week we've been delving into short stories about South Africa under Apartheid. The stories have helped us to understand what it was like to live in South Africa under this system and to think about issues of racism. We will use quotations from these stories and other class activities as evidence in the 5 paragraph essays we are about to start writing. Some of the material in these stories can be disturbing and shocking to students. It would be great if families had conversations at home about these issues as well.

***** Note: Matt Smith's after school help day has been changed back to Monday *****

Arts and Humanities – Division II

This week in Arts and Humanities, students got started on their Thesis Paper. We looked at a variety of different revolutions over the past hundred years or so, and students had the chance (with the help of Parker's new librarian, Anne Bate) to use some new and exciting reference databases to get them started. At this point, students should have an initial question. They should also have a variety of sources (specifically, they should try to find at least one book source). Students would benefit this weekend from a trip to their local library, and are encouraged to take copious notes.

Note to parents of tenth-grade students: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 10th for students who want to begin their June Gateway process.

SPANISH

División II Español

This week students presented their final speaking project for the poetry unit, a recitation and instruction on a selected poem. Students will begin the final unit of the year next week that explores the culture of food. We are what we eat!

MAKE-UP MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 10

**During lunch in room 26
MEETING FOR ALL SPANISH DIVISION II GATEWAY
STUDENTS WHO MISSED THE MEETING ON 3/30/2007**

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness Class:

This week, in Alan's classes, students discussed "What attracts you to someone?" in a relationship and then answered questions like: What makes us angry in a relationship? How should you break up with somebody? How can you tell if somebody likes you? Next week, students will watch a video on puberty that is put out by British Broadcasting. Some objectives are the following: Students will understand that sexual behavior is emotional. Students will understand that there is a range of potential sexual behaviors, including abstinence and masturbation, and that the emotional and physical intensity of these behaviors can vary significantly. Students will understand that one can always choose whether or not to act upon sexual feelings. Students played waffle-ball, four square and ultimate Frisbee.

Deborah's Wellness Class:

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes, students voted on the activities they participated in during physical activity classes. Activities ranged from kickball, to scooter team handball. In Health class, students started to examine what constitutes healthy relationships. Students were also assigned the parent interview, as we ran out of time last week. This is due Tuesday, April 10th. Next week in Health, we will continue looking at relationships, moving into the question, "What is sexuality?"

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DIVISION I AND II PARKER PARENTS

In all Division I and II Health classes we have started the sexuality education unit. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71, Section 32A, sometimes referred to as the Parental Notification Law, states that we must afford parents or guardians the flexibility to exempt their children from any portion of any curriculum that involves human sexuality through written notification to the school principal. No student will be penalized by reason of such exemption.

The weekly FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS continue to be the means by which we ensure parental/guardian notification. It is imperative that parents/guardians read the information contributed each week by their child's Wellness teacher to be informed of the curriculum to be taught in the following week's classes.

Instruction materials for our sexuality education curricula were presented at the last Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting, on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. (Room 1). Wellness faculty were present at this meeting and discussed the curriculum. An important outline of all classes is available for review.

Parents or guardians with questions or concerns should contact their child's Wellness teacher for further information. Options for alternative class materials, if desired, will be approved by the Wellness faculty and the school principal, Teri Schrader.

Reminder for Jazz Band Students

If you wish to continue participating in Band for the second semester please bring in your payment of \$100 to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are still missing a great many checks.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Parker School Library has recently made arrangements to trial three online research databases. These resources should be particularly useful for Division II students working on their current research/writing project, but may also be relevant to other students' research. Access is available from home as well as from school. Home access is provided as follows:

Historical Newspapers: New York Times (1851-2003) and others

<http://trials.proquest.com/ptc?userid=2229007>

Password: welcome

Available: 3/30/07-5/13/07

World History: The Modern Era

<http://www.worldhistory.abc-clio.com/>

User Name: parkerstu

Password: parkerstu

Contents: encyclopedic type articles, biographies, images, primary sources (speeches, etc.).

Available: 3/22/07-4/30/07

Modern World History Online

<http://www.fofweb.com/demo>

User Name: fwpce

Password: trial

Contents: articles from specialized encyclopedias and other reference books, images, primary sources

Available: 3/28/07-4/24/07

If you have any feedback on the usefulness of any of these trials, please forward it to the library!

Anne Bate
Librarian

NEWS FROM FRANK'S CAFE

Lunch Box Program: Students planning to attend a lunchtime meeting can now buy a bag/box lunch. The Lunch box consists of a sandwich, milk, carrot sticks and a fruit. Students can sign up for, and pay for, a lunch box the day prior to a meeting, during advisory. Any student with questions should see Lee.
Shirley Nelson, School Nurse

April 9-13

Monday: Pasta and meat sauce or pasta and plain sauce, salad, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday: Mexican Chicken Toquitos, Vegetarian Soft Tacos, Mexican Rice, Onions and Peppers and Fruit and Milk

Wednesday: Pizza Day

Thursday: Steak and Cheese Grinders, Veg. Burger Subs, Onions and Peppers, Spiral Fries, Fruit and Milk

Friday: No Lunch

April 23-27

Monday: Stuffed Shells, Salad, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Fingers, Spicy Chicken Fingers, Veg. Poppers, Rice Pilaf, Carrots and Celery, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday: Pizza Day

Thursday: Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Veg. turkey Sandwiches, Stuffing, Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Fruit and Milk

Friday: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Veg. Burgers, Lettuce and Tomato, Fries, Fruit and Milk

SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Schedule

Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	Dismissal from class	Bus Leaves	Game Time	Pick-up
Mon., April 9	HS Baseball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Practice	School			3:30	5:15 at school
	MS Softball	Practice	P5			3:30	5:30 at school
	Track	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Tues., April 10	HS Baseball	Home vs. Bromfield	LW	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Home vs. Bromfield	Willard	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Practice	School			3:30	5:15 at school
	MS Softball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at school
	Track	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Weds., April 11	HS Baseball	Home vs. Monty Tech.	LW			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Home vs. Monty Tech.	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	No practice					
	MS Softball	No practice					
	Track	No practice					
Thurs., April 12	HS Baseball	Practice	Willard			3:30	5:30 at field
	HS Softball	Home vs. Nashoba Tech.	Willard	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	MS Baseball	Practice	School			3:30	5:15 at school
	MS Softball	Practice	P5			3:30	5:30 at school
	Track	Away vs. Ayer	Ayer High School	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:00 at school
Fri., April 13	HS Baseball	Practice TBA					
	HS Softball	Practice TBA					
	MS Baseball	No practice					
	MS Softball	No practice					
	Track	No practice					

REMINDER: The \$200 sports user fee is due by the first game to be eligible to play this coming week. There is a cap of \$800 per family per year.

Soccer Coach Needed: The Shirley Girls U12 soccer team needs a coach for their spring season (April through May). Commitment is two evening practices per week and one game per week (Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.) Please contact Ben if interested.

bbenoit@parker.org or (978) 772-3293 Ext. 114.

SAVE THE DATE – DIVISION 3 PROM

The Division 3 Prom will be held **Friday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.** at Union Station in Worcester. This is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and students have a 12:00 noon dismissal. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May.

If you haven't bought your Parker lanyard (\$4) or Parker Nalgene bottle yet, the cost is \$10 and the money goes towards lowering ticket prices of the prom tickets, email heidik@parker.org if you would like one.

Senior Project Experience

This is a great opportunity for ALL Parker adults to be part of the Senior Project experience.

Jurors Wanted!!!

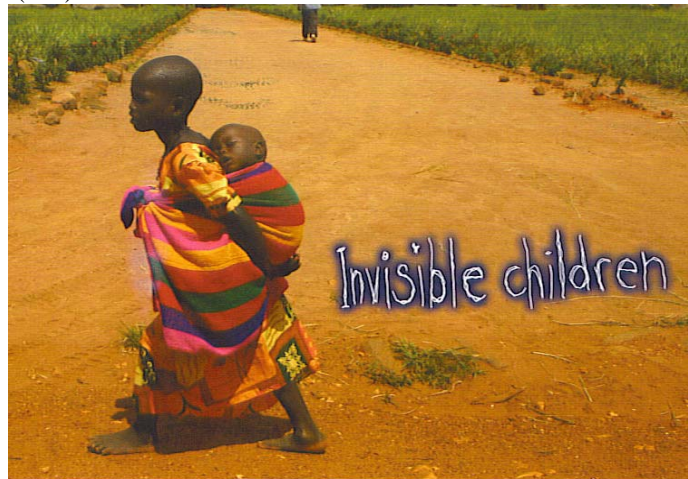
If you are interested in being a Juror during the week of April 30th, please contact Nicky Dudensing in the office or email her at Nicola@parker.org

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Hunger Banquet on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Hello to All! As part of my senior project for this year, I am putting on a Hunger Banquet to be held at Parker on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. Hunger Banquets are put on by people all over the country as a way of educating and bringing to light the in-equalities and in-justices in our world. If you want to learn about global hunger and poverty, what you can do to help, and take part in some great discussions along the way, please come! It should be a wonderful evening. All are welcome; bring your parents, friends, and siblings. Tickets can be bought at the door for 3 dollars, but if you plan to come, **please RSVP ahead of time.** I will also be selling tickets in the lobby at lunch Thursday and Friday of this and next week. *Proceeds will go to benefit a micro-credit project in the country of Cameroon.* Feel free to e-mail me with questions, or to RSVP; rsl_miller@yahoo.com. Hope to see all of you there! -
Rosalie Miller

Weaving loom for sale: All proceeds to be donated to the Parker Classroom Campaign. Large Leclerc brand floor loom, in good weaving condition, \$500/best offer. We can deliver curbside. For more information contact Kathy Tappan at pktwve@bluetoad.org

Are you interested in working in the kitchen? Part-time kitchen helper is needed. Approximate hours are Monday – Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Lee if you are interested at lmcmamus@parker.org or at (978) 772-3293 Ext. 146.



Can one story change the world?

On Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. the documentary Invisible Children: Rough Cut will be shown at Parker. Invisible Children is a non- profit organization that is currently conducting their second world tour of this documentary.

---Synopsis of Invisible Children: Rough cut ---

In the spring of 2003, three young Americans traveled to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a film making adventure in Africa transformed into much more, when these three boys from Southern California found themselves stranded in Northern Uganda. What they found was a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them – a story where children are the weapons and the victims. They discovered children being abducted from their homes and forced to fight as child soldiers. The “Invisible Children: Rough Cut” film exposes the effects of a 20-year-long war on the children of Northern Uganda. They originally screened the film in June 2004 for friends and family and soon expanded to high schools, colleges and religious institutions. From suburban living rooms to Capitol Hill, with coverage on Oprah, CNN, the National Geographic Channel, and more, this film has taken on a life of its own. This wonderfully reckless documentary is fast-paced, with an MTV beat, and is truly unique. To see Africa through young eyes is humorous and heartbreaking, quick and informative – all in the same breath. We strongly believe that every person needs to hear the story of the invisible children, regardless of race, religion, gender, or culture. It’s about children that are born into a horrific situation, with no voice.

This showing is a fundraiser for the Invisible Children organization. The cost is \$3 per person; all money will go directly to Invisible Children. They will also have a merchandise table (the movie, DVD’s, shirts, and bracelets). The showing is open to all Parker students, families and friends. The film contains some violence and some graphic images so please take caution.

If you have any questions or would like to have a flyer to advertise somewhere please email me at Shanny861@yahoo.com

Thanks,

~Shannon Murphy
Senior at Parker

PARKER ROAD RACE AND SPRINGFEST

The 12th Annual Road Race and Springfest flyer can be picked up at the front office. Please take the time to help out the Road Race by posting them in a prominent place in your community. Thank you.

The Road Race is looking for items to include on the Raffle Table. Any donations of new items will be tax deductible, of course. Please contact Jennifer Krieger for details at jennkrieger978@charter.net.

The Blast, by [Victory Kayaks](#)



THE KAYAK RAFFLE IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce another year of the Kayak Raffle as part of the festivities of the Parker Road Race and Springfest. This year we are offering you another chance to win the **Blast**, a Victory Kayak featured exclusively at Dick's Sporting Goods. 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 a chance to win this classy "red" kayak - 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 support the Parker School and make sure to buy your tickets now. The lucky winner is sure to have a recreational **Blast**!

