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Friday Announcements

Date: June 15, 2007

Matthew	Anderson	University of Massachusetts Amherst	Ransom	Loudermilk	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Samuel	Barstow	Union College	Jocelyne	MacDonald	University of New England
Marshall	Bernklow	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Rosalie	Miller	Year off and then Warren Wilson College
Michael	Bernklow	Fitchburg State College	Shannon	Murphy	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Alexander	Bridges	Providence College	Christine	Nietupski	Franklin Pierce College
Holly	Bridges	University of Vermont	Mireille	Nollet	Mt. Holyoke College
Emily	Colligan	Simmons College	Christopher	Nonis	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Colleen	Colvin	Work and then college	David	Nonis	University of Denver
Catherine	Danko	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Justine	Poirier	Bryant University
Kyle	Draleau	University of New England	Timothy	Poole	Framingham State College
Lydia	Enriquez	Rhode Island School of Design	Christopher	Reeves	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Sarah	Ericson	Fitchburg State College	Kyle	Reeves	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Laura	Farr	University of Massachusetts Amherst	Craig	Rossi	United States Naval Academy
Leanne	Fernau	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Jason	Smith	Clark University
Elizabeth	Gapinski	Bryant College	Shannon	Stockwell	Hampshire College
Lisa	Gendron	Emmanuel College	Carl	Tappan	Franklin Olin College of Engineering
Nathan	Grady	Lawrence University	Kristen	Toohill	Knox College
Evan	Hayward	Lesley University	McKenzie	Ursch	Eugene Lang College
Christopher	Hill	University of Massachusetts Amherst	Rebecca	Verhulst	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Anthony	Irwin	Rhodes College	Paul	Wachur	Travel
Robert	Jameson	New England Institute of Art	Atticus	White	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Pearl	Jurist Schoen	Union College	Sasha	White	Temple University
Charles	Katebi	Drew University	Julia	Wilkins	Simmons College
Brenton	Kulik	Bucknell University	Amy	Williamson	Ohio Wesleyan University
Douglas	Levering	University of Arizona			
Cara	Liasson	Wheaton College			
Abigail	Lindamood	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts			
Emily	Lindbeck	Clark University			

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AGENDA: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 19, 2007, 6pm, Room 27, Parker School
ANNUAL MEETING

- 6:00 I. **Greetings, introductions, approval of minutes--Andy**
Board Action: Vote on 5/19/07 minutes
- 6:05 II. **ANNUAL MEETING – Laura**
A. Total number of trustees for 2007-08
B. Trustee vacancies for 2007-08
C. Board officers for 2007-08
Board Action: Vote on all of the above
- 6:20 III. **Recognition--Andy**
- 6:25 IV. **2006-07 Principal Evaluation – Andy**
Board Action: Vote on Principal Evaluation
- 6:30 V. **FY07 Budget Report; FY08 Operating Budget —Michelle**
Board Action: Vote on FY08 budget
Vote on FY08 Annual Drive
- 7:00 VI. **Faculty Handbook-Teri**
Board Action: Vote on Faculty Handbook
- 7:10 VII. **Principal's report-Teri**
- 7:20 VIII. **Classroom Campaign – Ann, Andy**
Board Action: Vote to extend terms of Development and Building
Committees from 10/31/07 to 6/30/08
- 7:30 IX. **Classroom Addition – Rick, Bill**
- 8:00 **MEETING ADJOURNED**

This is the final board meeting of the 2006-07 School Year. The first meeting of the 2007-08 School Year will be Tuesday, September 11, from 5-9pm

Parents

We need your help!

Please fill out the online parent survey to give us feedback about your child's year at Parker.

If you go to the Parker website, there is a link to "Parent Survey" right on the home page.

We use this information to report to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in our Annual Report. The survey will be available until mid-July, but the sooner you can complete it, the better. Please give us your feedback!!

Parker Yearbooks

Yearbook season is upon us again. If you/your student is interested in purchasing a yearbook (to be distributed at the Big End on Friday, June 15), please send in the appropriate amount for the type of yearbook requested (see below). Checks should be made out to Parker School. There are envelopes available with each student's advisor and in the front office for yearbook money to be put in. Please email Deb with any questions (deb@parker.org).

Soft cover all-school yearbook: \$25 each

Division one yearbook: \$10 each

All-School Summer Reading 2007

Keeping a Nature Journal by Clare Walker Leslie & Charles E. Roth

Summer reading assignment: Try your hand at keeping a nature journal! Our intention is that students will use the book as a source of inspiration for their own journaling; we do not expect students to read it cover to cover.

On **Monday, June 18, our last day of school**, students and faculty will spend some time together starting this summer's assignment. Through a generous grant from the PEF, we are able to provide every student with a sketchbook, and Monday morning, our entire school will be out in the field, taking a closer look at the world around us.

What a great way to spend the last day of school/first day of summer!

Where can I find a copy of *Keeping a Nature Journal* by Clare Walker Leslie & Charles E. Roth?

ISBN 1-58017-493-0

List price: \$18.95

At Parker:

A limited number of copies are available for sale (cost: \$20) in Parker's front office from now until the last day of school.

Locally:

Try your local bookseller (or your public library). Either the 1st or 2nd edition is fine.

Online:

The publisher expects a shipment of new books hot off the press by mid-July. You can contact them directly at <http://www.storey.com>, or backorder through your favorite store.

A number of online booksellers have new and used copies. Try the following sites:

www.powells.com
<http://www.abebooks.com/>
www.half.ebay.com/
<http://www.wildlearn.com>

www.amazon.com
www.bestwebbuys.com
<http://store.clemetparks.com/product84.html>
www.back40books.com

COMING SOON

June, 2007 *(Subject to change)*

- Friday, 15 – Division II Semi Formal dance - Spring Hill Suites Marriott, Devens (6:00 – 10:00 p.m.)
 Monday, 18 – All school clean-up (8:30 – 10:30 a.m.)
 Tuesday, 19 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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July 2007 - June 2008 Yearly Planner

<p>August, 2007 15 - 17 - Faculty/Leadership Task Forces 20 - 24 - Faculty Summer Planning 27 - 28 - Faculty Summer Planning 29 - School Opens, Registration (1-4) 30 - Classes begin 31 - School closed for long weekend</p> <p>September, 2007 3 - Labor Day (no school) 18 - Open House/Back to School Night/Annual Mtg. (6:00 p.m.) 21 - Early Release (noon dismissal)</p> <p>October, 2007 8 - Columbus Day (no school) 18 - PLP Conference Day (no classes)</p> <p>November, 2007 4 - Daylight savings time ends 12 - Veterans' Day observed (no school) 21 - Early Release (noon dismissal) 22 - 23 - Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>December, 2007 21 - Early Release (noon dismissal) 24 - 31 - Holiday Recess</p> <p>January, 2008 1 - New Year's Day 2 - Faculty Planning (no classes) 3 - Classes resume</p>	<p>6 - Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00) 13 - Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00) 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (no school) 27 - Snow date for Enrollment Info. Session (1-4) 28 - Faculty Planning (no classes) 29 - New semester begins</p> <p>February, 2008 15 - Early Release (noon dismissal) 18 - President's Day (no school) 19 – 22 - Winter Recess</p> <p>March, 2008 5 - Spring Conference Day (no classes) 9 - Daylight Savings Time begins 12 - Noon dismissal - Faculty Planning 21 - Early Release (noon dismissal)</p> <p>April, 2008 18 - Early Release (noon dismissal) 21 - Patriot's Day (no school) 22 – 25 - Spring Recess</p> <p>May, 2008 23 - Early Release (noon dismissal) 26 - Memorial Day (no school)</p> <p>June, 2008 - Graduation (6:00 p.m.) To be Determined 19 - Last Day of Classes (or earlier) 23, 24, 25 - Faculty Work Days (or earlier)</p>
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- 3 additional faculty planning days to be determined



Thank you very much!



To all our trusty volunteers we would like to say, once more, how very much we appreciate all the help that you give us throughout the year. Trying to balance work and home and volunteering is not always easy but we always love to see you and your help is invaluable to us.

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A special thank you to the family of Greg Moores for their donation of the new Vending Machine in the front lobby.

Thanks to Everyone! Due to your purchases from the vending machines, the CC STAF fund was able to donate \$1,500 to the new building!!!

MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Math, Science and Technology – Division I

Congratulations to all of our students who gatewayed into Division 2 this past week! We had the Harvard Pond trip and one day of classes before the BIG End... it's hard to believe that the school year is over. We ask that students return any MST books or supplies they may have at home, and we hope to see many of you on Monday to help us clean up. Happy summer!

Math, Science and Technology – Division II

This past week was full of gateway celebrations and year-end presentations and we want to say congratulations to all those students who gatewayed from Division II MST into Division III MST!

Reminders:

We want to remind any students who borrowed books from the library or Division II MST to please bring those books back on Monday. Also, we will be storing the students' work folders and portfolios here over the summer and we've spent time in class getting those folders together, but if for some reason, there is still work at home, please be sure to bring it in on Monday!

We really hope you enjoy the summer reading and *really* enjoy the outdoors while participating in the whole-school summer reading Keeping a Nature Journal, and one final thought for the summer...

*"In the twentieth century, to stop rushing around, to sit quietly on the grass, to switch off the world and come back to the earth, to allow the eye to see a willow, a bush, a cloud, a leaf, is an unforgettable experience....
... I have learned that what I have not drawn I have not really seen." - Frederick Franck*

SPANISH

Division I Year 2

To finish out the year, students have been creating scrapbooks to show what they've learned in their second year of Division I Spanish. These scrapbooks are looking really good, and during gateways, students have gotten to thoughtfully create them and reflect upon their learning.

These scrapbooks contain all work students have done throughout the year and so are treated as portfolios. We must have them to keep at school for next year. Thank you to all who donated materials for the project! Have a wonderful summer... and for anyone up for the challenge, while keeping your nature journal this summer for all school reading, why not label and learn how to say a few pieces of nature in Spanish?

WELLNESS

Have a healthy, safe and happy summer.

SPORTS UPDATE

I'm looking for the following coaches for the fall soccer season at Parker:

Boys Middle School Soccer

Girls Middle School Soccer

Girls Varsity Soccer

Please contact me with any interest at (978) 772-3293 or bbenoit@parker.org

All Baseball, Softball and Track uniforms are due back to your coach as soon as possible! These uniforms are expensive so please help us out, double check your room at home and your backpack and make sure that you have nothing there that should have been returned to the school. Thank you!

DIVISION II SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

ATTENTION ALL DIVISION II STUDENTS

The semi formal is coming up!

When: June 15th from 6 - 10 PM

Where: Spring Hill Suites Marriot, Devens

How Much? \$15 This includes a buffet dinner, DJ and dancing

Tickets on sale now in the lobby at lunch

No tickets sold at door

LIBRARY UPDATE

Library Countdown - 136...

As of Wednesday morning, 136 books, videos and DVDs were still in need of being returned to the Library. Only two more days to reduce the number of outstanding items to zero! If you have any library materials, please return them to the library immediately. Overdue notices, with the replacement cost for lost items, were sent home at the end of last week. We need everyone who received a notice to search their homes, cars, backpacks, classrooms, etc. to find all the outstanding items. All library materials must be returned before the end of the week!

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you logged in your volunteer hours? If not, please call the office and let us know. To date we have 2724 volunteer hours that have been logged in. The Annual Report is published at the end of the school year and this is where we report how much volunteer help we have had.

Volunteering at Parker is obviously a very important part of the philosophy of the school. Again, many thanks to all those parents who have helped in so many different ways, we couldn't do it without you!

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Parker PLUS is taking off!

Could your place of business benefit from **college student interns** that are Parker grads?

Might your company be interested in tapping the community of Parker college graduates for their **first jobs**?

What is it? Parker Parents give a Leg Up for Students

Once in college, our graduates need meaningful internships to build their skills and prepare for the world of work. When facing college graduation, they face a very big, competitive world. Let's make it a bit smaller for them and also enjoy the advantage of having great individuals raised in the Parker tradition in our workplaces.

If you'd like to learn more and be a part of this initiative, please email Sue Whalley swhalley@parker.org to start the ball rolling. In the message line, write Parker Plus. Thank you!

Join the Parker Family for a Night of Intense Music

- Friday, June 29th -

- The Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley -

- **All Ages** -

Doors open at 7:00 P.M. - music starts at 8:00 PM

All proceeds will go to the Parker New Building Fund

Tickets: \$10.00 each - may be purchased at the door

Entertainment:

Opening act: John Nickerson - solo acoustic guitar

Headline act: Slight Return featuring Lew Sheen

The Yin and Yang of music!

John Nickerson is an accomplished acoustic guitarist, playing and singing original material. He has a wonderful style of his own, something beautiful.

Slight Return features local guitar hero Lew Sheen, and a band FULL of virtuoso musicians. Featuring the music of Rush, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Gary Moore, and Queen, Slight Return rocks HARD!

Fan comments:

"I've never heard Rush performed so well and faithfully"

"Lew and Rob [Compagna – guitarist] are just KILLER guitar players" "It's rare to see a local band with this level of musicianship"

Don't miss out on the event of the summer! Make plans NOW to come out, hear GREAT music, and support the Parker School New Building Fund as well.

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.

LOST & FOUND UPDATE

- Have you checked the Lost and Found Box outside the gym yet? We have boxes full of unclaimed clothes. Everything will be donated to charity on Monday, June 15.
- A reminder to anyone that has lent items to the school over the past year. Please make sure that you pick everything up as soon as possible, especially items lent to us for Graduation and the Big End. Thank you.

P.A.R.K.E.R. Award

The end of the year is upon us! If you are looking for a meaningful way to thank an advisor, teachers or other staff members or you would like to acknowledge your child's hard work, *A Parker Award* is the perfect solution. Your contribution to the Parker Essential Fund is tax deductible and a lovely Parker Award certificate will be sent to the recipient.

I would like to give a **P.A.R.K.E.R. Award (Parker Appreciation and Recognition for Keeping the Essential Standards - Recipient)** to:

Name(s): _____

From: _____

Honored For: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Please make your check out to the Parker Essential Fund and return with this form to the PEF mailbox in the Parker School office. **Your contributions are tax deductible and will help keep enhancing the quality of education provided for Parker students.**

Division II

Summer Math Course in Algebraic Reasoning

This two-week study of algebraic topics is designed to strengthen students' ability to work with number, variables, and equations. The emphasis of the work will be two-fold, placing equal importance on algebraic skills and problem solving. This is an opportunity for students to strengthen skills they already have, build confidence, make connections among concepts, and gain some new learning. Students will have the opportunity to complete at least one MST portfolio piece by the end of the course.

This course is open to students who have completed at least one semester in Division II MST. Please contact your MST teacher or Diane Kruse (dkruse@parker.org) if you have questions about whether or not to take the course this summer.

Dates: July 9-13 and 16-20

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Location: Francis W Parker Charter Essential School

Cost: \$150

Instructor: Melanie Palma taught mathematics at Parker for 3 years, and was a member of the team that designed the Division 2 program. Currently, she tutors students and consults with curriculum developers to create math activities that encourage students to think deeply about their work.

***** Please fill out the attached form in these Announcements and return to Parker if interested!**

Parker Charter Essential School Math Workshop Summer 2007 Application

Workshop Dates: July 9-13 and July 16-20

Workshop Times: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop Place: Parker Charter Essential School

Cost: \$150**

I would like to reserve a place for my student in the 2007 Summer Math Workshop at Parker:

Name of student: _____

Current MST teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address (parent) _____

Email address (student) _____

DIVISION 2 SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

JULY 16-27

**IF INTERESTED EMAIL RYAN at rroopp@parker.org (preferred)
OR CALL 978-772-3293**

Overview:

We are excited to offer the Summer Writing Workshop for students who have spent at least a semester in Division 2 A/H and who could benefit from a program designed to help them meet Division 2's rigorous standards in writing with more ease in the future. Students who participate will have the opportunity to develop and complete an original essay to include in their Division 2 A/H portfolio. The workshop will support students in a small group setting to engage in the full process of writing: topic brainstorming, planning an appropriate method of development, drafting and editing. We will capitalize on the freedom that summer allows to explore original topics of personal interest, but also use the advantage of a small group setting to structure students' efforts to navigate the writing process with autonomy.

Objectives:

- To imagine and complete an original piece of writing.
- To think and act like an author when approaching reading and writing.
- To make progress in autonomy when approaching writing assignments in the future.

A student should attend if he/she:

- has had difficulty getting a piece of writing to meet Division 2 standards without extensive comments by his/her assessor;
- works hard on each piece of writing, but makes little progress on the standard;
- avoids writing assignments and therefore makes little progress on the standard;
- has been recommended by an assessor;
- is moving on to Division 3, but has not consistently met Division 2 writing standards with ease;
- needs a piece of writing that meets standards in his/her Division 2 A/H portfolio.

Of course, students who just would like to spend some time this summer writing are encouraged to attend, as well!

Time: 10:15 - 12:30, Monday – Friday, July 16 – July 27

Cost: \$150.00 per student – Confidential financial assistance is available through student services.

*****Please fill out the attached form in these Announcements and return to Parker if interested!**

**Parker Charter Essential School
Writing Workshop Summer 2007 Application**

Workshop Dates: July 16-20 and July 23-27

Workshop Times: 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Workshop Place: Parker Charter Essential School

Cost: \$150**

I would like to reserve a place for my student in the 2007 Summer Writing Workshop at Parker:

Name of student: _____

Current A/H teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address (parent) _____

Email address (student) _____

**** Confidential financial assistance is available through Student Services**

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Classroom Campaign News

Funds raised as of June 8: \$800,000!

In less than six months, we have raised 80% of our \$1 million goal. What an accomplishment! The generosity of the entire Parker community has been just remarkable, and the school would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all who have helped get us this far. This new classroom addition will make such a difference to the day-to-day experience of our students and teachers--how wonderful to know that this is a goal we've all helped achieve together. The success of the campaign to date gives us the confidence to begin construction as planned at the start of July, and we will work to raise the remaining funds in the ensuing months.

Thanks to our Parker Students Over the past three months Parker

students have, through creativity, hard work, and straight-out generosity, done their part to help make our new classrooms a reality. Advisory-led fundraising projects have included a car wash, arena football ticket raffle, one-act play contest, curbside coffee sales, waffle sale, and penny wars, and countless individual students have donated their own money as well. As of today, 90% of our advisories have donated to the classroom campaign, for a total, including senior class pledges, of \$5,000. All student donations are matched by an anonymous donor, so our students can congratulate themselves for bringing a total of \$10,000 to the classroom campaign. Bravo!

As the two student members of Parker's Board of Trustees, Daphne Shethar and Brenton Kulik have played a crucial leadership role in the student portion of our fundraising, as has teacher and trustee Heidi Kulik, who served as faculty advisor to the student campaign. Please take a moment to thank Daphne, Brenton, and Heidi for their hard work and great success when you see them.

We need you! If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, now's the time! Information on how to donate can be found on the Classroom Campaign link on parker.org, or just use the attached donation form. And thanks for your help.

Upcoming key dates:

- June 21 Construction Bids Due
- June 29 Loan closing, land purchase, order to proceed
- July 2 Construction Commences
- December (assuming all goes as planned!) Classroom addition complete

The Parker School Classroom Campaign Donation Form

I wish to support the Parker Classroom Campaign through a gift of \$_____.

Type of Donation (check one):

I am enclosing my entire donation now.

I am enclosing part of my gift now and pledging to pay the remainder over (circle):

1 year 2 years 3 years

I would like to make my pledge payments:

Annually, by June of each year

Semi-annually, each June and December

Monthly

Donation Information (check all that apply):

I am enclosing a check.

Checks should be made out to: The Sizer Foundation, Inc.

My company has a matching gift program.

I've enclosed the matching gift form.

Please contact me to facilitate this.

I am making a gift of stock or securities. Please contact me to make arrangements.

Your information: *Print your name as you wish it to be listed in acknowledgments.*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Contributions to the Classroom Campaign should be made to The Sizer Foundation, Inc., a public charity whose purpose is to raise funds for the Parker Charter Essential School and the Theodore R. Sizer Teachers Center.

All donations are fully tax-deductible.

Thank you for your help. Please mail this form to:
The Parker Classroom Campaign, Attn: Becka Kane
49 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434