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## Friday Announcements

**Date: September 29, 2006**

Queridos Parqueños,

The moon hadn't yet risen over the Caribbean Sea. It was a warm night, yet the breeze kept us cool and prevented the mosquitoes from landing. We had just put the little ones to bed and we relished the moments when we didn't have to prevent little Andrew from eating sand or pulling crabs out of their holes. My friend Sandra and I spoke quietly in Spanish as our partners organized the outdoor kitchen and moved the furniture for the nightly match of dominoes. We noticed a slow moving four-wheeler pass our beach house. Its headlights were off with the exception of a strange red light that scanned the beach. We assumed the owners of the four-wheeler were young locals out in search of a "fiesta". When the four-wheeler stopped in front of our house we turned off the porch light hoping the passengers wouldn't approach and wake the sleeping babes.

Multiple rounds of dominoes passed before we realized the four-wheeler and its small party remained in front of our house. We grew curious wondering why these "young people" weren't in search of a louder party. My friend Adam pursued his curiosity and quickly returned to our group begging us to join him on the beach. Fifty feet from our back porch at the *Casa Tortuguita* in Tulúm, Mexico, was an enormous Loggerhead sea turtle laying more than one hundred eggs. The four-wheel "gang" was not a group of youth searching for an adventure, but a group of volunteer biologists and veterinarians in search of sea turtles. The scientists volunteer one month each year to protect the coasts of the Yucatán Peninsula. From ten at night until five in the morning they search for sea turtles, collecting the eggs and burying them deep in protected coasts so that the hatched turtles can return twenty to twenty-five years later to lay the eggs of the next generation. A half an hour after our arrival the large sea turtle climbed out of the hole she had dug and pulled herself more than 50 yards back into the sea. The small group of observers from Italy, Germany, Brazil, the United States and Mexico cheered as she disappeared into the waves. It is possibly one of the most exciting things I have ever seen in my life and it served as a form of redemption.

Fourteen years earlier I was living on another coast in Mexico with a host family in Tapachula, Chiapas. One day my host father brought home a bag of turtle eggs for the mid-day meal. Although my Spanish skills were lacking, I knew based on the reaction of my host sisters that the eggs were a delicacy. We ate the soft shelled eggs. Hours later, through the assistance of an English teacher, I discovered that the eggs were an illegal food. My host father had likely been convinced to accept them as currency at his small grocery store. Ever since that meal I have guiltily wondered about the endangered reptiles. On the Tulúm beach this July, goose bumps covered my body as I watched a sea turtle birth her eggs. Standing alongside scientists who make it their life's work to protect these reptiles was an honor. Hearing their accounts of increased numbers of sea turtles also gives me hope.

I am blessed to work at a school that helps me grow and understand the world in new ways. I was able to travel to Mexico this summer thanks to the Faculty Travel Grant, a generous grant awarded to one experienced Parker teacher yearly. I, along with my husband Jonathan and our toddling son Andrew, met up with our close friends from Seattle and explored the Yucatan Peninsula for two weeks. The Faculty Travel Grant, which is largely funded through the recent Genevieve Fundraiser, made it possible for me to explore new parts of Mexico – a country where my interest in the Spanish language began. It allowed me to further improve my Spanish skills. While in Mexico I realized my Spanish has improved significantly since returning to work at Parker two years ago. I was also able to think about the cultural content of our curriculum in new ways. Finally, my experience has renewed my commitment towards assisting students in their goals to travel.

Although I will not be guiding a travel group this year, I have every intention of helping Parker students as they explore travel opportunities. The time to start researching these programs is now. If any students or parents have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rwhalen@parker.org](mailto:rwhalen@parker.org).

I would like to thank all of you who have supported the Faculty Travel and Study Grants in the past and present. You have participated in one of the many reasons why Parker is a truly amazing place to work. I look forward to sharing with you other stories about my experience. You haven't yet heard my scorpion and dung beetle stories!

Mil gracias,

Ruth Whalen Crockett  
Spanish Teacher/Domain Leader

## **Subscribe to Parker community email lists!**

**We use the Parker Listserv to post announcements and reminders about life at Parker. Subscribe for late breaking news and weather cancellations which will be delivered by email list as well as other media.**

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**

Monday, 2 – Parker Road Race Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1

Monday, 9 – Columbus Day (no school)

Tuesday, 10 through Friday, 19 – Loaves and Fishes Food Drive - Please donate non-perishables.

Friday, 13 – Division 2 Rafting Trip

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **October, 2006**

Thursday, 19 – PLP Conference Day (no classes)

Saturday, 21 – PSAT Testing at Parker

Tuesday, 24 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **November, 2006**

Friday, 10 – Veterans' Day observed (no school)

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

Wednesday, 6 – Snow date for College Finance Information Night

Tuesday, 5 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 22 – Early Release (noon dismissal)

25 – 31 - Holiday Recess

## ***DIVISION II FALL RAFTING TRIP***

- When:** Friday, October 13th  
**Where:** Charlemont MA, Zoar Outdoor, The Deerfield River  
**Cost:** \$75  
**Deadline:** September 29th  
**Alternative:** Hiking (the cost will be different)

Extra permission slips and waiver forms can be obtained in the front office.

We strongly encourage all students to participate on this bonding trip. Students who do not attend the trip will be expected to come to school. Any questions? Please Email [dchamberlain@parker.org](mailto:dchamberlain@parker.org). Scholarships are available, please call Terry Weisinger in Student Services.

**Thank you!**

Many thanks to the family of Sarah, Grace and Nick Losso for their donation of a bag full of a wonderful array of writing utensils!

Thank-you to the families of Keaton Brandt and Nate Nieva for their generous donations of school supplies to Nancy and Tanya's MST classes.

Student Services received a huge box full of binders and notebooks. We want to send out a gracious thank you to the wonderful anonymous donor.

## ***FROM THE TRANSITION OFFICE***

### **Save the date**

- Parents of Juniors and Seniors are invited to College Finance Information Night on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Snow date December 6).
- Learn to fill out the FAFSA and Profile forms, ask questions, get tips on the in's and out's. A representative from the Massachusetts Educational Finance Authority will be our featured presenter. Bring a pencil!

### **Lunchtime College Q and A with Parker Teachers**

Bring a brown-bag lunch and learn about schools from our own faculty!

All talks take place in Room 19.

- On Thursday, October 5 Erin will be on hand to talk about **Bowdoin College and Boston College**.
- On Friday, October 6 Tom will discuss **Brown University** with interested students.

### **Next week the following colleges will visit us**

- Fitchburg State College on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:45 in Room 20
- Green Mountain College also on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 22
- Lasell College will be here on Wednesday, October 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 30

Please check in with your teacher before heading to these talks!

## ***CAN YOU HELP?***

The Scrap-booking Choice Block is looking for Donations of scrap-booking materials. If you have scrap-booking paper, books, markers, scissors, or do-dads that you are no longer using, we would appreciate the donation. Please drop off for Dawn in Room 23. Thanks in advance. Dawn

**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 [jocelynemmaacdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:jocelynemmaacdonald@yahoo.com). Thanks - Jocelyne MacDonald

## ***DIVISION III UPDATE***

As another reminder, PLP conferences are coming up in about three weeks. If you haven't already heard from your child's advisor about setting up a time for a conference on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, you should hear from him/her next week. Seniors have submitted draft proposals for their senior projects and are working to formalize those and figure out the important details of the work they'll be doing for their projects. The formal proposals are due on Monday, and they will be reviewed by the senior seminar teachers over the next week or so.

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

For the first time this year, we started the course with an exploration into some modern physics topics. Students looked into such topics as String Theory, Black Holes, the Big Bang, Quantum Mechanics, and other such complex and interesting concepts. They finished by presenting what they had learned to their classmates. Since then, we have begun to develop the kinematics concepts and formulas that will allow us to study and analyze objects in various states of motion. We have also done our first lab in which we learned how to use the various kinds of equipment we'll be using in most of our labs while studying objects moving at constant velocity. We have just started to look at accelerating objects and will do another small lab on this next week.

## ***ARTS AND HUMANITIES***

### **Arts and Humanities – Division I**

This week in A/H we've continued our stories and culture unit, by wrapping up our work with *Hansel and Gretel* and *Baba Yaga*, and working with our final story of the first reading assessment, *The Little Sea Maid*. We have continued to explore these stories in class activities as well, working with visual art and with text seminar discussion. We have continued to explore narrative structure, and characteristics of many of these stories, and we have also briefly looked at the cultures the story comes from.

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

**Amanda and Tassia:** Monday and Tuesday

**Matt and Erin:** Monday and Thursday

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

Students should be picked up between 4:15 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.

### **Arts and Humanities – Division II**

This week, we finished the book *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma* and began exploring possible meanings behind the story. We also continued our exploration of Islam by talking about some of its specific religious tenets. Remember, students

have a Vocabulary Quiz on Monday, October 2nd, a Content Quiz on Friday, October 6th, and they should be working on revising their Reading Journals and Artifacts this weekend.

## ***MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY***

### **Math, Science and Technology – Division I**

This week we finished our second COW focused around an exponential math problem. That Challenge of the Week (#2, “The Humongous Fungus”) was due today. Our homework this coming week will be to put in an effective ½ hour of time each night in revising COW #1. Students are revising this, hopefully, with their gateway requirements in mind, which say that EVERY student should have at least one assessment at the “Meets” per unit of study.

In science, we began a laboratory exploration of decomposition in Petri dishes. The work will be assessed, in two weeks, as COW # 3, Culturing Microbes.

### **Math, Science and Technology – Division II**

Measurement Assessment is due on Tuesday, October 3.

We are beginning the Water Quality Unit. Within our Science unit, we will investigate the following questions:

1. Why do we care about the health of our watersheds?
2. How do we measure water quality?
3. How do you take data in the field?
4. How do we analyze that data? What does it all mean?

Within our mathematics unit, our essential question will be:  
How can we make relevant meaning from data?

The following are math sub-questions:

1. What kind of data do we have? How do we minimize bias?
2. How do we organize data visually?
3. How do you describe the data set?
4. When can you legitimately eliminate a data point? How does this affect our calculations/results?

### **MST Transition Class – Division II**

This week students had POW #1 returned to them. They had time to begin revising in class on Wednesday and should have their revisions handed in by Tuesday, October 3. On Monday and Tuesday, students began writing lab reports for the density lab. These write ups were due today, Friday, September 29. On Thursday and Friday, we began the water quality unit, while we finish up the linear functions unit in math. On Monday we will begin to explore systems of equations.

It would be very helpful to us if parents from this class could email us with your email address. We would love to be able to more promptly notify you if your student is missing an assignment. Our email addresses are [dawn@parker.org](mailto:dawn@parker.org), and [jbrassard@parker.org](mailto:jbrassard@parker.org).

## ***SPANISH***

### **Español División I Year 1**

Estamos estudiando las expresiones de la clase a través de la canción de la clase y otras actividades.

*We are learning classroom expressions and salutations through singing the class song and choral response activities.*

## **Español División I Year 2**

Esta semana hemos aprendido cómo hacer preguntas en la segunda persona. Nuestra PODER 2 fue una versión del juego "Sillas Musicales," y fue muy divertido. La próxima semana, aprenderemos cómo hablar en la tercera persona, y vamos a hablar sobre miembros de nuestras familias.

*This week we've learned how to ask questions in the second person. Our second assessment was done through a modified version of musical chairs and was lots of fun. Next week we'll learn how to talk in the third person, and we'll be talking about members of our family.*

## **Español División II**

Esta semana los alumnos de División II continúan practicar las situaciones espontáneas. Esperamos que se sientan mejores hablar espontáneamente e imaginar situaciones reales del viajero.

*This week students continue to practice engaging in spontaneous travel situations. It is our hope that they begin to feel more comfortable speaking spontaneously as well as imagine real travel scenarios.*

## **WELLNESS**

### **Alan's Wellness Class:**

In Alan's classes, students viewed part one of "Tough Guise" and answered questions about the media, masculinity and violence in American culture. They also considered what Parker culture is like in terms of cliques, bullying, and harassment. Students played Manhunt, tried the Flying Squirrel and walked around Robbins Pond, as well as, worked on flexibility, running and push ups.

### **Deborah's Wellness Class:**

This week in Deborah's Wellness classes students have enjoyed the fall weather outside with kickball. The honeymoon of the first few weeks of school have ended, and students have moved into the "storming" stage of group development. This can look like accidentally tripping of each other, accidentally hitting each other in the groin (boys), and shouting put downs. My work has begun! In Health, we will continue to look at this behavior as we continue last week's activity, 'Looking at Exclusion.' If time permits, we will also start the movie "Tough Guise" (see last week's Friday Announcements).

### **Laura's Wellness Class:**

This week in Health class we continued our discussion on cliques, stereotypes and teasing. In small groups the students discussed how their peers felt when excluded and teased as well as how the more "popular" kids earn respect and whether or not they treated others fairly. It was a very engaging and thought provoking class. We also started viewing the movie "Tough Guise." This documentary highlights how the media and popular culture influences male violence. We will continue watching "Tough Guise" in Health class next week and debrief the messages conveyed in the documentary. In Wellness we played kickball, soccer and team handball. Next week in Wellness we will complete the fall FitnessGram assessment which will include the one mile run. Please remind your kids to wear sneakers and loose clothing to Wellness as well as a jacket as we will continue going outside weather permitting.

## **PARKER MODEL ROCKET CLUB**

Interested in aerodynamics? Math? Physics? Electronics? Competition? Team-work? Smoke, flame and the smell of burnt gunpowder? Pumpkin-lofting? Barbies in Space? Check out the Parker Model Rocket Club. Our meetings are on Thursdays from 3:40 to 4:50 p.m. in Room 27. Our activities include learning enough rocket science to design and build your own rockets, model-building sessions, and the TARC contest. We also hope to hold monthly launches pending permission to use the launch field. You're welcome to participate in any or all of these activities – it's your choice. You're welcome to only attend the launches if you like. This year we are hoping to have two or three teams competing in the TARC (Team America Model Rocket) Competition. A flyer describing the details of the competition is included in these announcements, and more information is available at the meetings. If you are interested but haven't been able to attend a meeting yet, please contact Steve Byan at [stevebyan@mac.com](mailto:stevebyan@mac.com) and let him know of your interest.

It is rocket science, after all...

## 5th Annual Team America Rocketry Challenge

For more information, visit our website:

[www.rocketcontest.org](http://www.rocketcontest.org) [www.rocketcontest.org](http://www.rocketcontest.org)

2007 Contest Applications available beginning  
September 6, 2006  
Application Deadline is November 15, 2006

Thousands of students each year compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge, the world's largest model rocket contest. Your school can compete against other schools and organizations from across the country for its share of \$60,000 in prizes! To win, each team must design, build, and fly a model rocket that carries one raw egg. The goal is to fly to 850 feet and stay aloft for 45 seconds. Whoever is the closest to both and brings the egg back unbroken wins!

### **TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE**

**\$60,000 in Annual Prizes for Students**

- This event is an annual nation-wide rocketry-based aerospace design and flying challenge competition for student teams of 7th - 12th graders.
- It is conducted during each school year starting in September, leading to a competitive face-to-face fly-off for the final prizes among the top 100 teams nationally. This is held in late May at The Plains, VA, near Washington, DC.
- It is sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) on behalf of America's aerospace industry, and by the National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Challenge is to teach students aerospace science by having them design and build a safe and stable model rocket that lifts a fragile payload (one raw egg) to exactly 850 feet and has a flight duration of exactly 45 seconds, at the end of which it returns this payload to earth safely and undamaged.

- Models must be made of non-metal materials such as balsa, paper and plastic, must weigh no more than 3.3 pounds at liftoff, and must use commercially-made, NAR safety-certified model rocket motors widely available in local hobby stores.
- Altitudes are determined by a small, accurate commercially-made electronic barometric altimeter carried within the rocket, and read after the flight.

## ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- Entry is open to groups of 3 to 15 students (7th - 12th grade) who must enter as a team sponsored by a public or private school, home school association, or non-profit youth group, under the supervision of an adult from that school or group.
- Visit the event website [www.rocketcontest.org](http://www.rocketcontest.org) to register. Entry opens in early September and closes in late November. Visit the NAR website [www.nar.org](http://www.nar.org) for information about America's largest sport rocketry organization.

## *SPORTS UPDATE*

### Sports Schedule

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Parker Team</u> | <u>Practice/Game</u>     | <u>Location</u> | <u>Dismissal<br/>from<br/>class</u> | <u>Bus<br/>Leaves</u> | <u>Game<br/>Time</u> | <u>Pick-up</u>  |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Mon., 10/02   | Boys Varsity       | Practice                 | Antietam        |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:30 at field   |
|               | Girls Varsity      | Home vs. Assabet         | Rogers          | 2:35                                |                       | 3:30                 | 5:30 at field   |
|               | Boys MS/JV         | Away vs. Lawrence Acad.  | See website     | 2:50                                | 3:00                  | 4:00                 | 6:00 at school  |
|               | Girls JV           | Away vs. Lawrence Acad.  | See website     | 2:50                                | 3:00                  | 4:00                 | 6:00 at school  |
|               | Girls MS           | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |
|               | Cross Country      | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |
|               |                    |                          |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
| Tues., 10/03  | Boys Varsity       | Away vs. Littleton       | Littleton High  | 2:35                                | 2:45                  | 3:30                 | 5:45 at school  |
|               | Girls Varsity      | Practice                 | Antietam        |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:30 at field   |
|               | Boys MS/JV         | Practice                 | P5              |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at field   |
|               | Girls JV           | Practice                 | P5              |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:15 at field   |
|               | Girls MS           | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |
|               | Cross Country      | Home vs. Monty Tech.     | Willard         | 2:35                                |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at Willard |
|               |                    |                          |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
| Weds., 10/04  | Boys Varsity       | Away vs. Abby Kelley     | See website     |                                     | 2:15                  | 3:30                 | 6:00 at school  |
|               | Girls Varsity      | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               | Boys MS/JV         | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               | Girls JV           | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               | Girls MS           | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               | Cross Country      | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               |                    |                          |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
| Thurs., 10/05 | 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           | Away vs. Hudson Catholic | Souta Field     | 2:20                                | 2:30                  | 3:30                 | 5:45 at school  |
|               | Girls MS           | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |
|               | Cross Country      | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |
|               |                    |                          |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
| Fri., 10/06   | Boys Varsity       | Home vs. Hudson Catholic | Antietam        | 2:35                                |                       | 3:30                 | 5:30 at field   |
|               | Girls Varsity      | Away vs. Hudson Catholic | Souta Field     | 2:20                                | 2:30                  | 3:30                 | 6:00 at school  |
|               | Boys MS/JV         | Away vs. Tahanto         | See website     | 2:20                                | 2:30                  | 3:30                 | 5:45 at school  |
|               | Girls JV           | No practice              |                 |                                     |                       |                      |                 |
|               | Girls MS           | Away vs. Tahanto         | See website     | 2:20                                | 2:30                  | 3:30                 | 5:45 at school  |
|               | Cross Country      | Practice                 | School          |                                     |                       | 3:30                 | 5:00 at school  |

## 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](mailto:bbenoit@parker.org).**

## *NEWS FROM FRANK'S CAFE*

### Menu for the week of October 2

**Monday:** 5-Cheese Lasagna, Meat Lasagna, Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Rolls

**Tuesday:** Chicken Fajita Wraps, Onions & Peppers, Mexican Rice, Peaches

**Wednesday:** Pizza Day - 1 slice with Milk, Fruit and Salad \$3.50 - 2 slices with Salad and Milk \$4.50

**Thursday:** Shepherds Pot Pie, Rolls, Corn, Pudding, Milk

**Friday:** Chicken Parmesan Subs, Vegetable Burger Subs, Potato Wedges, Vegetable Fruit, Milk

## *HOMEWORK CLINIC*

Dear Parents:

If you would like your son or daughter to attend Homework Clinic, the library will be open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. It will be monitored by myself, a service student, or another teacher. Please Email me at [leeg@parker.org](mailto:leeg@parker.org) and let me know that you are interested. Thanks, Lee Guerette

## *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](http://www.thebostonchannel.com) and click on weather alerts. Parker always notifies Channel Five along with other local media outlets about school closings or delays.

## *MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION*

*ShirleyArts!* and the Shirley Meetinghouse,  
will be co-sponsoring a performance by



# Rockapella

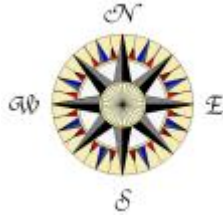
Thursday October 12, 2006

at the Shirley Middle School, 1 Hospital Road, Shirley.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for Rockapella are \$25 per person.

For more information please call Marcey Jerome at (978) 425-2010



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## Donation Form

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*First drop-off date: PLP day, Thursday, October 19*

*Return the form (ASAP – or no later than Friday, October 27) to the Parker office, or mail to:*

*Parker School, PEF Auction Donation,  
49 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434*

**January, 2007**

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 2 – Holiday
- 3 – Faculty planning (no classes)
- 4 – Classes resume
- 7 – Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (no school)
- 16 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 21 – Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- 28 – Snow date for Enrollment Information Session (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- 29 – Faculty Planning (no classes)
- 30 – New semester begins

**February, 2007**

- 6 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 16 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 19 – President’s Day (no school)
- 20 – 23 - Winter Recess

**March, 2007**

- Spring Conference Day (no classes) TBA
- 6 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- 14 – Noon Dismissal - Faculty Planning

**April, 2007**

- 3 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 6 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 13 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 16 – Patriot’s Day (no school)
- 17 – 20 - Spring Recess

**May, 2007**

- 15 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 25 - Senior/Junior Prom
- 28 – Memorial Day (no school)

**June, 2007**

- 6 – Noon dismissal - Graduation (6:00 p.m.)**
- 19 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Last Day of Classes (or earlier if we have fewer than 5 snow days).

*We are required to schedule 185 days of school but we are only required to conduct 180 days of school. Faculty planning days take place in August, January and June. 25,26,27 – Faculty Work Days (or earlier)*

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