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Friday Announcements

Date: September 8, 2006

Dear Parker Families,

“Shake it if you’ve got it”, said Jeffrey Clayton, the lead drummer of PanNeubean Steel, to the assembled Parker students and staff last Thursday afternoon. And just like that, under the warm September sun, we shook it. Our first day of school ended with a combination ode -to -the music- of -the - Islands, our cross divisional exploration of our whole school music text, *Once on This Island*, and a good old dance party.

First days can be tricky.

The range of experiences, expectations, and feelings associated with the first day of school is tremendous, and sheds light on the subtle distinctions between even the closest of friends. Add to that the fact that we welcome between 65-80 students who are entirely new to Parker each year and that we care a great deal about doing that well, and find the factors that weigh heavily on our minds and the reason we dedicate a significant amount of time and energy during our August planning weeks to the opening of school. Our older students have said that they find too many games and “ice breakers” tedious, that they would prefer to get down to business, and yet we know that even our most experienced Parker students appreciate a thoughtful, gradual re-entry that reminds them about the structures and parameters so absent from their summer routines. We know that fully half of our students in Division 2 are beginning high school, and there is something momentous about that fact which deserves attentive and deliberate thought and planning. And of course, students in Division 1 are either coming to a new school or returning to a new sense of being, for the first time, the older, more experienced pros in their classes and advisories, and reckoning with new expectations.

We thought some combination of words, action, and music might help us address the shades of excitement, anxiety, eagerness, trepidation, curiosity, and caution that our students bring along on Day 1. In multi-generational advisory groups that matched students and advisors from all different divisions, we designed an afternoon that was intended to unify and welcome the students and provide a fun and collaborative way to explore and expand our understanding of the themes and ideas within our whole school text. Students were asked to re-tell the story of TiMoune, and work in small groups to convey through movement and narration the essential elements of the musical tale. Through listening to excerpts of the play, discussing their thoughts and responses to the text, and by connecting the play to other stories they know, the groups developed a shared sense of the piece, each unique to the participants in each room, yet universal in its grounding in a common text.

And then we danced!

PanNeubean Steel provided the final beats of our day, explaining at first the roots of the steel drum, its origin and relevance in contemporary music and Island culture, and its distinction as an instrument still undergoing evolution of form and function. We heard the range of the “symphony” of steel drums, and then our musicians took over, creating their own sounds and inviting us all to jump up and use the music to shape the end of our day.

Welcome back everyone, welcome to our new year!

Teri Schrader
Principal

Whole School Gathering – September 11

We will be commemorating the 5th anniversary of September 11 by gathering as a whole school on Monday morning in the gym. We will share words of remembrance and a school-wide moment of silence.

Any student (or parent) who wishes to speak briefly on the events of September 11 is asked to see Teri, or write to teri@parker.org.

We will begin promptly at 8:30 am, and will dismiss in time for Block 1 classes.

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

September, 2006

Tuesday, 19 – Open House/Back to School Night/Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 22 – Early Release (noon dismissal)

Tuesday, 26 – Trustees Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

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

October, 2006

– PLP Conference Day (no classes) TBA

Monday, 9 – Columbus Day (no school)

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

Thank you!

Many thanks to the following families for their generous donations to the Parker School; we are most grateful to you.
To the family of Ryan Gee, a large box of supplies for both the office and the Nurse's office
To the family of Alex Nichipor for a floor fan
To the family of Ashley Mendes for bottles of ginger ale
To the family of Kyle and Matthew Haley for boxes of Kleenex
To the family of Mireille Nollet for a bag of 3-ring binders
To the family of Ashley Mendes for bottles of ginger ale for the nurse
To the family of Jon and Kristen Toohill for 3-ring binders and boxes of pencils
To the family of Zachary Allen for their donation of a case of paper
To the family of Laura and Natalie de Freitas for 2 boxes of sheet protectors and a box of 3-ring binders
To the family of Laura Farr for many boxes of Kleenex and crackers
To the family of Luke and Tyler Champine for their donation of clipboards, page protectors, pocket file folders, pencils and lined paper

Student Services would like to extend many thanks to the Toohill family for their generous donation of both slash and accordion folders. We would also like to thank the anonymous donor of blank CDs.

CAN YOU HELP?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

The Parker School Charter stipulates that three members of the Board of Trustees shall be parent representatives nominated by the community. Parent Trustees serve a term of three years. Parker families will be nominating a parent representative for a three-year term at the annual meeting on Tuesday, September 19, prior to Back to School Night. Any parents who are interested in standing should submit a short paragraph describing their interest in running and their background. Please send your paragraphs to Nicky via the main office or by email at nicola@parker.org before Wednesday, September 13. These will be printed in next week's Friday Announcements and each parent standing will be introduced to the community at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions please contact Nicky Dudensing in the Principal's office.

Parker seeks qualified tutors in all domains

Do you tutor students or can you recommend someone who does? Deb Merriam, Academic Dean, is currently compiling a database of tutors whom we might recommend when parents request a reference during the school year. Tutors can be volunteers or paid professionals who work with students outside of school hours via individual arrangements with families.

If you know someone we should add to our list, please call Matt Underwood at 978-772-3293 ext 152, or email him at munderwood@parker.org. Thank you!

Be a speaker and earn parent volunteer hours!!!

From Clay, Division 3 Arts and Humanities Teacher

I am writing on behalf of the Division 3 Speaker Series. The series is designed to provide Parker's oldest students with opportunities to expand their notion of the world beyond the walls of the school through contact with individuals who visit and share with us a multitude of experiences and perspectives. Anyone is welcome to be a speaker and I am always looking for community members who might be willing to give of their time by sharing their experiences with our students. We conduct the series from 11:00-12:00 on Wednesdays. If you would be interested in being a speaker, please contact me at claytonh@parker.org. Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Student Services

Student Services is looking for donations of binders (1-2 inch locking preferred) and notebooks (spiral, composition and/or graph). Many thanks!

PEF Road Race and Springfest

Parker Road Race and Springfest Committee is looking for volunteers! If you need more information or would like to help out, please call Dawn de Freitas (Parker Road Race chair) at (978) 842-2605 or e-mail basketdealer@gmail.com. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours taken care of. Our first meeting will be at the end of September, specifics to be announced.

Gardening Help Needed

If you would be interested in fulfilling your volunteer hours gardening, please call the front office (978) 772-3293 or Wendy Johnson at (978) 952-6849 for more information.

Wanted from the community: Dear Parker Community: Please save any "garbage" CD's for Heidi. I would like to use them in Engineering Analysis class. The only thing that matters is that they are not warped. Thanks, Heidi

Collecting and sending supplies to underserved schools overseas. Coordinating an after school ultimate frisbee program. Taking students with disabilities on trips across Massachusetts. These are just a few of the student-created and student-led programs launched during the first year of Youth Venture at Parker.

Youth Venture and the United Way of North Central Massachusetts help to provide resources--including a national network of like-minded young people, media opportunities and up to \$1,000 in start-up funds--for students who develop organizations, clubs, or businesses that benefit their school, neighborhood, or larger community.

If you are interested in finding out more about Youth Venture at Parker, talking to a Venture team that launched last year, or if you'd like an application to start your own Venture team, please see Matt Underwood. Dream it, do it!

Possibilities for Volunteer Hours ---- Help in the Office

- Would you be interested in helping Cathy with Attendance every other week on a Monday or a Friday morning? This would entail coming in at 8:30 a.m. and finishing around 9:30 or 10:00 a.m.
- Would you be interested in coming in to the office for a few hours any morning or afternoon (to answer telephones) during the first 3 weeks of school?

ADVISORY

Parent Reps for Advisory

Advisory Parent Representatives: Each advisory is supported through the year by an Advisory Parent Representative, a parent who volunteers to aid the advisor in meeting the four purposes of advisory and who facilitates communication among advisory families. If you didn't check the box on your registration form but are still interested in serving in this role, please contact me at debbieo@parker.org.

Community Service

Every year advisories take on a variety of community service projects. If you have an idea for a project or a contact at a local organization, please send me more details at debbieo@parker.org.

Thanks,

Debbie Osofsky, Advisory Coordinator

FROM THE TRANSITION OFFICE

College Admissions Office Visit Parker

The following colleges will be visiting Parker. Juniors and Seniors may sign up to meet with the admissions officer in small groups. For information about each school, see the bulletin board outside Sue's office. Sign-up sheets for seeing the college reps are located in the same place. Students should make a note of the day and time so they don't miss the opportunity and will need to ask the teacher of their affected class for permission to attend.

Evergreen College	9/14 10:00
Wesleyan University	9/18 12:00
Trinity College	9/19 11:00
Sterling College	9/20 12:00
Hampshire College	9/26 8:45
University of Vermont	9/26 12:15
Unity College	9/28 8:45
LaSalle College	10/4 11:30

If you are a senior or the parent of a senior and are not getting emails from Sue Whalley and would like to, please email her your address swhalley@parker.org.

DIVISION III UPDATE

The Division 3 faculty are excited to have students back in the building again and to be starting up classes. Students have had a couple of days in their new classes and are getting into the work that will keep them busy and engaged over the next several months. There are course descriptions for all the courses on the Division 3 section of the Parker website, and we look forward to seeing parents following their students' schedules on Back to School Night, Tuesday, September 19th. Seniors are doing activities in Senior Seminar intended to get them to open up to the myriad possibilities for their senior projects. They will be getting the formal introduction to the project requirements on Monday, when they will be given their Senior Project Handbooks. Drafts of their proposals are due on Monday, September 22nd.

This week's course updates are from Heidi Kulik's MST classes, Chemistry and Engineering Analysis:

We have started the year in Chemistry with a quick introduction to analytical chemistry. We are using data collected from reactions to ultimately decide what chemicals exist in an unknown sample. Students will be creating flow charts to chart the procedures and results from their experiments. After this introduction, we will move into a unit examining trends in the periodic table. This will be done primarily through experimentation and we will work towards understanding why these trends occur.

The focus of Engineering Analysis will be on both data collection and data analysis. Our first challenge will be the "Barbie bungee" or "action figure bungee". Students have brainstormed the various features of bungee design and are currently in the process of creating and running experiments that will test various features such as mass of the object, length of the bungee, width of the bungee and the amount of recoil of the object. Ultimately, students will be given an unknown height for the jump and will have to calculate how to construct the bungee so that "Barbie" has a safe and exhilarating experience.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Arts and Humanities – Division I

We've had a great start to the year in Division I AH. We've spent time getting to know who is in our classes, thinking about organization, and exploring the kinds of work we'll do in AH all year. We listened to some of the StoryCorps stories (as heard on NPR) and students have been working on the story each of them will choose to tell the class about themselves. Our first unit will be centered on Stories and Culture, so feel free to go to the NPR website to hear examples of StoryCorps you can talk about with your child. As always, you can check the homework website for each class to see what assignments are due when, (www.parker.org, then click on Academics and Class Websites and then Division I). Early in the year it's often a good idea to check this website daily with your student and help him/her get organized in starting assignments. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things our students can accomplish this year!

Arts and Humanities – Division II

This week in Division II AH, the teachers and students got to know each other a little bit. We introduced ourselves, talked about classroom norms, and began orienting ourselves towards our first unit. Since our essential question will center around belief, we did a variety of activities to get us thinking about what beliefs are, how to talk about them, and what it is that we seem to believe in. Next week, we will begin our first two assessments, beginning with our first book, *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma* by Naguib Mahfouz. We're off to a promising start!

MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Math, Science and Technology – Division I

Classes are running smoothly in Division I. We are happy that so many enthusiastic new students have joined us this year! We've been doing games, building things, decorating the rooms, hearing stories from returning students, investigating the natural world outback, and many other getting-back-to-school activities. Our first formal assessment will not be assigned until a week from today. Homework will vary greatly from class to class this coming week.

Please remember to complete your shopping for the necessary supplies from the Division I MST supply list mailed home this summer. And, also, make regular use of the spiral bound green planner we gave you -hopefully, our little gift is the only thing you need to now be perfectly organized!

Math, Science and Technology – Division I Supply List

- Lots of pencils (to last the year) and erasers
- Colored pencils, pens, markers, highlighters
- Ruler, protractor, compass
- Zipper pouch or pencil box to hold all the above stuff.
- Graphing calculator – TI83 Plus
- 4 double pocket folders – one for each unit during the year
- 2 Graph Paper Journals (marbled bound composition books with grids)
- Additional graph paper

Yours truly, the Division I MST teachers:

Ann and Judy
Mit and Molly
Tanya and Nancy

Math, Science and Technology – Division II

Welcome back, everyone!

Division 2 MST classes are kicking off the year with an integrated unit of study focusing on measurement. How do scientists quantify their observations, and why are conventions like scientific notation and significant figures so important?

Teachers are checking in to make sure students have all necessary supplies, and are devoting some time to helping students set up organizational systems that will help them throughout the year. (We'll be checking notebooks sometime soon!) Parents can help students get off to a great start by making sure that students have all required supplies organized and in their backpacks--and that students have an agenda book for recording their homework assignments!

Math, Science and Technology – Division II Supply List

- Graphing calculator – TI84 Plus (if buying a new one, otherwise TI83 plus is fine.)
- Extra supply of AAA batteries for calculators
- Pencils, pens, ruler, protractor, compass, mini stapler
- Lined loose-leaf filler paper
- 8 1/2" x 11" graphing paper. (Buy 3-4 pads since they will be used all year.)
- Two inch 3-ring binder for MST only. (D-ring, locking clip recommended with pocket dividers)
- One 2-pocket folder
- One graph paper journal (Bound Composition Book with grids or Spiral Bound)
- USB Flashdrive (64-256 MB)

WELLNESS

Alan's Wellness Class: In Alan's classes, students have begun the year by participating in non competitive, team building, get to know you activities. There was an introduction to the Fitnessgram and information about goal setting for aerobic, strength, and flexibility for the year. Students worked to solve a problem imagining that they were a team of doctors who had to bring medicine to a group of people on an island with the use of a swinging rope. We also practiced spotting techniques as a way to develop trust in the group.

Deborah's Wellness Class: Deborah's classes are kicking off the year with initiative problem solving activities, new games and the creation of class norms. Health classes will start on Thursday, September 21. The focus of the first health unit is Violence Prevention.

Laura's Wellness Class: In Wellness this week we played kickball and Capture the Flag and some initiative games from Project Adventure as well as some get to know you activities. We discussed class norms and expectations. Please make sure your child has sneakers for Wellness. Next week in Wellness we will continue with trust and initiative activities as well as Manhunt and preparing students for the FitnessGram.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

I would like to thank all the parents/students for their generous donations to the health office. I would be afraid of missing someone if I included a list as there are so many of you! Shirley

SPORTS UPDATE

Date	Parker Team	Practice/Game	Location	Dismissal from class	Bus Leaves	Game Time	Pick-up
Mon., 9/11	Boys Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:15 at field
	Girls MS	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Tues., 9/12	Boys Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Home vs. Abby Kelley	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Away vs. Gr. Lowell Tech.	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	6:00 at school
	Girls MS	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Cross Country	Away vs. Nashoba Tech.	See website	2:20	2:30	3:30	5:30 at school
Weds., 9/13	Boys Varsity	No practice				3:30	
	Girls Varsity	No practice				3:30	
	Boys MS/JV	No practice				3:30	
	Girls JV	No practice				3:30	
	Girls MS	No practice				3:30	
	Cross Country	No practice				3:30	
Thurs., 9/14	Boys Varsity	Home vs. Abby Kelley	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Home vs. Shawsheen	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Home vs. Shawsheen	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls MS	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
	Cross Country	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 at school
Fri., 9/15	Boys Varsity	Home vs. Monty Tech.	Rogers	2:45		3:30	5:30 at field
	Girls Varsity	Practice	Antietam			3:30	5:30 at field
	Boys MS/JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:00 at field
	Girls JV	Practice	P5			3:30	5:15 at field
	Girls MS	Practice	School			3:30	5:00 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.

NEWS FROM FRANK'S CAFE

IMPORTANT !! - THE PIZZA DAY MENU HAS BEEN ENHANCED FOR THIS YEAR !!

We will now have two lunch options.

- 1) One piece of pizza, milk, fruit, and salad for \$3.50
- 2) Two pieces of pizza, milk, and salad for \$4.50

The per slice price will now be \$2.

Menu for the week of September 11

Monday: Spaghetti and Meatballs, or plain spaghetti and sauce served with a roll, vegetable, fruit and milk

Tuesday: Chicken Fajita Wraps, or Sautéed Vegetable Wrap with cheese, rice, vegetable, fruit and milk

Wednesday: PIZZA Day! New prices and menu options will take effect, served with salad, fruit and milk

Thursday: Homemade Shepherds Pot Pie, fruit and milk

Friday: Grilled Chicken Club Sub (grilled chicken, bacon, tomato and lettuce on a sub) or Veggie Burger Sub, potato wedges, corn, pudding and milk

LOST AND FOUND

- A disk key was left in the Library on Tuesday. Please see Laurie or Art if you are missing one.
- One Nokia cell phone in black leather case

IMPORTANT MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Tony Bourque's Auto School

50 West Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432

(978) 772-3551

Tony Bourque's Auto School is licensed by the state of Massachusetts. The purpose of this school is to provide the knowledge necessary to new and experienced drivers alike to be responsible, informed, aware, safe, and cautious motor vehicle operators.

The course fee of \$350.00 with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit, is required to secure your seat in class. The \$300.00 balance is due the first day of class. Checks may be made out to Tony Bourque's Auto School. Sorry, no credit cards accepted at this time. Students will need to purchase a one-subject notebook and a pencil to bring to each class. Free Driver's Manuals are available to students at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

For more information please call (978) 772-3551 or stop by the office for a leaflet with more details about the auto school.

Parker Parent Handbook

The Parker Parent Handbook is available as a PDF document on the Parker website. If you do not have access to the internet please ask for a copy in the Front Office.

Student Directories

Parker Student Directories will be available in the Front Office by the end of September at a cost of \$3.00.

School Cancellations

In case of school cancellation due to bad weather, we place a message on our answering machine and broadcast the announcement on WBZ (1030 radio and Channel 4 television), WHDH (Channel 7 TV) and WCVB (Channel 5 TV). We try to make a decision by 6:00 a.m. Since our families come from many different communities it is not always possible to know what the weather is like where you live. Please use your own best judgment about driving in inclement weather.

Please see School Handbook for complete School Cancellation policy.

Parking Lot Concerns – Drop Off and Pick-up Times

We continue to monitor the situation in our parking and driveway areas at drop off and pick up times. Safety is our top priority. We welcome your suggestions, comments, and concerns:

- Please remember that when you drop off or pick up your student(s) you may only stop on the right hand side of the driveway. We cannot have cars parked or stopped on both sides of the road.
- Drive slowly, **speed limit is 5 MPH**
- Please drive on the pavement, not on the grass. Park on the pavement, not on the grass.

Our “traffic jam” lasts for only about 10 minutes each afternoon. Your patience during this time is most appreciated.

Procedures for Calling in Absences

School attendance is taken and records are reviewed daily. ***Parents or guardians must notify the school of a student's known absence, or late arrival to school on a daily basis. Please let the office know of an absence before 9:00 a.m., if no one is able to answer the telephone please leave a message on the answering machine.*** In the case of a prolonged absence the student's parents should notify the Principal or her designee in a timely manner. It is not appropriate for a student to call him or herself in late or absent. Parents are notified if their child is not present and the school has not received any prior notification regarding the absence. Teachers take attendance in every class and notify the School Office of unaccounted for students.

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 introductory meeting will be on Thursday, September 14 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Thereafter we will meet weekly on Thursdays from 3:40 to 5:00 p.m.

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 will be available at the first meeting.

If you can't make the first meeting, please contact Steve Byan stevebyan@mac.com and let him know that you're interested.

It is rocket science, after all...

5th Annual Team America Rocketry Challenge

For more information, visit our website:

www.rocketcontest.org

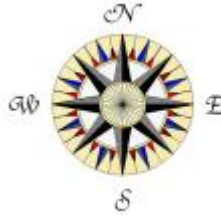
www.rocketcontest.org

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!



THE PARKER INTERNATIONAL GALA AND AUCTION

The Parker Auction is back! After a two year hiatus and many comments from parents about our missing social scene, we have reinvented ourselves! You will find us celebrating at the Devens Common Center on Friday, December 1, 2006. It is located at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott on our very own Devens Campus. If you have not been there, you are in for a big surprise! We will have cocktails and a fabulous dinner buffet, rivaling any restaurant in Boston! Want to get those extra mileage plus points from your credit card? Pay for those fabulous gifts on your credit card! And don't forget to get an early peek at what is being auctioned by visiting our on-line catalogue! Too tired to drive home? Book a night at the Marriott Suites and let them pamper you for the remainder of the evening.

Auction meeting

On **Tuesday, September 12**, we will hold our first meeting of the school year at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2. After the meeting, those that have decided to help in the solicitation of donations will stay to get their informational packets and ask any questions that may come up.

We hope you will take the time to read the following volunteer opportunities and see what might appeal to you. If we have missed something that you feel is important, or some way in which you can make a contribution, please come and share it with us.

Volunteer Opportunities

CHAIR / CO-CHAIR(S) OF SOLICITATION: Organize and update list of business donors from each town, coordinate solicitors and respond to any of these questions. Use creativity to enthruse new donors. Work with Class Advisors to develop their donations and student enthusiasm.

SOLICITORS: Target businesses in your area for donations. Approach business and request donation. Info packet will be given to each volunteer. If possible, two people would work in tandem for each location. Solicitors needed for the following towns:

Acton	Concord	Littleton	Sterling
Ashburnham	Devens	Lunenburg	Stow
Ayer	Dunstable	Marlboro	Townsend
Berlin	Fitchburg	Pepperell	West Boylston
Bolton	Groton	Princeton	Westford
Boxborough	Lancaster	Shirley	Westminster
Clinton	Leominster	Shrewsbury	Worcester

TICKET SALES: Contact person for purchasing tickets; keep track of all tickets sold.

RAFFLE: Co-ordinate with: Silent/Live Auction/Catalogue Chair(s) for raffle item selection; and Decoration Chair(s) for presentation and /or display of raffle items. Decide best use in timing of event for use of raffle items.

DECORATING COMMITTEE: Help in any advertising activity at the school prior to the auction; we need people to help Decorating Chair(s) to prepare for the silent and live auction, as well as set-up on Friday, December 1.

COLLECTION OF DONATIONS: Be at school during collection times to give out receipts and collect donations.

SILENT AUCTION: Work with the co-chairs to organize, as well as during the auction to keep it running timely.

RUNNERS: Work with check-out in dispersing auction items to winners.

LIVE AUCTION: Work with co-chairs to organize, as well as during the auction, to keep it running timely.

CHECK IN/REGISTRATION: Hand out paddles and register attendees.

CHECK OUT: Work the cash box, as well as people who will settle with credit card sales.

**** Do you have any prior experience in working at an auction that accepted Credit Cards? ****

***PLEASE CONTACT CAROLYN SULLIVAN (978) 692-6144, sullivan.cb@gmail.com
OR PAM GROSS (978) 772-9863, rbgross@charter.net
TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE.***

Don't forget...

If you are interested in helping out, but can't make this meeting, you can contact Pam or Carolyn at the above telephones/emails!

This is a great chance to connect with the Parker community, as well as get in those Parker volunteer hours!

December, 2006

- 1 – Parker International Gala & Auction, Spring Hill Suites, Devens
- 2 – PLAN testing at Parker
- Tuesday, 5 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Early Release (noon dismissal)
- 25 – 31 - Holiday Recess

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)
- 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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