

Principal Notes

A special thank you to all the parents who completed the family survey. The information gathered is very helpful to our current School Improvement Planning Process. This information is being compiled and will be shared at the SIPAAA-Community Meeting this upcoming Tuesday. (*SIPAAA School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement*)

Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 - SIPAAA Community Meeting at 6pm (gym). All are invited!

March 19th Middle School Dance (3-5 pm)
March 25th (Thurs) Variety Show 9:30am and 1:15pm
March 26th Room 301 (7th/8th) field trip to IHOB – *International House of Blues – Students will view folk art collections and make their own artwork.*
March 29th Sinfonietta Las América (4-5 grades)
April 24th Global Youth Service Day/ Uthando Doll making and Garden Clean-up (10am-2pm)
May 15th International Day World Drumming
June 5th Way-Out Washboards Opening- Intuit Museum. Featuring room 301 (2pm-5pm)

Reminders:

8th Grade Students: Washington D.C. payments are Now Due! At this time, please turn in any outstanding payments to Ms. Alvarez/Main Office to ensure your spot is secured for this wonderful opportunity to visit our nation's capital.

Important Information:

Please take the time to read this article from NPR. It refers to the issues regarding the use of styrofoam plates in public schools. One of our 3rd grade students is featured.
<http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2010/03/17/pm-lunch-trays/>

Wednesday, March 24th: All Pledges for the 5K Run are due. Have your child turn in pledges to their teacher or the main office. Teachers will hand in money and sheets to the office by 2:45 Wednesday! Any online pledges (and we have quite a few) will be added to the student's count as we tally Wednesday night. Winning classrooms will be announced Friday, the 26th. Two winning classrooms get an HOUR RECESS after spring break!

Waters Spring Event: VICTORY IN BLOOM

Friday May 21st, 6:00pm, Dankhaus
We are looking for "experiences": Dining, vacations, spas, shows, sport events, special packages and the like. Call Karen Halverson at 773.844.3418 or email her at karenhalverson@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

We are starting to collect wine (or other types of bottles,, for example; Tequila, Jim Beam, Wild Turkey, etc.) to be used for the wine toss at our Spring Event night. Please contact Terri Versace at tatting@ameritech.net if you would like to donate any of these items. Mrs. Versace will arrange to have someone meet you at school with it, or you may drop it off in the main office.

If any of you are small business owners and would like to provide a donation for our Victory in Bloom Spring Event, we have two donation options:

1) Raffle ticket, to allow a \$1000 cash prize for our winner. Your business name/logo will be printed on the ticket, in our school Green Notes and on the Spring Event fliers. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

2) Corporate donors - Please take a look at the attachment if you are interested. There are four levels of donations, each contains a certain amount of goodies and or recognition opportunities, depending on the donation level you choose.

PTC Meeting - Yes, it seems like forever since we had a PTC meeting (early February). There is a PTC meeting scheduled for April to discuss the purpose and focus of the PTC, ie; how we can make it better and what we are doing right. I urge anyone who is interested in helping to improve our PTC to join us. All comments are welcome.

Most importantly, we would love to have additional people running to become board members when elections come around in late April, early May. If you cannot make the meetings but would like to get together as an interested parent in running for a position, please contact Terri Versace at tatting@ameritech.net to make arrangements to meet. Board Positions are as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer and two other members that help with Communications and Grant Writing...however, these are organic positions that focus on projects where and when needed.

Free money for Waters Here's what you do:

- Log on to escr.com to register
- Designate Waters School PTC- Waters Today (GroupID 6633935)
- Enter your Dominick's card number (if you don't have one call customer services 877-723-3929
- Enter your debit and credit card numbers
- Shop and dine as usual

Waters then gets a percentage of all of your eligible purchases made with your grocery and credit cards, at Dominick's, Macy's, officeMax, Eddie Bauer, American Airlines, Jackrabbit Grill, etc. So shop like you normally do, and help out Waters Elementary School.

Disculpas – Apologies

Disculpanos, no habra notas verdes en espanol esta semana. Si necesita ayuda a interpretar las notas, favor de llamar la oficina (773)534-5090 – *Our apologies, spanish translation for green notes are not available this week. If you would like help translating the green notes, please call the office (773) 534-5090.*