

Dear Friends and Families,

Mother Nature teased us this week with a few nice spring days. It was only fitting that we placed some attention on warm weather activities and being outdoors. Driving back from a meeting on Monday, I noticed **Mr. Sasaki** outside with his 8th grade science class flying kites while studying fixed wing aerodynamics. **Ms. Gurley** and **Mrs. Lintala** had our Pre-K students paint giant flowers by stamping their hands and feet in paint to create the stem and petals. **Miss Meier** arranged for first through eighth grade to travel to the Willoughby campus to hear three time Olympic medalist in swimming, Diana Munz, speak about teamwork, commitment and the challenges faced by student athletes. All the students had a once in a lifetime opportunity to hold and wear Olympic bronze, silver and gold medals. Continuing with the swimming theme, special thanks to **Mrs. Piszczor**, **Mrs. Lintala**, **Mrs. Hegreness**, and **Mr. Harris** for organizing another successful Swim for Diabetes. Also, great job to all the students who participated in the swim.

I hope Mother Nature stops teasing us and keeps the warm weather around for good.

Have a nice weekend,
Bob Ahrens
Academic Director

P.S. Special thanks to **Mrs. DeVault** for arranging Bob Frank to speak with the fourth grade and middle school students about the history of Blues music. Proceeds from this year's Book Fair helped to fund this event.



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April 11, 2008

Have a great trip
Seventh and Eighth
Graders!

A way with words

Congratulations to seventh grader **Anna Javins** who placed 25th at the Regional *Power of the Pen* competition. She has qualified to compete at the state competition in May at the College of Wooster. Great job, Anna!

WOW! What an afternoon!

Our 10th Anniversary *Swim for Diabetes* has been successfully completed! The *Power of 10* challenge was met! **THANK YOU!**

The Ritchie Pool was busy with 30 swimmers (5 last year), who did 3,892 laps (645 last year): **Brady A., Drew P., Anne J., Larissa J.** (most pledges), **Morgan H., Lydia S., Nica L., Cailin J., Jeff H., Billy R., Dolly R., Leandra B., Miles W., Daniel D., Neil M., Alyssa P., Yasmin R., Jack R., Mary Catherine R., Alyssa R., Nathan S., Billy K., William E., Danielle D., Sanjay S., Brandon S., Zach S., Quinn S., Tom M., and Johnathan D.** The pledge total for the *Swim* was \$2,383 (\$500 last year)!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with counting laps, "crowd control," and organization: **Darcy Hegreness, Debbie Lintala, Jane Piszczor, Bart Piszczor, Pam Samsa, Pam Bowsman-Ross, Karen Shiffler, David Harris, Sohyun Jhon, Karen Tsai, Michelle Chen, Winnie Jiang, Linda Zhu, Hee Kyung Baek, and Min Kyung Hu.** Thank you to **Giant Eagle** (Painesville) for their donation that helped feed the hungry swimmers.

Auction Action!
Bid online at
www.aoaparents.org
for your chance to
own a fantastic class
project. Class projects
are on display
in the main hall.
Bid early . . . Bid often!

Library Corner

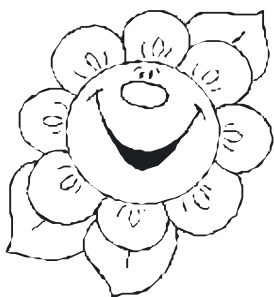
On Wednesday, grades 4 - 8 heard **Bob Frank** from Young Audiences. Mr. Frank entertained and informed us about an important part of our musical culture, The Blues. We all had the added pleasure of hearing **Mr. Dorr** join in with Mr. Frank during several of his songs. Thank you for your support of our annual book fair which funded this event.



Seventh grader **Pablo T.**, member of the AOA MS choir and band, was recently cast in the Fine Arts Association's summer production of *High School Musical 2*. Congratulations Pablo.

This and that

- Reservations for **Extravaganza** are due April 18. It is going to be a great evening. Don't miss out on a lot of fun!
- There is still time to volunteer, buy raffle tickets, donate auction items, or bid online. If you need additional information, contact Denise Crookshanks at dcrookshanks@AndrewsOsborne.org.
- There will be an **Open House** at the Willoughby Campus on Saturday, April 19. Please be sure to let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity to view our campus.



A blooming big THANK YOU!

Hopefully the weather will cooperate for planting when the bulbs arrive for those who ordered from the *Athletic Boosters Flower Sale*. The sale earned \$370. Thank you to all who helped support our student athletes.

What to wear this spring

With the warmer weather student dress tends to "relax," but the dress code does not. In grades 3 - 8, core requirements are still in force:

- no t-shirts in any style; shirts without a hemline are to be tucked in; no short-waist tops, sheer fabrics, or sleeveless styles of shirt
- shorts are to be walking shorts approximately knee length; shorts may not be made of nylon, jersey, cotton athletic, or denim
- no flip-flops, backless shoes, or sandals - this also applies to grades K - 2; athletic shoes are permitted
- socks or stockings must be worn at all times

Please check the dress code in the family handbook for additional guidelines.

Clean and Green

April 19 - May 11 is designated as **Clean and Green Lake County** time. Everyone is invited to adopt a public area in his or community and give it a good spring cleaning. Contact Cheryl Niese, Extension Program Coordinator, at 350-2208 for additional information on how you can help.

- **Scrap Tire Collection** - April 12, 8 AM to 1 PM - Fairgrounds
- **Computer Collection** - April 26, 9 AM - 1 PM - Fairgrounds
- **Hazardous Waste Collection** - June 7, 9 AM - 3 PM - Fairgrounds



your calendar Week of Apr. 14, 2008

Monday, Apr. 14

- Gr. 8 Washington Trip
- Gr. 7 Williamsburg Trip
- After School Swim 3:15 - 4:00
- Softball practice

Tuesday, Apr. 15

- Gr. 8 Washington Trip
- Gr. 7 Williamsburg Trip
- LS Assembly
- Baseball practice
- Softball at Laurel
- Lacrosse practice
- Gr. 5/6 Tennis practice

Wednesday, Apr. 16

- Gr. 8 Washington Trip
- Gr. 7 Williamsburg Trip
- MS Meeting
- Gr. 1/5 Malley's Chocolate
- Softball practice
- K "Peter Rabbit"

Thursday, Apr. 17

- Gr. 8 Washington Trip
- Gr. 7 Williamsburg Trip
- ES Assembly
- K - 4 *Jungle Book*
- Baseball practice
- Softball at Gilmour
- Lacrosse practice

Friday, Apr. 18

- Gr. 8 Washington Trip
- Gr. 7 Williamsburg Trip
- Gr. 2 Natural History Museum
- International Day - WC

Coming Events

- May 2 **EXTRAVAGANZA**
- May 15 **Fine Arts Festival**
- May 18 *It's All About Chocolate*

What's for Lunch?

Week of April 14, 2008

- Monday - Hot Dogs
- Tuesday - Ravioli
- Wednesday - Beef Burrito
- Thursday - Chicken Nuggets
- Friday - Pizza