

Dear Andrews Osborne Families:

I reviewed my last letter and cited that the Cleveland Indians were off to a good start. It may be that I hexed them by saying it so I am going to put my rally cap on for the next game and say a few prayers for the Tribe.

It was another great week at school and I would like to commend the students for managing the spring weather so well. As I have been back and forth between the campuses for meetings, I must admit that I could hear my golf clubs calling from home asking for a chance to play. The students have handled their own "spring fever" very well as they stayed on task with their teachers during events and field trips. Mr. Ahrens called to say that the eighth grade trip was going very well and the students are conducting themselves admirably while traversing Washington D.C. Reading the seventh grade "blog" has been fun and the pictures have brought the experiences the students are having to life.

We appreciate all of the enrollment contracts that have come in to date and ask families to return contracts as soon as possible. With so many changes afoot in renovation of facilities and moving toward campus consolidation, families may have questions yet to be answered. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our great staff with your needs. If you prefer email, send me a message at [ksmith@andrewsosborne.org](mailto:ksmith@andrewsosborne.org). We are available to answer questions, meet with families, or send any information that will demystify AOA's strategic goals. I want to again share my optimism and belief in the instructional and leadership teams at our school.

Lastly, please join me in returning your RSVP's for **EXTRAVAGANZA!** This will be a remarkable event. Jackie Stephens' updates through email have kept me laughing and really eager for May 2!

Kevin M. Smith  
Headmaster

**Ps: Please join us for the next Open House on the Willoughby Campus tomorrow, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If you know a family who would like to learn more about AOA please bring them to the event.**



# Lancer

April 18, 2008

**Bid online now!**  
**AOAparents.org**

## Leadership qualities

The parent electorate has spoken. The officers for the Parents' Association for the 2008 -09 school year have been chosen. Ready to lead the way are:

President: **Leigh Clements**  
Vice President/Lower School:  
**Sharon Graper**  
Vice President/Upper School:  
**Nina Stiles**  
Treasurer: **Alison Ryan**  
Secretary: **Lisa Stewart**

Thank you to all of the candidates for offering their services. We look forward to an exciting school year under one roof.

## Was that exit stage left or right?

The stage at AOA has been busy with rehearsals the past several weeks and will continue to bustle as various classes put their acting and speech skills to the test. Everyone is welcome to attend these special events.

The **Kindergarten** students took center stage on Wednesday night as they presented *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* for parents and grandparents. The children looked adorable in the t-shirts that they tie-dyed.

**Fourth graders** are preparing for their version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They will do a presentation for their parents on April 23 and then on April 24 for their grandparents and special friends at the *Intergenerational Tea*.

The Lancer Commons stage will be the site of multiple Middle School assemblies each week for the next month as the Eighth Graders present their speeches. The scheduled speeches are: Apr. 23 - **Jamie S:** *Scottish Highland Dress*; Apr. 24 - **Drew P:** *People to People*; Apr. 29 - **Fritz H:** *More than Just a Laugh*; Apr. 30 - **Hailyene W:** *Country Music's Beginnings*; May 1- **Jamila C:** *Maya Angelou*; May 6 - **Lee T:** *AVI - Who Is He?*; May 7 - **Jordan S:** *Albert Einstein*; and May 8 - **Jimmy S:** *Ocean Conservation*.

## Calling all lost books!

The Library staff and volunteers are working hard to make sure that all of our books and materials are ready for the move to their new space on the Willoughby campus. You can make the job easier by making sure that you have turned in all of the books you borrowed and paid any fines owed. Students who are cleared with the library by Wednesday, April 23 can enjoy a Jeans Day on Friday, April. 25.

Thank you to our *April Birthday Book Club* members - **Jacob O., Elise D., and Ian S.** - for their contributions to the Library.



• Thank you to fourth grader **Catherine C.** who did 50 laps for the *SWIM for Diabetes* and collected over \$200

in pledges! Great job, Catherine!

• Congratulations to Extended Day Aide **Kimi Piszczor**, POS class of 2001, who recently received her Associate of Arts degree from Lakeland. She also has several of her photographs on display in the student art exhibit.

Note: All SWIM participants are reminded to mail in their pledges and order their t-shirt and Indians ticket.



**your calendar**  
**Week of Apr. 21, 2008**

### Monday, Apr. 21

- Bowling Club
- After School Swim 3:15 - 4:00
- Softball at Old Trail

### Tuesday, Apr. 22

- LS Assembly
- Softball practice
- Baseball practice
- Lacrosse practice
- Gr. 5/6 Tennis practice

### Wednesday, Apr. 23

- MS Meeting: Presentation by Jamie Seabright
- Softball practice
- Gr. 7/8 Tennis practice
- Gr. 4 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

### Thursday, Apr. 24

- ES Assembly
- MS Meeting: Presentation by Drew Piszczor
- Gr. 1/2 *Jungle Book*
- Gr. 4 *Intergenerational Tea*
- Softball at Cornerstone
- Baseball practice
- Lacrosse practice

### Friday, Apr. 25 - Library Jeans Day if fines are paid & books are returned

- Gr. 7/8 Tennis practice

### Coming Events

May 2 **EXTRAVAGANZA**  
May 15 **Fine Arts Festival**  
May 18 **It's All About Chocolate**  
May 20 **POSPA Meeting**

### What's for Lunch?

Week of April 21, 2008  
Monday - Chicken Wraps  
Tuesday - Meatloaf  
Wednesday - French Toast  
Thursday - Pierogies  
Friday - Fish Nuggets

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F e s T i v u s

R a i s e Y o u r P a d d l e

\$10, \$20, \$50 Side B o A r d s

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**May 2**

Will YOU be a part of the fun?