

Dear Andrews Osborne Families:

We are fast approaching the "home stretch" of this school year and like an accomplished racehorse; our school accelerates toward the finish. I have always been impressed with our faculty and their deep commitment to each student and working to maximize achievement and skill development in the precious time we have with each child. I trust each family's conferences were informative.

Mrs. Sundberg asked me to remind families to return re-enrollment contracts by April 10. As we prepare for the move to Willoughby and the 2008 – 2009 school year we continue to grow in our anticipation for all of the opportunities that consolidation will bring to the students of Andrews Osborne Academy. Ground is broken for the addition to the Van Gorder building and bids are due for renovations to the St. John Building on April 15. Mrs. Frisbie and Mr. Ahrens spent considerable time in St. John's planning for our Lower School program next year. Mrs. Frisbie was very excited about the space, the size of the rooms, the great natural light, and the easy access to specials classes. In our building and grounds meeting we decided to update the underground tunnels so that students will be able to travel between buildings in inclement weather and stay warm and dry.

I am really looking forward to the *Extravaganza* on May 2. Just outside of my office there is a gallery of incredible artwork created by our talented students that is now up for bid on-line at www.aoparents.org. I have my eye on several pieces and I am ready for a bid war! Thanks to Mrs. Sulak for your great work with the students.

The Cleveland Indians are off to a great start and good weather is around the corner. I hope you have a great weekend.

Kevin M. Smith
Headmaster

Ps: Our next Open House will be held on the Willoughby Campus on Saturday 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 4, 2008

Monday, April 7
Jeans Day for \$2

Going for the gold

On Tuesday, April 8, the Lower and Middle School Student Councils will be hosting Olympic gold, silver, and bronze medalist **Diana Munz**. She will be coming to speak with grades 1-12 about her experiences as a world-class caliber swimmer. With Diana's 20 National Titles, she has been called the "best swimmer that few people have heard of." The presentation will take place at the Willoughby Campus, beginning at 9:30 and lasting about an hour. Parents are invited to attend. To help offset the cost of bringing in Ms. Munz, there will be a **\$2 Dress Down Day on Monday April 7** (jeans are allowed). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lindsey Meier (LMeier@AndrewsOsborne.org).

EXTRAVAGANZA COUNTDOWN

... **one month left!**

- **Reservations** are due **Friday, April 18**
- **Donations** are being sought for the silent and live auctions
- Car **Raffle** tickets are still available
- **Advertise** or be a **Sponsor** (see attached forms)
- **Volunteer** to help with setup, cleanup, and assorted activities before and during *Extravaganza*
- **Bid** on-line at www.aoparents.org to win one of the marvelous student art projects or one of many "must have" accessories.
- **EXTRAVAGANZA May 2, 2008 - BE THERE!**

Questions? Reservation lost in the mail? Need raffle tickets? Contact Denise Crookshanks at 440-352-7574 or DCrookshanks@AndrewsOsborne.org.

Have you let your voice been heard?

Votes for the AOA Parents' Association Board Election are **due Friday, April 11**. Ballots were mailed home.



Library Corner

The end of the school year and the move to the Willoughby Campus are just around the corner! The Library staff and volunteers were busy over Spring Break coding books and materials for the move. All students are encouraged to return any library materials they have in their possession and to pay any outstanding fines. Help mom do some spring cleaning and look under your bed and the couch and check in the toy box for stray books. Take some aluminum cans to the recycling center to raise money to pay for your fines or wash mom's car. Students who are clear with the library by Wednesday, April 23 will enjoy a **Jeans Day on April 25!**

A big thank you to our *March Birthday Book Club* members: **William E., Daniel D., Yasmin R., Catherine C., Brandon S., and Nicholas E.**

There's still room for one (or two or three or) more!

Our **10th SWIM for Diabetes** will be held next Wednesday, April 9 from 3:15 - 5:30 in the Ritchie Pool. 33 swimmers (hooray!) have signed up to be part of our historic last swim - but there is always room for more! Swimmers should remember to bring their filled out pledge sheet. You do not bring any money at this time - collect that after you finish your swim. Swimmers can swim until 5:30 or leave at any time before then. Snacks will be provided to keep up your energy.

Can't swim? Friday, April 11 will be a **Jeans Day for \$1 for Diabetes**. Give your donation to your homeroom teacher. Thanks, in advance, for your participation.

Fine Arts Association Presentations

• Saturday, April 5 - *James and the Giant Peach* performed by *Sign Stage on Tour*. This performance will be done in American Sign Language and spoken in English by deaf and hearing actors. Event also includes a hands-on art project, music activities, refreshments, and goodie bags. Pre-performance activities at 5:30: performance at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 per person which includes all pre- and post-performance activities.

- *The Jungle Book* - April 11, 12, 13, April 18, 19, 20, April 26 and 27
- **Denny Carleton and Friends Coffeehouse Concert: *From Gospel to Pop*** - Sunday, May 4. Free.

For further information on any performance call 440-951-7500.



Happy April Birthday to: Aimee B., Katherine C., Elise D., Noah K., Deanna K., Austin L., Olivia L., Jacob O., Aidan S., Nathan S., Ian S., Toni V., Nick Y., Mrs. Goerndt, Mrs. Eckles, Mrs. Lintala, and Miss Meier.



your calendar Week of April 7, 2008

Monday, April 7

- **Jeans Day for \$2**
- After School Swim
- Softball practice 3:30 - 5:00
- Gr. 4 Parent Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

- LS Assembly
- Diana Munz Presentation - WC
- Softball practice 3:30 - 5:00
- Baseball practice 3:30 - 4:30
- Lacrosse practice 3:30 - 4:30

Wednesday, April 9

- MS Assembly
- **SWIM for Diabetes 3 - 5:30**
- Softball practice 3:30 - 5:00
- Tennis practice 3:30 - 4:30
- AOAPA Exec. Meeting 6:30

Thursday, April 10

- ES Assembly
- Baseball practice 3:30 - 4:30
- Lacrosse practice 3:30 - 4:30
- Softball practice 3:30 - 5:00
- Gr. 7/8 Parent Meeting

Friday, April 11

- **Jeans Day for \$1 donation to Swim for Diabetes**
- PreK Grandparent Day
- Gr. 5 Columbus Trip
- Tennis practice 3:30 - 4:30

Coming Events

- Apr. 14-18 Gr. 7/8 Trips
- Apr. 16 K "Peter Rabbit"
- Apr. 19 Open House - WC
- Apr. 24 Intergenerational Tea
- May 2 **Extravaganza**
- May 18 **Teas and Tables**



What's for Lunch?

Week of April 7, 2008

- Monday* - Swedish Meatballs
- Tuesday* - Roasted Turkey
- Wednesday* - Mac & Cheese
- Thursday* - Chicken Patty
- Friday* - Turkey Wrap