

Laurel Park Elementary School

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From the Principal:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY. WE WILL DISMISS SCHOOL AT 1:15.

School Improvement Team Meetings: Laurel Park's School Improvement Team meets in the media center from 8 am until 8:30. Remaining dates this year are: September 22, October 27, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25. SIT meetings are open to the public.

Arrival/Dismissal Requests:

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Morning: In order to get all of our penguins through carpool prior to the 9:05 bell, we need to keep the line of cars moving. If you walk your children from the parking lot into the building, please wait for cars in the carpool lane to pass. Staff members on duty will let you know when you may walk across the carpool lane.

Afternoon: So that we can dismiss our carpool students safely and quickly, we ask that all parents wait outside the building until carpool is finished each day... usually at about 4:00.

Morning and afternoon: If you park in the parking lot and walk your children to or from the building, please park only in marked parking spaces.

Thank you for your support as we all work to keep our penguins safe!

From the PTA:

Subject: Spring Fun Run

Anyone interested in helping with organizing the Fun Run please e-mail Keri McCauley (banpuku@earthlink.net) or call her (919-270-9153). The committee will be meeting in September to start preparing for the event. This event was a huge success last year, and we look forward to an even bigger Fun Run this year.

Subject: Odyssey of the Mind

We would like to bring Odyssey of the Mind to Laurel Park! If your student is interested in joining this afterschool activity, please send an email to Samantha Klinge indicating your interest at slklinge@yahoo.com by no later than September 4th with your child's name, grade and track. If there are space limitations, preference will be given to Grades 3-5. Parent involvement will be essential and welcomed. You will not be committed to anything at this point; we are trying to determine how many students are interested.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

To determine if Odyssey of the Mind is a good fit for your child, you can learn more about the program at <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com>.

Subject: Reflections 2009

Calling all student artists and parents of LPE's creative kids! Please be on the lookout soon for information - posted around school and sent home with the kids - about the PTA's annual art competition - REFLECTIONS . It's a wonderful opportunity for any child interested in the arts - photography, musical composition, visual arts, dance, video production - to create a unique work of art for public display. The theme of the 2009 competition: "BEAUTY IS..."

*** Submission guidelines/rules are quite specific; information will soon be available both at school and online (PTA website). The deadline for entries will be in November.**

All participating students will be honored during a special Laurel Park celebration. Questions? Please contact Linda Cozzolino, LPE Reflections Chair - lcozzolino@nc.rr.com.

*PLEASE hold off on creating a 'final product' before reviewing the detailed guidelines (again, requirements RE size/format, etc. of finished pieces are very specific)! But it's certainly not too soon to be considering and drafting ideas.

Subject: Penguin Picnic at Char-Grill

Thanks to everyone that joined us at Char-Grill on August 26th.

Subject: Citipass Books

All Tracks: All orders, money and unsold books are due back to the school by Monday August 31st . Please return your unsold book tomorrow if you have not done so already. Any questions please call Suzanne Koury @622-3886 or kouryjns@nc.rr.com

Thanks to everyone who purchased a book, and special thanks to Suzanne Koury and Lynn Long for managing the process! We hope you all enjoy the books and are using the coupons.

Subject: Partners in Education - Easy fundraising:

Save your BoxTops for Education labels to send in to your child's classroom. Campbells Labels for Education may also be dropped off in class or in the front lobby. Log-on to the Food Lion and Harris Teeter web-sites to register your frequent buyer cards. Staples gives credit for purchases when you give them our school's phone number (919)290-2333. Office Depot gives us credit for purchases when you provide our school name at the register. Thanks for participating! (***If you are trying to sign up your Harris Teeter card go to the link on the PTA page under Partners in Education and be sure and put the city as Apex. Many parents think our school address is Cary and that causes some confusion.***)

Subject: PTA Sponsored School Directory

Every family that wishes to be included in the School Directory **MUST** fill out a form and submit it to the PTA. You can return the form with your child and their teacher will place it in the PTA mailbox. **If you do not return a directory form or join the PTA by filling out the membership form YOU WILL NOT be in the directory.** We would love to have 100% participation, but please understand that it is your responsibility to turn the information in to the PTA. Wake County Schools will not provide the PTA with any contact information. Directory forms went home in Monday folders and can also be printed from the website. Deadline for being included in the Directory will be Sept. 11, 2009. Therefore, you must get your form in asap .