



Where we "Treasure" Learning!

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December 2011

Thanksgiving Teacher's Luncheon

By Laura Currey and
Amy Burgess
Hospitality Co-Chairs

THANK YOU for your help in making our Thanksgiving luncheon for the teachers a success!

On Monday, November 21, our teachers and staff enjoyed a festive luncheon thanks to your generous donations. The PTA supplied yummy chili, chicken noodle, and butternut squash soups. Your donations made the luncheon a true feast. We had plenty of drinks, salads, side dishes and desserts. Enough to have a "snack" table set out for the whole afternoon. The gift card raffle was a huge success, thanks to your generous donations!

Thank you to the following families for donating items to the luncheon: Rossi, Andrew, Kucner, Keeney, Wilson, Markland, Hart, Chiari, O'Neill, Mullen/Foran, Mikutsky, Allen-Emerson, Hartman, Cross, Michael, Wasnesky, Mestas, Jones, Wanner, Bushee, Yamaner,

Connolly, Mason, Moltz, Callahan, Suite, Redman, Marceron, McQueeney, Merkel, Kumer, Pierce, Fichtner, Gibbin, Turano, Ryan, Buckley, Dillahay, Suing, Petrohoy, Farr, Vincent, Abby, Loughlin, Wilkinson, Huckelberry, McMahon, Pfaff, Beach, Clay, Goeller.

I apologize if I accidentally missed any families. A special thank you to Lisa Gaskins, who helped with set up, clean up and served soup during the luncheon.

There will be a holiday luncheon in December, details will be sent out soon.

Have a happy and healthy holiday.



December 6
4th and 5th Grade Holiday
Chorus Program
6:30 PM
Picture re-takes

December 16
Interims Sent Home

December 20
Strings Concert 6:00 PM
Band Concert 7:15 PM

December 23– Jan. 2
School Closed for Winter
Break

January 11
2 Hour early dismissal

January 16
NO SCHOOL



Central Families and Staff
for helping to make
the annual Harvest for the Hungry a great success.

PTA Events

Congratulations to All Those Who Participated in the Reflections 2011 "Diversity Means" Program



By Pamela Murray
Fall Fundraising Chair

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful artwork that was sent home last month. We have so many artistic students in our community and judging by the success of the Square1 Art fundraiser, many of you took advantage of ordering something lovely for family and friends. As of this writing, the artwork will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, December 7. Most of the orders will be delivered via backpack mail, with the larger orders being made available for pick-up later in the week. Should you wish you order to be picked up, regardless of its size, please contact Pamela Murray at fundraising@mycentralpta.org right away.

I also wanted to update the community on our almost final fundraising numbers to date. The art program took first place, grossing \$13,500 in sales. The catalog sales finished second place bringing in \$8,004. Finishing in third place is the KidStuff Coupon Book bringing in \$5,967 with 238 books sold. Finishing in fourth place is the Spring Bulbs at \$1,485.00. Our direct donations program finished at \$1,255.00. So to finalize our success, together we have raised a gross of \$30,210, with a net profit of approximately \$13,708. Outstanding! Happy Holidays.

Intermediate Dance Choreography

Natalia Pereira - 1st
Bethany Yamaner - 2nd

Primary Photography

John Paul Pfaff - 1st
Garrett Kolson - 2nd
Alyssa Cowens - 3rd

Intermediate Photography

Lizzie Burgess - 1st
Alexis Rice - 2nd
Zoe Racette - 3rd

Primary Literature

Rebecca Cross - 1st
Erica Yamaner - 2nd
Jon Madden - 3rd
Addison Lisiewski - 4th

Intermediate Literature 3

Noah Fridrich - 1st
Zachary Alexander - 1st
Zoe Racette - 2nd

Intermediate Film Production

Audrey Filling - 1st Place
Declan Jones - 2nd Place
Peyton Selleh - 3rd Place

Intermediate Musical Composition

Aleksandr Gustafson - 1st Place

Primary Dance Choreography

Erica Yamaner - 1st
Olivia Connolly - 2nd

Intermediate Photography

Lizzie Burgess - 1st
Alexis Rice - 2nd
Zoe Racette - 3rd

Primary Visual Arts

Katy Ternovan - 1st
Kenzie Carolan - 2nd
Ilya Gustafson - 3rd

Intermediate Visual Arts

Kailee Coffman - 1st
Trinity Jones - 2nd
Alexis Garbarczyk - 3rd

PTA News

Congratulations to Young Writer Preston Moltz

By Kathleen Michael

Fifth grader Preston Moltz is Central's winner of the fourth annual "Young Heroes Essay Contest." The contest asks students to write an essay about a young hero in their life. Preston wrote about fellow Central student and friend Nick Chambers who suffers from a bone disorder. Preston wrote, "He has taught me to never lose hope and to never give up on your dreams." Preston was recognized last month during a ceremony at Arundel High School. Central Elementary was also recognized with a "Greatest Participation Award" for having 120 students participate. Pick above is Preston Moltz (left) along with his hero Nick Chambers. Congratulations to Preston for his inspiring essay and Nick for the inspiration. For more information on the essay contest go to <http://edgewater.patch.com/articles/young-heroes-essay-contest-brings-politicians-local-students-together-at-awards-ceremony>.



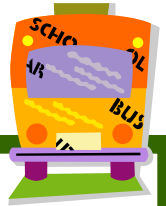
Mobile Science Lab



PTA Funds at Work



The students had an opportunity to learn about the Wetlands with some hands on science in the Mobile Science Lab. The Mobile Science Lab is sponsored by The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. A big "Thank You" to Mrs. Carolyn Menne for instructing the children.



By Kate Jones

If you have ever tried to drop off or pick-up your child at the school, you know that Central has a real traffic problem. The school parking lot was just not designed for the mass number of parents who drop off and pick up their children everyday. So, why not make a "green" challenge to your self and neighbors. If there is not a legitimately good reason for driving/picking up your child from school (i.e. doctor/dentist appointments, family emergency, etc.), why not have your child carpool with the other kids by riding the school bus? The school bus is the ultimate "green" machine if you think about it. The average bus has 30 seats, that carry on average 60-80 kids to school, reducing the carbon footprint significantly. What could be better? And they do it twice a day, so think of the good you are doing for the environment by putting your kids on the bus. So next time the kiddos whine about not liking the rules on the bus, or having to sit with someone they don't like, etc., just tell them to think about the good they are doing the earth and supporting Central's Green School efforts. They can feel good about the bus ride and you don't have to sit in the long car line at school wondering about the price of gas this week.

Wanted

Tiger Trot Designer

This volunteer position involves designing or modifying existing sponsor forms, student registration forms, backpack mail and other advertising materials for the Tiger Trot. If you are interested in this position please contact Jessica Keeney, the new Tiger Trot Chair at tigertrot@mycentralpta.org. This is Central's biggest fundraiser of the year and will require many volunteers so look for other opportunities to help in the upcoming months. Thank you Jessica for stepping up to Chair this great event.



Give the Gift of Music this Season!

Music Lessons

Monday - Thursday, 2PM-6PM, ½ hr sessions

Monthly contracts (discounts available for quarterly contracts)

Contact Rick Barge @ 410/798-0520



WHAT A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE!

We offer affordable opportunities to reach out to Central Families please email "newsletter@mycentralpta.org" for information and pricing.

FYI

The 2012-2013 School calendar is now available on-line at www.aacps.org.

