

# PA MONTHLY

## A Message from the Presidents

Dear Arts & Letters Parent,

Word is out! The Parent Association of the UAAAL is on fire!!! In case you missed our last General Meeting, "Hot Soup & Salsa" was our theme. The aromas were amazing, as folks shared their favorite soups. The heat in the house really turned up as Ms. Meghan Joseph (Program & Development Coordinator) taught us how to "step on two" in a group salsa lesson!

The next meeting is Wednesday February 3rd. Our PA Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs, Vasilla Caldeira and Deidre Ferrell, say "There's no stopping us now!" as they plan a theme with a Valentine's Day twist: "10 Ways to Say I Love You With Chocolate".

We all know these Middle School years can challenge parents, but now here's some help! There will be an informative group discussion led by Parent Coordinator, Ms. Tanya Williams on "How To Stay Close As A Family During Middle School". Also at our next General Meeting we will be collecting donations on behalf of Haitian Earthquake Relief Organizations.

So don't miss out! Get with the program and be a part of your Parent Association!!! Visit with other parents, share your favorite chocolate or other sweets, and hone up on your parenting skills at our next General Meeting Wednesday February 3rd 6 PM in our cafeteria. Even if you can't make the meeting, you can stay in touch and active by checking out this Monthly PA Newsletter (it's always available via backpacks, the main office, the student life office Room 322 and online on the UAAAL website).

We look forward to seeing you soon,  
*Derick Holliday & David Goldsmith*

## UPCOMING DATES

### GENERAL PA MEETING

February 3, 6 PM  
Cafeteria

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 26, 5:30 PM  
Room 322

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 10  
February 22  
March 11

All meetings are at 6 PM in Room 307. The following committees will be meeting on these dates: Advisory Class Parent, Count Me In, Fundraising, Hospitality, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and SummerFest.

*All meetings are open to the public.  
Please join us.*

## School Directories Coming Soon!

The first ever UAAAL School Directory will soon be available. It will be distributed to all families via backpacks. A limited amount will also be available in the Main Office.

As this is the first directory, we are asking for donations of \$5 to help cover the printing costs. Donations will be collected at PA meetings. In the future we will sell advertising to cover costs.

## Grade-Wide School Trips in 2010

Get ready to go! Grade-wide trips are not that far off. 6th Graders will have an overnight camping trip at Floyd Bennett National Park (\$100.00), 7th Graders will also have an overnight at Floyd Bennett, as well as a day trip to historic Philadelphia (\$125.00), and 8th Graders will have an overnight trip to Washington, D.C. (\$200.00).

Your Parent Association is responsible for collecting all school trip fees. We ask that you **send your payment in by Feb 25th**. Our school community is committed to seeing all students

participate. Therefore, the PA is also accepting donations for the Grade-wide School Trip Scholarship Fund. Starting February 1, payments and donations may be given to a PA representative at every morning meeting.

Permission slips for the grade wide trips were given out last week. If you need one, please contact the office. Be sure to sign and return the permission slip with your payment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Financial News

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Current Balance (as of 2/1/2010): \$13, 105.43**

January Transactions

Income:

Freestyle Friday: \$ 910.80

Expenses:

Hot dog grill  
(still to be paid) \$ 43.98

### 501(c)(3) UPDATE

Our esteemed treasurer, Charmaine Derrell-Jacob and our attorney, Carolina Perez, are waiting still waiting on bylaws to complete the application process. The next step is to have the Executive Board meet with the lawyer to clarify legal matters to assure that we are functioning well within the law. The board will also explore appropriate accounting systems.

### 10 Ways To Say I Love You With Chocolate

#### General Meeting, February 3

Agenda will include:

Haitian Relief

PA Business: Treasurer's and Presidents Reports

School Update: Principal's Report

Discussion facilitated by Parent Coordinator Tanya

Williams: "How to stay close as a family during middle school"

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHOCOLATE TREAT  
HEALTHY TREATS (FRUIT, ETC.) ALSO  
WELCOME.**

To volunteer, contact:

Vasilla Caldeira (347-651-9331)

Deidre Ferrell (347-248-6319)

**\*\*Save the Date: March 4\*\***

### YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE!

**FOR JUST PENNIES YOU CAN REACH  
HUNDREDS OF PARENTS. PLACE AN ADD IN  
THE PA MONTHLY AND HELP SEND OUR  
STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIPS!**

### Your PA Executive Board

Co-Presidents: David Goldsmith & Derick Holliday

Co-Vice Presidents: Ron Ferrell & Susan Hyacinth

Co-Treasurers: Charmaine Derrell-Jacob &

Dawn Jackson

Co-Recording Secretaries: Katrice Clermont &

Kimlan Chi Hill

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