

Friday, October 24th, 2008



Welcome to the Rosa Parks weekly e-mail. The purpose of this notice is to update you on PTA and school happenings and keep you informed on weekly events at Rosa Parks.

The [Rosa Parks website](http://www.rosaparks.fcps.net/) is a great place to visit <http://www.rosaparks.fcps.net/>. You can access the PTA website as well as classroom sites through this link.

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Morning with the Stars Join us at Rosa Parks **October 30, 2008**

at 6:45-7:30 a.m. beside the portable behind the school. We will be using telescopes to view several constellations and the rings of Saturn. If it rains or is cloudy on October 30, 2008, the event will be held on October 31, 2008 at 6:45 am.

You may contact Mrs. Embry if you have any questions.

(bonnie.embry@fayette.kyschools.us)

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School pictures are due back **MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th**. Re-takes are next Thursday, October 30th, and we will be taking class/group pictures the same day.

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God's Pantry Food Drive October 27 – 31

The 14th annual “Kids Helping Kids” Food Drive is sponsored by God’s Pantry and involves all Fayette County Schools. God’s Pantry’s goal for this year is to break 100,000 pounds of food donated. It takes over 58,000 pounds of food each month for the pantry to meet the needs of the hungry and working poor in Fayette County.

Rosa Parks will do their part in the fight against hunger with a fun filled week of competition among the grades (K, 1/2 A, 1/2 B, 3rd, 4th and 5th). The grade bringing in the most food each day will be awarded a prize.

Monday **Free Bowling passes to Collins Bowling Lanes** for every student in the winning grade

Tuesday **Extra 10 minutes of Recess** for each class in the grade

Wednesday **10 minutes of Free Play during PE** for each class in the grade

Thursday **10 minutes of Free Play during Computer** for each class in the grade

Friday **Freaky Friday** - Every student who brings in at least one can will be allowed to dress “freaky” for the day

Our goal for this year is to have each grade fill 4 barrels - which is over 4,800 lbs of food! If each child would bring in 2 cans a day (10 cans for the week) we would exceed our goal!! **Teachers will dress Freaky on Friday for each grade that reaches their goal!!**

You can also help your child’s grade reach their goal by holding a food drive at your office. All food collected there will count toward your child’s total! If you are interested please contact Jenni Jinright at 223-7701.

Toyota awards cash prizes to the school bringing in the most pounds of food per student. So watch for 5lb bags of non-perishable food items to go on sale!

FYI...last year’s first prize Elementary school brought in over 12 lbs per student.

By meeting our goal this year, we will donate over 6 lbs of food per student which will go a long way helping the needy right here in Lexington!

Donation barrels will also be at Beaumont Kroger and Palomar Wal-Mart grocery stores for your convenience. Food placed there will count toward the school total only.

Please consider sending in cans and other non-perishable food items for this wonderful cause! You can check out the God's Pantry website at www.godspantry.org.

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Art to Remember Rosa Parks PTA is participating with Art to Remember this year with hopes of purchasing new portable risers for school performances. Art to Remember make great gifts and keepsakes for this Holiday Season, Birthdays and other family celebrations. Please send in your completed order along with your child's original art work and the check made payable to ROSA PARKS PTA in the Art to Remember envelope. Packets will be accepted through Friday, October 31st.

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Rosa Parks Mall This year's Open House and shopping extravaganza is on **Saturday November 1, 2008 from 9 AM - 3:00 PM.** This is our fifth year of hosting this successful event! We have over 40 vendors participating this year. Contact Tanya Bell at tf.bell@insightbb.com or Janice Rajcan at tsjanice31@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

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Book Fair Join us on Monday, November 3rd for Family Night! The book fair is from 4:30 – 7:30. Come out and meet one of our favorite book characters, Geronimo Stilton. There will be a Puccini's Spaghetti Dinner available from 5:30 – 7:00 in the cafeteria and new this year is "Dancing with the Stars" in the gym. You never know which stars could show up to show us their dancing talent. Come and see from 5:30 – 7:00. Don't miss the fun.

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PTA Meeting Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 in the library.



Notes from Marta

- If you paid for any products that were sold through the school with a credit card and have recently had your credit card used without your authorization, please send an email to m_scroggin@hotmail.com. The purpose of this request is to determine if an outside PTA vendor compromised any credit card information.
- If you see anyone around the school after hours vandalizing the building or playground in any way, please call the police immediately. If you have a camera, feel free to snap a few pictures of them as well.



Reflections The PTA Reflections contest flyers went out this week!

This is a national creative arts contest that we would encourage your child to participate in. The theme this year is "**Wow!**" Entry forms and rules for each of the division can be picked up in Mrs. Anderson's room. The categories are: Film Production, Photography, Dance Choreography, Visual Arts, Literature, and Music Composition. Specific guidelines for the Reflections contest can also be found at pta.org under PTA Programs if you wish to check them out online.

The deadline for Reflections is Monday, November 10th. Entries can be turned into the Art room or the Conference room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Christine Hausman at 523-8300 or ccshausman@yahoo.com



Cultural Opportunity Rosa Parks has an incredible opportunity to

sponsor an intern from Japan. She would be available to teach Japanese culture, language, etc. during the school day. However, **a host family is needed**. It may be possible that several families could host her for 3-6 months depending on how many volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Maggard via email at Rosa Parks within the next week.

Elaine.maggard@fayette.kyschools.us

Here is some more information:

Name: Ms. Chihiro Yamada

Placement date: from January 2009 for 12 months

At the moment, she completes a 1-year internship in Canada which improved her English speaking ability greatly.

She would like to learn the American culture and life by sharing Japanese culture with your students at your school. She is also eager to assist the school activities while she stays in your community.

- Ms. Chihiro Yamada is a young Japanese lady who graduated from University in 2007, where she chose Japanese Culture as major.

- Chihiro is experienced in many traditional arts she wants to introduce at your school, such as tea ceremony, calligraphy, Japanese cuisine or children's games.

-She would love to teach your students how to wear a Kimono since she holds a special qualification as Kimono dressing instructor. Further, she can explain how to use an abacus. She passed the Abacus Proficiency Test UNITE Grade 3.

- Her travel experiences include Asian, European and Arabian countries as well as North America. This sportive person loves surfing in summer, watching movies and listening to music.

-Her outgoing, optimistic personality, her positive view of the world and her patient and reliable character make Chihiro Yamada a valuable addition to your school and community life.

Do you speak a language other than English? If you or a family member are fluent speakers, readers and writers of a language other than English and are interested in serving as interpreter/translators in the school district, please contact the English as a Second Language Department, Ms. Martha Rodriguez, at 381-4179 for additional information.

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Artist-in-Residence Ruben Moreno, a Louisville artist that specializes in interdisciplinary projects that let children and youth create their own original stories using claymation, video, and digital photography will be teaching classes at Rosa Parks Nov. 10-21, 2008. He is funded under a Kentucky Art's Council grant and will be working with 4th and 5th grade students.

The grant requires that the school provide supplies and materials for the classes. Rosa Parks Elementary is **seeking donations** of

- ☐ Lexmark ink cartridges (10 each)
- ☐ Epson Glossy photo paper (100 sheets)
- ☐ White construction paper (100 sheets)
- ☐ Matt boards (solid dark color and all the same) to mount photo with writing text) for gallery show
- ☐ 10 small digital cameras with memory cards/sticks (example Sony Cyber Shot with 124 mb memory stick)

If you are a business or parent that can help provide these supplies please contact Leslie Cole at 223-9309 or email leslie.cole@insightbb.com for more information. This is a great opportunity for Rosa Parks Elementary to enhance student learning through the infusion of art, technology, and writing to support different learning styles.

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Kroger Cards are still available for \$5. Please contact Alisa Hamblin at 224-2095 or Hamfamfr@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

- Kroger cards are rechargeable cards that can hold any \$ amount up to \$500.
- You are able to load the cards at the customer service counter or at the register BEFORE you check out.
- Cards may be used at any Kroger for groceries, gas, and prescriptions.
- Cards do not expire as long as there is a balance on them. If there is no balance, they will expire in 90 days.

- Rosa Parks receives 4% of the amount you charge to the card!!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELLS

SOUP LABELS Do not forget to send those in to school labeled with your child's teachers name on it. We have monthly prizes for the class that sends in the most labels.

School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Meeting

Dates for 2008:

November 19, 2008

December TBA

January 21, 2009

February 18, 2009

March 18, 2009

April 15, 2009

May 20, 2009

June TBA

All meetings will be held at Rosa Parks at 3:00 P.M.

Yearbook The yearbook needs your pictures!! If you have taken any pictures at school this year (field trips, back to school event, or activities in the classroom, etc.) please email those pictures to Amanda Naish at sanaish@windstream.net. If you have actual copies of pictures there is a folder in Rhonda Hall's office with my name on it and those pictures may go in there. Any questions, please call Amanda Naish 277-6891.

The trailblazer news radio program is down right now due to a technical difficulty. We will let you know when it is up and running again.

Radio Station! 102.9 FM home of the Rosa Parks Trailblazers. It's a great way to listen to what's going on at school. You can dial in any time you're

circling the school. The next time you are in the carpool line, or waiting to drop off in the morning, tune in!

www.kyvl.org is a safe, free website designed and sponsored by the state. We are encouraging students to use this site exclusively for their research and picture search. Access from home requires a username and password which changes monthly. This can be found by asking Mrs. McHugh or the librarian at the local library.(this month's username kids, password james13)

