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MONDAY MEMO

October 19, 2009

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 19

Advanced Band, 7:30am
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:30pm

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Beginning Band, 7:30am
Liturgical Choir, Chapel, 7:35am
2B Field Trip
P4 Donuts for Dads, 8:30am
Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Writing Club, 3:15-4:15pm
Annual Fund Phone-a-thon

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Dress Uniform
Last Day to Sign Up for Conferences
Advanced Band, 7:30am
P5 Donuts for Dads, 8:30am
St. Francis Prayer Service, St. Bridget, 9:00am
Early Dismissal, 2:15pm
Webkinz, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 22

Fall Book Fair
Beginning Band, 7:30am
2A Field Trip
Advanced Sewing, 3:15-4:15pm

Friday, Oct. 23

Fall Book Fair
Free Dress/Box Top Store
Villa Voices Choir, 7:30am
Halloween Parade 8:45am
Basketball Registration Due

Monday, Oct. 26

Fall Book Fair
Advanced Band, 7:30am
Parents in Prayer, Chapel, 8:35am
1A Field Trip
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:30pm
EDP Registration for Conference Days Due

Dear Villa Academy Families,

On Thursday of last week, October 15, I served on a PNAIS school accreditation visiting team to follow up with one of the member schools of the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools. I accompanied Meade Thayer, the executive director of PNAIS, to work with this school's administrators and board chair. Our task was to work with them on improvement areas subsequent to their most recent accreditation process. It was a valuable day for all of us and gave me an opportunity to reflect on our own approach to school improvement efforts.

The October 12 Monday Memo letter focused on the PNAIS Fall Educators Conference where the 23 Villa teachers attending had the opportunity to listen to and engage with nationally recognized educators on a variety of topics.

On October 24 and 25, next Saturday and Sunday, several of Villa Academy's trustees and I will attend the PNAIS' annual Institutional Leadership Conference for two days of workshops and labs on effective school governance. Again, we will have the benefit of working with some well-known and highly regarded professionals with backgrounds in finance, marketing and communication, and strategic planning. It should be a fantastic opportunity for us to learn and bring back information to our Board of Trustees and administrative team to assist us in our respective roles and responsibilities.

Many of you may already know that our accreditation is based on PNAIS' Standards and Good Practices, which are specific and exacting benchmarks for membership in the association and which ascertain member schools' excellence, viability, and sustainability.

As you can see, we are active participants in the opportunities and programs the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools offers. Our motivation to be engaged members is rooted in our commitment to ongoing improvement, in an effort to be the best we can be in light of our mission.

Newsflash! We completed autumn Volunteer Training last Monday, October 12 and trained over 200 volunteers to coach, serve lunch, drive on field trips, work in the classrooms, etc. Thank you for attending one of the training sessions and thank you also for your active involvement in the school. It takes a Villa-ge!

Volunteer Training: Anyone who missed the Volunteer Training opportunities that just wrapped up, and who wants/needs to be trained, should **“Save the Sate” - Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 2:00pm and 6:30pm**. These will be the final training sessions of the school year, so *please* mark your calendars.

God Bless,

Polly Skinner
Head of School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade Details: Please read Costume Guidelines!

www.thevilla.org/community/NewsandEvents/index.html

Volunteer Training – Thank you to all who have completed their training!

If you missed all of the sessions offered this fall we have two more opportunities for you this year: Tuesday, January 26 at 2:00pm AND 6:30pm. Mark it on your calendar now!

Parents In Prayer Meet next Monday

All parents are invited to join us for our 2009 -2010 kickoff of Parents in Prayer. We will meet after morning drop off, on Monday, October 26, in the Chapel. *Parents in Prayer* is a Villa tradition, where we come together to pray for our faculty, staff and students, as well as any other intentions.

We look forward to seeing you!

Co-chairs:

Gerí H. & Nancy H.

Liturgical Choir- Open to Students in Grades 5 - 8. Click here.

<http://thevilla.org/community/documents/2009-10LiturgicalChoir.pdf>

It's Fall Book Fair Time: Thursday, October 22 - Friday, October 30.

Mark your calendars and make plans to visit the Fall Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open in the Theater for 7 days. Click here for a schedule of classroom visits.

<http://thevilla.org/community/NewsandEvents/documents/FallBookFairSchedule.pdf>

Thanks,

Karen Strand and Leslie Keeney

FROM THE ADMISSION OFFICE

Open House Is Coming and We Need Your Help!

Please help us spread the word by addressing invitations! We know, that like most independent schools, over 70% of applicants come to us either by word of mouth or by referral from current families.

As parents of our students, you experience with your children each and every day the value of a Villa education. We are asking for your help in encouraging friends, neighbors, and colleagues to investigate the opportunities that Villa can offer their families.

Coming home today with your family rep (youngest K-8th grade student, or preschooler if you don't have older children) is the manila Monday Envelope containing three Open House postcard invitations and a set of instructions. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this important distribution effort. If you have any questions about this project, please call the Admission Office at (206) 527-9388.

Stay tuned to the Monday Memo in the next couple of weeks for more ways you can get involved and thanks, once again, for your help!

Marlinda Siegfried
Admission Director

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Annual Fund Rolls On...

The Development Committee is committed to reaching 100% Annual Fund participation! If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, a phone-a-thon volunteer will be calling you tomorrow night to ask for your support. You can avoid our friendly phone call by making your gift **online now** <https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx>. Or, you can submit your check or Annual Fund pledge envelope to the Development Office by tomorrow morning. THANK YOU very much to everyone who has already given to this important fundraising campaign.

PARENT - TEACHER - STUDENT CONFERENCES

Conference sign-up sheets for Grades PS - 8 will be available in the Parlor through this **Wednesday, October 21**. If you have not yet signed up please do so soon.

For details please click on links below:

Lower School Conference Details:

<http://www.thevilla.org/community/documents/LowerSchool2009Conferences.pdf>

Middle School Conference Details:

<http://www.thevilla.org/community/documents/MiddleSchoolConferences2009.pdf>

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Attention Eighth Grade Parents! Photo Request!

http://www.thevilla.org/visitors/MiddleSchool/N_MMtmp6e7868a0/MiddleSchoolNews.html

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

Villa Parent Association Gift Wrap Sale Update.

Click here to see our top sellers! <http://thevilla.org/community/parentassociation/index.html>

Call for Volunteers on November 2. The gift wrap arrives and we need help unloading and organizing orders. E-Mail us if you can help for an hour or two.

Jeanne B. and Meg O.

CYO CORNER

Click here www.thevilla.org/community/SportsNews.html for CYO news, scores and registration information.

Soccer: If the weather is looking bad, please check your email to see if your coach has canceled practice.

Basketball: Coaches' Meeting this Friday, October 23rd in the Gym from 6:00 – 7:00pm.

Click here for the coaching requirements for Villa and CYO coaches:

<http://thevilla.org/community/documents/CYOandVilla-coaching-requirements.pdf>

REMINDER – Registration forms are due this Friday, October 23, by the end of the day.

Ultimate Frisbee Coaches Needed: Contact Mr. Roger Crafts, rcrafts@thevilla.org.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bocian

CYO Athletic Director

sbocian@thevilla.org

EDP NEWS

Science Adventures on Mondays

Pre-enroll your child for all future Science Adventures sessions this year. Choose one session or sign up for all sessions. Enrollment forms (or cancellations) must be received one week prior to the start date of a new session. Click here. <http://thevilla.org/community/documents/scienceadventures0910.pdf>

Enroll in EDP October 28, 29 and 30, 8:00am–5:00pm Deadline October 26.

In order to staff accordingly, you must pre-register your child by next Monday, October 26, for the full day or for the hours you need care. Due to licensing restrictions there will be no EDP care for Preschool age children.

<http://thevilla.org/community/documents/EDPforParentConferences09.pdf>

Sincerely,

Shea Salyer & Tom Doggett

EDP Program

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