



Friday, May 14, 2010

# Parent News

## **BIDDING FARWELL:**

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Lindsay Karloff Giroux, Teni Baroiant and Melissa Canizales who have been working with our students for the last two years. We have benefited greatly as a school and faculty because of what they have shared with us. They are all talented educators and we know they will continue to make a difference in the lives of students in the future.

As you know, Lindsay got married during spring break and she and her husband, Russell, will be heading to Tennessee where he will be attending graduate school. Lindsay is also starting a Master's Program in Early Childhood Special Education at Vanderbilt.

Teni is following her dream to return to school and get a degree in Special Education. She will soar in this field. Teni is a talented teacher and will be greatly missed. In addition to her studies in Special Education, Teni will also enroll in art school with a goal to use art therapy with her students in the future.

Melissa has decided to move up to the high school level where she will continue to share her love of math with her students at her alma mater. Melissa's commitment to excellence has enriched our students for the last two years. We look forward to hearing about her journey with her high school students.

Melissa, Teni, and Lindsay will be missed greatly by our students and faculty. It is always hard to say good-bye to teachers who are committed to their students and the faculty team. We wish them each the best experience possible and we look forward to the time they will be able to come and visit Northern Light School.

## **PICTURE DAY:**

The flowers are in bloom and the students are shining. We are sure that the school pictures will turn out beautiful. Thank you for helping by making sure your child arrived in full uniform today.



### **TEAM MEGAN:**

We were thrilled with the response for the “Team Megan” shirts. This is such an incredible adventure for Megan and her commitment to service is a model for our students. We have already overheard a few conversations of students saying that they hope to do something like this someday. If we all do our part, we can assure that the world will become a loving place and a healthy home for future generations of children. The order will be placed today and we will send home shirts as soon as they arrive. Thank you again for your support.

### **GUYS AND DOLLS:**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4, to join us for our spring musical, Guys and Dolls. The talent of our junior high students will pleasantly surprise you. It will be hard to stay in your seat without dancing. Mr. Olivier, Jennifer Diaz, Mr. Riley, Jeff Lewis, Megan Lewis and Anina Olivier always bring out the actor in our students. We are so fortunate to have them working as a team with our students

### **IMPORTANT - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

We need parent volunteers who can help with the drama production by providing snacks, water bottles and dinner for the drama students. Items are needed daily beginning Tuesday, June 1 through Friday, June 4. The students work fulltime at the theater and get very hungry. Healthy snacks and dinner items would be greatly appreciated. In the past, parents have sent the following: casseroles heated and ready to serve, sandwiches, burgers, salads, trail mix, tacos, enchiladas, and water bottles to name a few. Please do not send any candy, chips or sodas. Drivers are also needed to help take the students to the theater on the following days and times:

Tuesday, June 1 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 2 – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 3 – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 4 – 2:00 a.m.

Please sign the form below and return to the school office or call Rosanne Esplanada if you can help with the above items.

### **ANOTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**

We need a volunteer or volunteers to do a dump run and a hazardous waste dump run. We would like to have this done by Wednesday, May 19, if possible. Please call Rosanne Esplanada if you can help. We will give out triple hours for this task; it is a big job.



### **REMINDER - KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION:**

We can hardly believe that we are already practicing for Kindergarten Graduation. This year seemed to fly by so quickly. The Kindergarten children are so excited about their graduation, which will take place on Friday, May 28. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us. The graduation will begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp followed by a potluck luncheon for the graduates, their families and friends. **This is a dress-up affair for Kindergarten children only. Students in grades one through eight must be in complete uniform with school sweatshirts.** All the students will participate in the singing. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon and NO EXTENDED CARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

May 28, 2010, will be the last day of attendance for the Kindergarten children.

Kindergarten children can sign up for our summer Extended Care, which will be provided by Emma Russell beginning Tuesday, June 1. Cost for care is \$100 per week and must be paid each Monday to Northern Light School. Jeff Lewis will help Emma with summer care beginning Monday, June 14.

### **UPDATE - Parent volunteers are needed for the following:**

- Parent Volunteers are needed to provide hot dishes for the luncheon. The dish should serve 12 to 15 people and be a main dish. Salad, dessert and drinks will be provided by the school. Your child does not need to be in the Kindergarten class for you to provide a dish and receive volunteer hours. Please be sure to drop-off your dishes in the gym kitchen first thing in the morning or when picking up your child at 12:00.
- We need someone to pick up the cake the morning of graduation.
- We need a parent volunteer to organize the potluck and contact all Kindergarten parents by phone.
- We need help setting up for the luncheon, serving and cleaning up at the end.
- Graduation Set-up. – Thursday, May 27, at 3:30 p.m.
- Graduation cleanup. – Friday, May 28, after the luncheon.
- Monetary donations are welcome.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Rosanne Esplanada in the school office. All of the above can be credited to your parent volunteer hours.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DRAMA PROGRAM:**

I am available to provide snacks on June 1 \_\_\_\_\_, June 2 \_\_\_\_\_, June 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and June 4 \_\_\_\_\_ for the drama program.

I am available to provide dinner on Thursday, June 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and Friday, June 4 \_\_\_\_\_ for the drama program.

I am available to drive students to the theatre on:

Tuesday, June 1: \_\_\_\_\_ I can transport # \_\_\_\_\_ students.

Wednesday, June 2: \_\_\_\_\_ I can transport # \_\_\_\_\_ students.

Thursday, June 3: \_\_\_\_\_ I can transport # \_\_\_\_\_ students.

Friday, June 4: \_\_\_\_\_ I can transport # \_\_\_\_\_ students.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONE TICKET - 28 CHANCES TO WIN:**

Tickets are still being sent in on a daily basis. The students become very excited when we pick winner at Circle. There are still many days to go and you could be the next winner. Keep turning in your tickets.

Raffle Winner	Ticket Seller	Student Winner
May 3 Cherysse Calhoun-\$50	DAsia and Akaysha Calhoun	Imman Barnes
May 4 Steven LaVoie-\$40	McKenna Krashna	Bakari Ziegler
May 5 Francis Igoal-\$20	Marley and Nina Igoal	Dennis Franklin
May 6 Vida Thaxton-\$25	Kasey Thaxton	Jazzy and Jalen Esplanada
May 7 Cherysse Calhoun-\$50	DAsia and Akaysha Calhoun	
May 8 Melinda Franklin-\$75	Dennis Franklin	Eric Webb
May 9 Jerald Vallen-\$100	Jessica Vallen	Jared Edgerly
May 10 Gisela Martin-\$50	Jackie Castro	Jessica Vallen
May 11 Wosene - \$40	Leah Biruk	



May 12 Leo Kelly - \$20

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Eric Webb

May 13 Cherysse Calhoun - \$25 DAsia and Akaysha Calhoun

Nate Ford