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HEADS' LETTER

MAY 14, 2015

THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY & BREAKFAST CELEBRATION will be held MONDAY, MAY 19, AT 8:05 A.M....



PFA President, Pam Szabo announces that “all parent volunteers will gather in Gatlin Hall for an Assembly that will begin by thanking our parents for ALL of their HARD WORK and DEDICATION this year. We will be excused from the Assembly early to enjoy a lovely breakfast in the Grand Room catered by our very own Chef Garret. All volunteers who attend will also receive a lovely thank you GIFT!! Questions? Contact PFA President, Pamela Szabo, at p.szabo@verizon.net or (813) 728-7031 for more information!!!” Volunteers include parents that helped with Thursday Folders, cookouts, Team Parent, committees for all events, Golf, Big Event, Pancake Breakfast, Sports Challenge, Fall Festival, RPC support and so much more! **It's time to celebrate all of us!!!!**

ANNUAL CORBETT PREP BOOK FAIR: TAKES PLACE AT BARNES & NOBLE ON NORTH DALE MABRY BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 17, THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 23.

*****BARNES & NOBLE** donates a percentage of all sales that are generated, including what is purchased in the cafe. This annual event provides an excellent opportunity for our families, alumni, and members of the community to support the Corbett Prep Laney Library/Media Center.

- ★ **GRADES 2 – 8 CLASS TRIPS** – Class trip schedules and permission slips were sent home in last week's Thursday folder. Please be sure to check the schedule and return the permission slip. Summer Reading lists will be at the book fair, so students can purchase books for summer reading enjoyment.
- ★ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, FROM 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.** – It's fun to listen to stories as our Corbett Prep teachers will be at Barnes & Noble sharing Story Time and playing Cheerios Bingo with all Early and Upper Primary students – be sure to come in and join the fun!
- ★ **PRIMARY NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, AT 6:00 P.M.** The Warriors' Pride Chorus will perform. They love to sing to large audiences, so please come for this annual fun and delightful entertainment.
- ★ **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PURCHASE SCRIP FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO BUY BOOKS AT BARNES & NOBLE.** The SCRIP form is enclosed in this week's Thursday folder...9% of the SCRIP order goes directly back to Corbett Prep to benefit the Corbett Prep Laney Library.
- ★ **FRIENDS AND FAMILY** can also participate with their support...just take a moment to visit any Barnes & Noble store between 5/17/15 to 5/23/15 or online at bn.com/bookfairs from 5/17/15 through 5/28/15 (we get *five extra days* to shop online) and enter **Book Fair ID #11541943** at checkout.



HEADMASTER OF THE DAY, LORENZO LARGENT (8th grade) led the school masterfully and confidently on a busy, busy Monday Morning Assembly followed by the dedication of Corbett Prep's **new Healthy Choices Kitchen** which is housed in the Middle School Dean Dining Hall. The dream kitchen renovation became a reality thanks to the generosity of the Henning, and Johannpeter families and grandparents, John and Nina Soileau. The entire Middle School gathered in and around the Dean Dining Hall, as Headmaster Largent and Development Director, Mark Nouss enthusiastically shared the magnitude of this gift to the entire Middle School.

In fact, this effort was spearheaded by our PFA Committee for Healthy Choices, who understands that a healthy lunch in the middle of the school day can help students become better learners, improve their abilities to focus and concentrate as they absorb new information. Our **new Healthy Choices Kitchen**, provides a prime spot for Chef Garret Jagdmann to ensure students receive the balanced meals they need to succeed. The renovations doubled the catering staff's food preparation and storage area. Equipment also was upgraded. Several cooking appliances were converted from electric to gas to increase efficiency. A six-burner oven, a char-broiler and griddle all were added. Corbett Prep also now has a 17-by-6-foot walk-in cooler and freezer to add more storage opportunities. “It's fantastic,” said Brooke Soileau-Henning.

BIG EVENT AUCTION BID WINNERS EARN ANNUAL MANHUNT FUN and STRATEGIZING SKILLS: On May 4, the fourth annual Big Event offering of **Middle School Manhunt** was a sweaty success! The event, which sold out early, raised over \$2,400 for Corbett Prep. Last Friday, twenty-two students, two Corbett Prep alumni, and twelve ENERGETIC MIDDLE SCHOOL teachers gathered for an epic battle of the classic neighborhood game: hide and seek tag in the dark. After pizza, drinks, and intense strategizing, the students won the coin toss and became the first team to hide.

The entirety of the Middle School grounds was fair game as the students crouched behind, climbed under, and hid in various trees, benches, bushes, and buildings to avoid being seen by their teachers. Once spotted, the students had to run to base, or face spending the remaining time in each round in Ms. Jones's air conditioned jail, usually known as the Dean Dining Hall. After the first round, the teachers became the hunted and the students their hunters. After much pizza, four heated rounds, and some well-earned popsicles, everyone left anticipating, planning, and speaking of the next year's battle. The Middle School teachers would like to thank their students' parents for their generosity at the Big Event, and for providing them with an excuse to act like the Middle Schoolers they teach. In true Corbett Prep fashion, the teachers have already reviewed their strategic plusses and deltas in preparation for next year's event! Incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, your teachers are awaiting the FIFTH ANNUAL Middle School Manhunt in 2016...Are YOU ready?

THE 6TH GRADE ASTRONOMY CLASS completed its end of year project by constructing a large scale model of the Solar System, to scale, alongside the Middle School driveway. Ten objects in the solar system, planets, and dwarf planets, are represented, along with the gates to the school representing the Sun. The spacing between the objects is to a scale and proportion calculated by the students themselves to fit the space available. All parents and classes on the East Side are invited to walk along the model, reading the information on the posters at each point for an informational journey!

THE 8TH GRADE INTRODUCTORY PHYSICAL SCIENCE CLASS has embarked on its culminating activity, one that integrates all the information, skills, and technique learned over the course of the entire year. Students have been given a sample of 'Sludge', a complex mixture of materials. They must use all of their scientific knowledge to separate this mixture into as many fractions as possible, using separation techniques such as Flotation, Filtration, Chromatography, and Fractional Distillation. At every step they must consider the order in which the processes must be done and must examine the results carefully to identify as many materials as possible. Good thinking and good luck 8th graders!

TEACHERS EXCITED TO SHARE MORE ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEW HORIZON'S WEEK!!

SIXTH GRADE TAKES LEARNING TO THE TREETOPS...AND RIVER BOTTOMS: Each year, the sixth grade class participates in New Horizon's week by traveling to Lithia, Florida to attend Pathfinders, a three day outdoor, experiential learning trip. On their first major excursion without parents, Corbett Prep middle schoolers impressed their teachers, trip directors, and counselors alike. Students worked together in "families" of ten to complete team building challenges, learn about the Alafia River, participate in an Underground Railroad simulation, and climb out of their comfort zones as they scaled stately oaks in a rock climber's harness. Prior to returning home, the "TEAM families" participated in a Florida Country simulation where they experienced the joys and hardships of being Florida's first settlers. Tired but joyful, the sixth grade returned home on April 30 to the welcoming arms of their parents. When asked about the experience, many sixth graders simply replied, "Best trip ever!"

SEVENTH GRADE TAKES LEARNING TO THE MOUNTAINS: The Sixth Grade Pathfinders Trip serves as the perfect foundation for the seventh grade traditional adventure of Wolfcreek! Seventh graders load onto charter busses early on a Friday morning to drive the seven hours to Pine Mountain, Georgia. Camping in FDR National Park, seventh graders kick it up a notch by leaving the comforts of cabins, showers, and kitchens behind for six days of backpacking.

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SEVENTH GRADE TAKES LEARNING TO THE MOUNTAINS - continued: Seventh graders, their teachers, and Wolfcreek Professional Staff hike approximately fifteen to twenty miles over their three to four days on the Pine Mountain Trail, set up camp each evening, and pack up, leaving no trace of their visit, each morning. Aside from their hiking, students also push themselves to complete a high ropes course and participate in Mountain Heritage Day.

When students return home, the true reflective nature of the trip begins. Some students loved the woods. Others were challenged and were glad or even surprised at what they could accomplish.

Even parents were nice enough to send in a few insights, for example: "I must say that I have never seen him happier, tell more stories, laugh and smile more than he did when he came home." "She really enjoyed the trip! Thank you for making a difference!" "I never a hundred percent believed all the things that are said about why Wolfcreek is good for the kids and why this belongs in a school program, but now I completely get it. It was an experience like none he would ever have had..."

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON/PHILADELPHIA TRIP TAKES SCHOOL ON THE ROAD: On Sunday, April 26, 2015, our 8th grade students arrived at Tampa International Airport excited and ready to board the plane to Washington, D.C. for a week of "History Alive!" Sixty Corbett Prep students and seven faculty members spent five days filled with touring, workshops, and fun in our nation's capital, and in the cradle of our democracy, Philadelphia!

After landing in D.C., we boarded the Metro Subway and journeyed to the Museum of Natural History for lunch and on to the National Holocaust Museum for active learning and deeper thinking. Students made visual, concrete connections to the book *Night*, by Eli Wiesel, one of the required study pieces in English. That evening, students were placed into mixed-school workshop groups with the Close-Up Organization giving students and opportunity to connect with students from Alaska, Arizona and Texas in their on-the-go hands-on live learning experience.

Day two and three were filled with "walking workshops" with their Close-Up groups. Before entering each site, the Close-Up professional staff prepared the students through seminar fashion discussions and role plays to gain the deepest possible understanding of the meaning of liberty and freedom. Seeing the students so engaged in unique and powerful ways brought great pride to our Corbett Prep teacher escorts and the Close-up Instructors.

Each day, we returned to the hotel for dinner and an hour of Program Workshops, where our students were natural leaders as they provided thought provoking comments while discussing and simulating many areas of government...for example, how bills should become laws.

On day four, we were off to Philadelphia on Wednesday! We had an early wake up so we could board the bus for the trip to Philadelphia. When the students arrived, we quickly entered Constitution Center to view an amazing show called "Freedom Rising". Did you know that there is a Corbett Prep connection to the Constitution Center and Independence Hall? Yes! Elbridge Gerry has a bronze statue, along with the other signers of the Declaration of Independence, and is an ancestor of our own Cornelia Corbett!

On Thursday morning, our students made their final good-byes to their new found friends from the other visiting schools and returned to their Corbett Prep groups for additional "site workshops. All along the way, they were showered with unsolicited compliments on their model behavior, knowledge and manners. All students came back with a wealth of knowledge about the key concepts of our American history and government, while having another Corbett Trip of bonding and amazing experiences!

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IMPORTANT UPDATES: This is the final week of music lessons for Trimester 3. We will have practice recitals immediately after school, in the Farish Center, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week (May 18 -20). Music students can attend any practice recital. Please let us know if you want us to pick up your child after school for this practice by contacting Mr. McColley at tmccolley@corbettprep.com.

THE CSA SPRING MUSIC RECITALS AND ART SHOW will be held in the Farish Center on May 18, 19 and 21. The recitals begin at 6:00 p.m. and the artwork can be viewed before and after each performance. All music students should sign up for one performance. For more information, please send an email to Tom McColley at tmccolley@corbettprep.com.

THE CSA DANCE RECITAL is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015. At **1:00 p.m.**, we feature students from all of our dance classes. This program features a fabulous variety of dance styles and all of our CSA dancers. At **6:00 p.m.**, we feature members of the **CSA Dance Company and solo dancers**. All dancers have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 28, 2015 right after school.

CORBETT PREP CAMPUS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEDICATED and VERY TALENTED FINE ARTS TEAM and THEIR SUPPORTIVE CLASSROOM TEACHERS!

We are so pleased to give a **Shout-Out** to our **Fine Arts Team** for leading and guiding the entire school, from Pre-K3 through eighth grade, to perform with such joy and confidence in last week's Annual Spring Fine Arts Performances. The Corbett Prep students made magic as they showed their diversity in performance through singing, dancing, bands, and instrumentals, while combining international and national content-rich selections to perform. The energy was so precious and electric! The **seventh grade (Graduating class of 2016)** also worked hard to speak loudly, clearly and distinctly as they took over the soon to be eighth grade privilege of narrators! **AND PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:** You were an amazingly appreciative audience that inspired our students to stretch their skills and perform so brilliantly from the little ones to "the bigs." Thank you so much for being there to support your children.



And what about the Art Show in the Farish Center!!! What an extraordinary exhibit. The visual arts selections, representing the work of every student in the school, were all show stoppers! Teaching our children to love the performing and visual arts provides them with the foundation to lead the way as citizens who understand how art and performance represent engaged brains and a well-educated society: The research is already there...in addition to creating dynamic cultures, the Fine Arts also connects to increasing learning in typical school subjects. It all connects to validate the investment beginning at early ages in the Fine Arts!!! Bravo to our entire Fine Arts Department!

MILE RUN CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 12, 2015: FROM OUR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAM WHO HAVE MADE EXERCISE A PRIORITY!



Congratulations to all students who qualified to run in the race on May 12, 2015! The boys and girls who ran the mile showed great heart like true Olympic champions. The PE team would like to thank all the parents, faculty, and students for supporting the runners in the championship at Corbett Preparatory School of IDS! **The final results are listed below:**

Mile Run Championship:

- ****Intermediate Division Girls:* **1st Place** – Camille McClendon (7:21); **2nd Place** – Avery Zwirn (7:26);
3rd Place – Annie Sardouk (7:29)
- ****Intermediate Division Boys:* **1st Place** – Gabriel Agardh (6:18); **2nd Place** – Max Sims (6:23);
3rd Place – Alex Findlay (6:25)
- ****Middle School Girls:* **1st Place** – Tallulah Nouss (6:59); **2nd Place** – Mackenzie Hicks (7:09);
3rd Place – Camille Samuel (7:11)
- ****Middle School Boys:* **1st Place** – Spenser Wong (5:24); **2nd Place** – Marcellus Crutchfield (5:50);
3rd Place – Ben Jones (5:51)

PARENTS ENJOY EVERY MOMENT of OUR LAST MONTH TOGETHER by PLANNING AHEAD:

- ★May 17 through May 23: Annual Spring Book Fair at Barnes and Noble.
- ★May 25: School closed to honor Memorial Day.
- ★June 2: Annual Candlelight and School-Wide Moving-Up Ceremonies...Gatlin Hall 8:00 a.m.
- ★June 3: Last Day Annual Class Wrap-up and Major Events...a full day of school!
- ★June 3: Class of 2015 Graduation, 6:30 p.m. in Gatlin Hall.
- ★June 15: Camp IDS begins the first of seven weeks of colossal camp options!!

Upcoming Dates

**Please see
"All School"
enclosures also
found in
Thursday Folder.**

ALL STUDENTS



Barnes & Noble Scrip Order Form

(Corbett Prep receives 9% on Scrip orders.)

Gift Certificates:	<u>Qty. Requested</u>
\$25.00	_____
\$10.00	_____

Total Order Amount: \$ _____

Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Teacher: _____

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