



Heads Up

April 4, 2014

Summer Camp: It's time to register for Summer Camp at Chesapeake Academy. Five weeks of fun and exciting adventures await your 4-14 year olds. All information is available on the CA website. Sign up before the spaces are all filled!
www.chesapeakeacademy.org

Annual Art Show: Plans are shaping up for this year's All School Student Art Show. Invitations are being mailed, so mark your calendars for the Annual CA Art Show, opening Monday April 28th at 4:00 pm. All students will have artwork displayed and this year we are mixing things up - the show will once again be judged but student work will not be labeled. We have a new and fantastic panel of judges including Nancy O'Shaughnessey, Wende Szyperski, and Cheryl Mihills. A big thank you to them for taking the time to come and be our judges!

First grade adventures: First grade has been busy! Writing a kind letter is a great way to show a friend just how fond you are of them. First graders have been learning how to write a letter and how to address an envelope. Students then took a quick trip up the street to the Irvington Post Office where they counted their coins to purchase stamps and mail their special cards. Students did a wonderful job using their manners with strangers and one another. First graders were then treated to a first class tour of the Irvington Post Office by Postman Barrack. Ask a first grader if they have received their card from a classmate!

Also during the month of March, the first grade class has established recycling centers in their homes. On Fridays, the students bring their family's recyclables in to school. One man's trash truly is another man's treasure in the first grade classroom! For one, this "treasure" allows us to practice organizing items by shape, material, and size. These discarded items have also become a classroom engineering lab. First graders use the materials for S.T.E.A.M. and S.T.E.M. projects. On March 28, the class took a field trip to the local dump. Our Lancaster County dump has a large recycling facility for the public. First graders sorted and correctly organized the recyclables, being sure to note the sorting numbers on plastics and the various types of paper. The class was fortunate to find a refuse removal truck in the process of exchanging the dumpsters. Compacting and breaking down garbage played center stage. Plastic and paper grocery bags had been a large part of the recyclable items in the class collection. In order to see, first hand, the reuse of those bags, the class traveled on to the White Stone Baptist Church Food Bank. Carrying with them the collected food items from the lost and found at CA, the class toured the facility and donated the canned goods and bags. They were able to see the large freezers and shelves of food that help to feed our local community. This class is lean and green!

Telling the future: Fifth Grade has been brainstorming about the "library of the future". As Lancaster County is reinventing the library by moving to the former bowling alley, the students want to help imagine what the uses could be for this future space. An article from "Time Magazine for Kids" got us thinking. Then a guest speaker from the Board of LCL came to share the vision and in keeping with the theme of providing more technology at the new library, the students did an "Online Meeting" to share their ideas, and inspirations. Please talk with any 5th grader about what you think the new youth services should include. Our ideas

will be compiled, refined and illustrated before presenting them to the LCL Board's planning committee.

Letting it go in 6th grade geography: Universal themes help us connect with other cultures throughout the world. For example, universal themes allow such movies as *Frozen* to be appreciated around the world. In order for that to work, these movies have to be translated into other languages. It is difficult to find singers who sound like the original character in their native tongue. This week, the 6th graders listened to "Let It Go," one of the most popular songs from the movie, in 25 languages to see how Disney worked to make this movie available to people around the world. To connect more specifically to our unit on Asia, we then watched songs from the movie *Mulan* in several dialects of Chinese, each with English subtitles, to see how the words must be changed to fit with the music yet keep the original intention. It is interesting to think that someone halfway around the world can go to the movie theater and enjoy the same movies we enjoy, even if they are in a different language.

Washington D.C. trip: Next week the 7th and 8th graders will be departing for a fun-filled 4 days in Washington, D.C. While visiting important landmarks and a variety of museums, the students will be searching for an answer to the question: How do we, as Americans, define freedom today, and how has that definition changed over time? In addition to the social studies curriculum, the students will also practice some valuable life skills, including navigating their group on a scavenger hunt through the city (with a chaperone). Teamwork will be the key to success! When they get home, ask them about freedom as well as Metros. They are sure to have a story or two to tell!

Midnight in Paris Auction - With only 29 days to go, the Auction Committee is proud to have the silent auction items on-line for early bidding. This is the first time the CA auction has offered on-line bidding! Go to the CA website, www.chesapeakeacademy.org, and click the Midnight in Paris banner to go directly to the bidding site. Browse, bid, set max bids or look under the Fixed Price Items to see what you can purchase now! Haven't sold your raffle tickets yet? Contact Raffle Chair, Suzanne Souders, to volunteer to help sell tickets on dates at Tri-Star Supermarket or Northern Neck Ace Hardware. (804.577.0186) or suzannesouders@yahoo.com

Be involved with this largest CA fundraiser. Meet and have fun with lots of parents and community volunteers as decorations are prepared, tables are arranged and auction items are displayed. Auction setup and cleanup volunteers are needed. Please contact Auction Chair, Adrienne Bugg (804.306.3275) or a@pillarandpeacock.com or Catherine Emry (804.438.5575) or cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org. Auction items are still being collected and posted to the website daily. Many hands make light work and create wonderful memories as we prepare to make this the best auction ever! Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, April 8: D.C. trip departs
Wednesday, April 9: CAPP meeting 8:30 am
Friday, April 11: D.C. trip returns
Saturday, April 12: Spring break begins
Tuesday, April 22: Classes resume

Wednesday, April 23: 7th grade field trip to Civil War Museum

Thursday, April 24: Tennis match vs Aylett (Home)

Friday, April 25: BoxTop Final Friday

Tuesday, April 29: 3rd and 5th grade field trip to Colonial Williamsburg

