



Academy Prep Center of Tampa Family Newsletter

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Thank You J.C. Newman!



Genesis Serrano and mentor,
Aimee McCalla

On Thursday, June 22nd, Academy Prep'sters and their mentors watched as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Arizona Diamondbacks. Students were treated to a luxurious charter bus ride to Tropicana Field where they enjoyed an afternoon of baseball, great food and lasting memories with their mentors. J.C. Newman continues to play an integral part of the Academy Prep mentoring initiative was awarded the **Volunteer Cooperate Partner for 2005-2006**. We would like to encourage all of our families to express their appreciation to our mentors. Thank you J.C. Newman for a fabulous afternoon of baseball fun!

First Impressions

Academy Prep stands as a shining example for a progressive, new way of schooling. From the high expectations to the extended hours, this school is clearly extraordinary. Just ask any student to finish the line, "Standing in this room, are the greatest, most committed, most

responsible people..." and you will most likely be greeted by a shy smile - a knowing grin that recalls the morning pledge spoken by the whole school during convocation. Sure, the times have changed from when I was in junior high, but what I've noticed above all is not just the times, but the colors. My middle school's dark hallways were lined with beige lockers, while *here* the sun beams through each walkway. From the dark blackboards of my past, to the vibrant whiteboards at Academy Prep, the colors truly have changed - and you can see it in the students, as well. Not simply in their cultures, but also their personalities and dreams. In my art extracurricular, we have worked together to create and decorate over sixty papier-mâché piñatas this summer, which now hang from the ceiling of the school auditorium. Hopefully these projects (as well as their other work posted around the school) will remind all those that enter this campus to look up, see the work of our children, and appreciate their potential.



AmeriCorps Teacher, Christina Gutierrez



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T-SHIRTS

Dear Parents,
"LAST CALL" FOR SUMMER T-SHIRTS!

Please come by the office if you would like to purchase an extra Summer t-shirt or two... first come, first serve.

Adult Small
(24 available)

Adult Medium
(1 available)

Youth Large
(21 available)

Cost: \$3.00/each



Extra Curricular Activities June 26 - 29

5G	Pathfinder
5B	Pathfinder
6G	Art
6B	Art
7G	Intramurals at Cuscaden Park
7B	Cuscaden Pool - Remember bathing suit and towel
8G	Intramurals at Cuscaden Park
8B	Cuscaden Pool - Remember bathing suit and towel Tuesday: Focus on Success

Kick-Off Meeting Reminder

5th and 6th grade families must schedule a Family Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting. Morning and afternoon meeting times are available for next week. Please contact Miss MacKinnon at x 129.

Karate Tournament Registration



Students interested in participating in the World Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do Federation International Tournament on July 22, 2006 must contact Master McNair for registration information. Only students who have taken Karate with Master McNair will qualify for the event, but all students and families are encouraged to attend. Master McNair may be reached through the office.