



Academy Prep Center of Tampa Family Newsletter

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Fall Family Picnic

It's finally here! Tomorrow, **September 30th**, we will host our Fall Family Picnic on campus from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** There will be lots of food and fun activities for everyone! We also need plenty of cheerleaders for our *Students vs. Staff and Families Basketball Game*. You may also want to bring chairs or blankets to sit on while you enjoy the activities. **Please refer to the program in your Friday Folder for a schedule of the day's festivities**, which includes Mr. Tamayo and the dunk tank!

Remember to **bring your food donations by 10:45** so you will get your hours! Parking will be available in the two lots across the street by Columbus Drive and 17th Avenue, in the lot across from the pavilion by Republica de Cuba, and in the grass lot across from La Segunda Bakery. Please enter our campus through the gate in between the boys' and girls' buildings, across the street from La Segunda Bakery.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY

There will be no school this Monday, October 2nd. Parents, please encourage your students to use this time to catch up on work for their classes.



Wrap It Up

Teachers' grade books will close on Thursday of next week with Report Cards following. Please make sure your student is keeping up with important due dates.

The first 4 weeks of Study Hall have been a great success. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. With their help, students have stayed focused and able to complete a big chunk of homework. Please encourage your student to remain focused and use this time wisely.



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Chrysler Golf Championship

Academy Prep Centers are the “charities of choice” for this major P.G.A. golf tournament; in return Chrysler asks us to provide volunteers. The tournament takes place at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor (North Pinellas County). This is an extremely popular event for family volunteers and students because it’s such a great cause and lots of fun. Parents work at the hospitality tents, help staff monitor students on the course, and experience a professional golf tournament with the best golfers in the world. Some of the students chosen to go will even have the chance to meet golf celebrities like Vijay Singh! The Chrysler Golf Championship is going to need volunteers for the week of 10/23 – 10/29. Be on the lookout for sign-up forms at the Fall Family Picnic and in upcoming weeks!



Academy Prep Star Watch

The following is an excerpt of a beautiful speech given by 7th Grader Imani Smith. Imani presented it at a dinner for new student sponsors and we wanted to share it with our families.



“From the moment I stepped onto the Academy Prep campus, I knew this school was for me. Academy Prep’s fresh atmosphere was for me. From the moment I shook Mr. Tamayo’s hand, I knew this is where my future would begin.

My classes are very challenging. My teachers work with me on an individual basis and I get the education I deserve. My teachers teach me to listen and to think for myself by enforcing rules and discipline. I never knew there could be so much order in school...

...Academy Prep is not just a school. It is not just a family. Academy Prep is a living, breathing lifestyle that I have the honor of living. I know Academy Prep will affect me two years from now and twenty-two years from now.

I am Imani Smith and I am proud to be an Academy Prep student.”



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PARENTS:

From Ms. Nita

Look out for the new 2006-2007 Parent Workshop schedule. Meetings will be held here at school from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Topics will be of great interest to all parents of Academy Prep students. For attending, participants will qualify for one hour of volunteer service time. Parent workshops are facilitated by me, Academy Prep's Student Counselor.

See you there!
Ms. Nita

5th Grade Field Trip

It's finally 5th grade's turn! Next Saturday, October 7th, is the first field trip for our youngest grade and it looks like a great one. Inner City Outings (I.C.O.) will take students to Ft. Desoto. Students will need to bring a one piece bathing suit, towel, bug repellent, and sunscreen. This trip will be a lot of fun for chaperones too. If you are interested in signing up, you may do so in the office or by calling Ms. MacKinnon, x129. Look out for more details in next week's newsletter.

Important Dates & Activities

Sept 30	Fall Family Picnic 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Volunteer Opportunities!
Oct 2	No School
Oct 6	End of Grading Period
Oct 7	5th Grade Field Trip Mandatory Volunteer Opportunities!
Oct 13	Professional Planning Day No School
Oct 21	7th Grade Field Trip
Oct 23-29	Chrysler Championship Volunteer Opportunities!



Free Eye Exams

Students often complain of chronic headaches and, often, poor vision is the cause. Information regarding free eye exams and glasses for your child is now available. If you would like to receive more information, please contact our school's counselor, Ms. Nita at x139 or on her cell phone, (813) 928-2610.