

Budget

Budget is on track. We have expense of \$51.9K and income of \$52.2K

Armchair Fundraiser (ACF)

We plan to run an armchair fundraiser campaign in March.

Winter Mini-Enrichment Classes

Mini-enrichment classes begin January 9th. The PTA is offering classes in Chess, Guitar, Piano and Kids' Fitness.

The Fifth Grade is also offering a four-week course for students from K-2, to partner 5th grade students with younger students and help them with their Spanish. The students will be split into different activities, i.e. singing songs, playing games and reading.

International Dinner

International Dinner is on January 27th at 6:30pm.

Movie Night

The next movie night is planned for February 10, 2012.

Fundraising Update

The Silent Auction is being chaired by Velvet Beard. She is looking for volunteers. If you don't want to volunteer but know of a great store or restaurant, please ask them to donate their services. The event will take place on May 12, 2012 at NRECA with a Cinco de Mayo theme.

Sauca, a restaurant on Columbia Pike is giving 15% of its proceeds on December 13 to Claremont, Barcroft, Campbell and Randolph. There are also two more nights for these dinners - January 24 and February 21, 2012.

Valentine's Day Parties

The Valentine's Day parties are coming up on February 14. Classroom teachers will tell the homeroom parents of the desired activities.

ADELANTE

Adelante is holding an event on January 6th with a Birthday Party theme.

Mrs. Burnett

The staff has chosen Kim Klaus as its Teacher of the Year and Lety Macias as its Support Person of the Year. Mrs. Burnett is accepting letters of support through Friday, January 6.

CCPTA

Michael Novak delivered a presentation on how Arlington County addresses the needs of both gifted children and those with special needs. Both groups can enrich the student body but the goal of the school is to meet and challenge every student's abilities.

The Reflections ceremony is coming up on January 17, 2012 and the county needs some volunteers. The ceremony is being held at Washington and Lee at 7:00 p.m.

Carol Schaedel – Special Guest

GT teacher Carol Schaedel spoke about the different programs that are available for the gifted and talented students at Claremont. But the school also uses its GT department in every grade... trying to expand the learning environment for every student.

Some of the resources that the GT department uses are WordMasters and the Continental Math League. WordMasters is designed to stretch the vocabulary of students. It's used for both the students labeled "GT" as well as in the general classrooms.

Continental Math League is a series of math questions designed to encourage students to problem solve.

Mrs. Schaedel also uses games like Math Dice with Ms. Yaffe to encourage students to stretch their math muscles.

Several parents also asked Mrs. Schaedel about how students are identified as gifted and talented. There's a multi-prong approach in identification. A parent or teacher can recommend that a student be tested. The student's schoolwork and special projects as well as recommendations are evaluated in the identification process.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates

February 7 – 9:15 am – Key/Claremont

February 15 – 6pm – Claremont

March 6 – 9:15 am – Key/Claremont

March 22 – 6 pm – Key

April 12 – 12:45 pm – Key/Claremont