



# The School Age Care News

February 2009

Dear Parents,

Please come and support SAC's annual Youth Art Fest. This year's theme *Shaker Cares: Little Changes, Big Difference* will feature site performances and creative projects. The Art Fest will be held at Shaker Middle School 20600 Shaker Blvd. from 6:30-8:00p. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

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## MERCER

### GENERAL NEWS

Old man winter is at it again. We want our Mercer students to dress warm and drink a lot of hot chocolate. We also want to welcome back Mr. Steven! He visited Australia and had a wonderful time. As we move forward

with good hopes in 2009, we want to say "Thank You" to parents for all their help and contributions. We will continue to provide a positive learning environment.

### SHOWCASE

★ KARMA PETERSON ★

Age: 9 years old

Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>

Favorite movie: High School Music #1

Favorite sport: Track

Karma also enjoys playing video games

We would like to welcome our new Mercer team member, Ms. Otisha.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS



Students will be making chocolate covered strawberries and fruit.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every Tuesday and Thursday, students will be participating in aerobics.

Every Friday, there will be Trivia Mania.

# WOODBURY

## GENERAL NEWS

The snow is here, the cold is here; so are indoor games, crafts and talking with friends. However, homework during quiet time is first and foremost. Next, we have enjoyed snacks, project activities, gym play, and board game play. The topics discussed this past month were:

- We're "Going Green"
- National Vision Care Month
- Louis Braille designing the aide to help the blind to read, and
- Jack and the Beanstalk for Grimm Brothers fairy tales.

The projects this past month reflect "going green." Using items in crafts is a good way to recycle. Water is a renewable resource, we have been trying to use wisely.



For Vision month, Todd discussed that he was getting eye glasses. Now, seeing Todd with his glasses, he looks



### Topics of this month

- Going Green
- National Vision Care
- Louis Braille
- Jack and the Beanstalk

very distinguished. He did state, "That just because someone wears glasses does not mean that they are smart." See the creative writing in reference to National Vision Care Month.

Lastly, we discussed the Grimm

brothers' Jack and the Beanstalk. We all agreed that it had been a long time since we have heard or thought about Jack and the Beanstalk. Jack and the Beanstalk was actually an English fairytale, but the Grimm brothers put their German spin on it.



## CREATIVE WRITING

Clear eyes, clear skies  
 As I look through the thick glass  
 And see the vast reflection in mass  
 I see far, I see close  
 With a bright helpful dose  
 Clear eyes, clear skies  
 Without thy glasses  
 I wouldn't seen the masses  
 Of far mountain ranges and the  
 Close mystery dangers.

*Anonymous*

# FERNWAY

## GENERAL NEWS

Fernway welcomes Ms. Ebony and Mr. R to our Fernway family as our newest childcare counselors. Ms. Ebony stepped right in helping Fernway's cheerleading squad with cheers and help the spirit team make signs for our upcoming games. Mr R. has practiced with our basketball team getting them in tip top shape for our game on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lomond school.

Fernway will wear red shirts and black pants to show their support for the basketball team and cheerleader.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will write a play for next month's art fest, the play will be titled "*Little Green Riding Hood*" in observance of saving the planet by promoting going green.

## TRAVELING GRACE

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Woodbury School science lab on January 12<sup>th</sup> to learn about physical changes in chemical matter taught by Ms. Hoffman, the science teacher.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Fernway aftercare traveled to Lomond at 4:15 pm for the 4:30 pm basketball game.

Carly and Sam Lehman shared memories from their trip to Cape Town in Africa. We got a drum, cool sticks for games played in Africa. We learned how to play cricket. South Africa beat Australia in a cricket series. Favorite places to visit Cradle of Humanities in Johannesburg and the two Safari lodgers.

### Favorite Books of the Month

*Charlotte's Web*  
*Fire Star*

## SHOWCASE

**ANNA WALKER**

Congratulations to Anna Walker for winning the Martin Luther King writing contest. Her free write was pick on January 12<sup>th</sup> representing the 3rd grade class.

## CREATIVE WRITING

### *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



He was against separations between blacks and whites... He was brave ... brave man. Seven words that describe him best: brave, wanted freedom, peaceful, dreaming, hopeful, kind, loving.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was great!

## EDUCATION CORNER

Fernway's favorite books of the month:

Hayden Steiss chose *Fire Star* by Chris D'Lacy

Anna Walker chose *Charlotte's Web* by Elwin Brooks White.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-----------------|------------|
| Sirr Hughes     | January 7  |
| Xavia Fields    | January 8  |
| Nazani Cassidy  | January 9  |
| Destiny Jackson | January 10 |
| Alex Haliburton | January 31 |

# LOMOND

## GENERAL NEWS

Happy New Year! The children started back after a long, restful break and have gotten back into their after school routine. They started off with a "helping" spirit and chose to make cards for the residents of Montefiore nursing home. They used their talents and made greetings as they focused on making a difference in our community. They plan on doing this monthly.



The children also participated in the NIKE Recycle program and won 1st place and a pizza party for their efforts. We are very proud of them.

To continue the spirit of community and making a difference, the children are going to start a campaign called "We CAN make a Difference" and help a local food bank with healthy can goods.

## CREATIVE WRITING

Louis is a 4th grader who is already dreaming of summer!

Summer, Summer, Summer

Ice cream, swimming, getting a tan

Summer, summer, summer

Having a party at the pool, fishing

Summer, summer, summer

Going to the beach all day

Summer, summer, summer

Going out of town...

Summer, summer, summer

I love summer



by Louis Schwartz

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

**SPORTS**—We are ready for Lomond's first basketball game of the year! Our team is on fire under the direction of Coach R and Coach Tim. Let's Go Dolphins!

**CHEERLEADING**—Gooooo Lomond! We are full of spirit and Dolphin pride. We are eager to cheer on our team at the first game of the year.



**SCIENCE**—This week in Science Club we did an eggsperiment. We used hard boiled eggs, covered them in vinegar to make them bounce. This experiment was both fun and educational. Can't wait for next week!

**READING**—The children have read several different books in the month of January. "If the Moon Could Talk" was read with an extension painting activity; "The Lorax" was also discussed and an environmental craft followed. The rest of the month, the children did a Shel Silverstein unit and read various poems related to school.



# LOMOND (cont'd)

## SPOTLIGHT

### ★ LAUREN SHEPERD ★

Lauren is 6 years old and is in Mrs. B's Kindergarten class. She enjoys playing on the playground and doing rainy day games in her classroom.

Outside the school, Lauren loves the outdoors. Her favorite outside activity is building snowmen. Lauren also takes art classes at the Cleveland Museum of Art, which she enjoys very much. One of her favorite stories is "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss. She highly recommends it. She also ice skates and takes dance classes.



Lauren's family includes her mom Hollie, her dad Ruben and her little brother Henry, who is three. She has a cat named Hobbs and a fish named Barbara.

Lauren loves the reading club using coloring sheets for books in Lomond's after care. We enjoy Lauren's fun loving personality, sweetness and brightness. She adds to our program.

# BOULEVARD

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### AIDAN SAX

Aidan is one of our newest members to the after care family. He is a 1st grader in Ms. Rollin's class. He is full of energy. He loves playing Battleship as well as Dodgeball in the gym. He likes reading books and hanging out with his buddy Kamry.

Aidan is always willing to help when asked. Thank you for all your help and WELCOME to the after care family and we enjoy having you.



## QUOTE

You know what they say when the wolves come out the walls? It's all over!"

Taken from the book  
*The Wolves in the Walls*

Keep thinking always, Boulevard, for without thinking there is no learning.

# BOULEVARD (cont'd)

## GENERAL NEWS

We have made it through the first month of 2009 and are looking forward to the rest of the year. Let's not forget that the temperature is going to continue to drop and the snow is going to continue to fall through February and maybe even March. Parents, please remember to dress your kids appropriately: this means, hats, gloves, boots and scarves. Children that are in the morning care have to line up in the morning outside with their class so they should be prepared for cold weather. Though the weather is cold we will still do fire drills with the

students meaning that coats as well as hats should be worn by your children. Parents, also remember to check the "Lost and Found" for any missing items. The pile is growing by the day.

The Art Fest is coming up very soon; February is right around the corner. If you have some recyclables (plastic bottles, aluminum cans, etc.) please try to collect some of them and put them aside. There will be a recyclable box in the morning and after care to store them for art projects. More details to come.

We hope to do some more fun events and have parent involvement in them (many of you parents are familiar with the international buffet and carnival we had last year). Thank you for all your support for your children and the Boulevard before and after care program.



## SPORTS



We hope to play some basketball games against Lomond and Mercer as well as Fernway in the month of February. This is all pending on the children wanting to participate as well as parental permission. I know that many children are involved with other sports and activities, so if you could please let the Boulevard staff know what days are best for your child in order for them to participate. We will keep you informed. Hopefully, the Blazers will be ready to roll!

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

A new club will start in 2009!

**DRAMA CLUB** will begin next year, hopefully starting after the Art Fair. Students will learn more about theater and hopefully, base on student interest, we can put on a play in the spring.

**ART CLUB** will officially begin and maybe one other club that the students will have the ability to decide upon. This will be both fun and educational stimulating your children's brains.

# ONAWAY

## GENERAL NEWS



During the cold days, the children will be spending time in the gym. So please check the gym if you don't see us in the Multipurpose Room.

## WORLD OF ART

The walls of Onaway have turned into a gallery. We recently had an art contest and all who participated were winners. They all did a wonderful job. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> contest. The children really enjoy creating wonderful things. Come in and check it out! See if you can pick out your child's picture.

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

The children are working on something for all you lovely parents on Valentine's Day. Be on the lookout!



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Gaydosh	Jan. 1		
Fenner Dreyfuss-Wells	Jan. 10		
Katie Zurnick	Jan. 11		
Myka Reffner	Jan. 13		
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan. 19		Happy MLK Day
Raymel Ryan	Jan. 28		
Leah Marks	Feb. 9		
Andrew Morrissy	Feb. 23		

## SPOTLIGHT



Rudy is a very busy 5-year-old in Mrs. Johnston's kindergarten class. He will turn 6 on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rudy loves to eat chicken, play video games, and ride his bike in his spare time. He hopes to lose the training wheels on his bike this spring. In school, Rudy loves sharing. He really likes telling everyone about the things he brings in.



Rudy wants to be a Police Officer when he grows up. When asked why, he said "I get to arrest people!" Doesn't that just make you feel safe?!

# ONAWAY (cont'd)

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month. We will be reading stories about famous African Americans during this month. Mr. Hill will read stories to the children between the time of 4:15 pm and 5:00 pm. Parents, if you would like to volunteer to read to the children during this time, we certainly welcome you. See Mr. Hill to schedule a time and story for Black History during the month of February.

### FEEDBACK!

Mr. Hill is looking for feedback on our word of the month. He wants to know if the children are living what they learned.

November's word was neat, December's was responsible and January's was courteous. Keeping in line with Black History Month, February's word is determination.

Let us know if the children are using these words at home in their daily lives.

Are they helping you, parents?



### CREATIVE WRITING

#### Valentine's Day

Valentine, Valentine

Write a little valentine

Shape it like a heart once more

Then mail it right away,

Special for Valentine's Day!

*by Natalia Miklos, 1st grade*



Valentine's Day picture by Natalia Miklos

# COMMUNITY LIFE DEPARTMENT

## Upcoming Events

### February 16 - SPIRIT DAY

#### FUNDAZE

Registration fees as follows:

before Feb. 13      res\$35; nres\$45

after Feb. 13      res\$45; nres\$55



Call 216-491-1295 to register or register [online](#).

#### Online Payments

Payments for School Age Care available online as of February 2009.

To take advantage of this opportunity your child must be enrolled on a full time basis from Monday to Friday.

First time participants and at the beginning of each school year (Aug.-Sept.), registration in the School Age Care program must be done in person. Payments may be done online once your child is registered as a full time participant.

#### New Recreation Book

Look for the new Recreation book in your mail by the end of February; it will no longer be included in the Shaker Life magazine.

The book will include spring and summer programs and activities as well as the summer camps.

#### Pool Passes

Plan on buying your pool passes now and avoid long lines in April.

Early Bird pool passes available until April 13, 2009.

#### HOTLINE

Inclement weather  
Activities Cancellation Line  
**216-491-3143**



Check our brochure or [website](#) for more information.

Registration for classes have started.

Register [online](#) or call Thornton Park at 216-491-1295 or the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building at 216-491-1360