



# The School Age Care News

March 2009

Dear Parents,

Thanks for all your support in attending the annual Youth Art Fest. The kids creativity, performances and knowledge of our beloved planet was astounding! Hopefully, you were able to check us out on Channel 3 news! We look forward to your continued support in the future.

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## WOODBURY

### GENERAL NEWS

We have completed over 100 days of this school year. Well, now we are more than half way through the school year. Hopefully, spring is around the corner. We can use the warmer weather. However, we have taken a breath of crisp, fresh air to practice another fire drill. Yes, safety first, at all times. Keep it up after care.

Past topics discussed were random acts of kindness and heart health. Since the students here are a little older, we focus on being courteous and considerate of others, daily. It is expected that we are mindful of others. Sometimes, friendly reminders are given, but overall, it is done. We discussed heart health and making important choices (see Creative Writing).

Thank you staff and students

for the projects of Art Fest 2009. We hope you can enjoy your herbs that were planted; either by using or just looking at them. As for the items that were recycled or reused; let them beautify your home.

### CREATIVE WRITING

#### A Special Month

*February is a special month.*

*No, it's not because of Valentine's Day.*

*No, not because of Black History Month.*

*Do you give up?*

*It's heart health month*

*Did you know that?*

*Well, now you do.*

*Everybody needs to keep their heart healthy, including you. So here are some tips.*

- Eat healthy**
- Don't smoke**
- Exercise**



*So you can have a healthy heart.*

*By Naomi G.*

# MERCER

## GENERAL NEWS

At Mercer we continue to give acts of kindness to one another. Our wall of Kind Hands is growing day by day. Students are showing these acts of kindness by using kind words and good gestures such as:

- Please and thank you
- Showing courtesy to others
- Helping others
- Helping clean up
- Showing a smile
- Being respectful



These attributes are making Mercer after care students kind and respectable citizens. Good job!

For the month of March, Mercer will be getting ready for the upcoming season, Spring! Students will learn how to plant a variety of flowers. Also, we will be making shamrock brownies to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will also be celebrating Mr. Q's birthday with lots of homemade foods and desserts. We would like to give a special thanks to the students and parents for participating in the Art Show at the Middle School.



## CREATIVE WRITING

### *Everyday is Earth Day*

Every day is Earth Day  
 If it's cold or wet or hot  
 Pitch in to save the planet  
 It's the only one we've got



*By Daron S., 1st grade &  
 Spencer, G., 1st grade*



Winners of this month Coloring Contest:

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Aditi T - Grade K     | Runner Up:            |
| Tiffany H - 1st Grade | Noa V - 3rd Grade     |
| Benden S. - 2nd Grade | Margo, H. - 4th Grade |
| Teddy D. - 3rd Grade  |                       |
| Karma P. - 4th Grade  |                       |



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We are going to start after Spring Break a workout program every Wednesday and Friday. Students will be introduced to new ways of exercising that will be fun and exciting! We will be making fruit smoothies to enjoy after our workouts.



Don't forget to put your clocks forward on Sunday, March 8, 2009

# FERNWAY

## GENERAL NEWS

Fernway will be starting an acting club for all grades K-4. This club will showcase hidden talents in storytelling, acting, free writing and comedy. The students will showcase their talents for Fernway parents in May.

Fernway is looking for childcare sites who are interested in starting an indoor kickball tournament. All ages are encouraged to play.

Fernway's basketball game versus Lomond on February 12 was a draw, both teams played well and the ending score was 25 to 25. Great job to all the players and cheerleaders. A very special thank you to all parents who attended the basketball game.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE

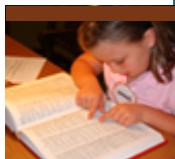
Clean up the earth, have a great time cleaning the earth with people. It will get dirty and no one will step in it if no one cleans it!

*By Camryn Soltau Grade K*

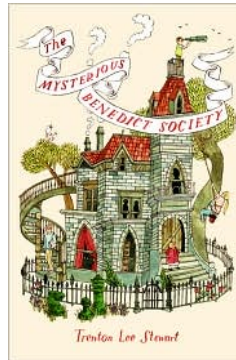
## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

4th grade class toured the Planetarium at the High School.

3rd grade class toured the Western Reserve Historical Society.



In honor of Black History Month, Autumn Hamilton shared her education display of Madam C.J. Walker in morning care. It was awesome!



**Book of the Month**  
per Jacob Donnell

The Mysterious Benedict Society

## SHOWCASE

**MARISSA HARRIS**

Congratulations to Marissa, 3rd grader, on her first job. Marissa will start as a Junior Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Her job responsibilities will be entertaining sick children and helping mom at the front desk.



## TRAVELING

Alex Haliburton from Washington, DC—Alex said he loved the Aaron Space Museum.

Alec Siegel vacationing in the Dominican Republic—Nice tan, Alec!

Sam & Carly Lehman in New York—They loved the Peak & Peak Ski Resort.

# FERNWAY (cont'd)

## CREATIVE WRITING



The world is in our hands so let's keep it clean by going green! Some people litter but somebody has to stop this! Here are some plans to make sure our planet stays clean as it can be.

First we might as well watch for litter on the ground. We could also recycle objects and paper so we will save the trees and we won't pollute. These plans could really make our planet a clean place!

*by Enna Van den Akker, 3rd grade*

I am an artist because I know how to paint like an artist. And I am a fan of painting. I can paint for you my painting is great for a person for mommy, for JJ for Daddy. None of my family knows how to paint a picture only I know how to paint and I feel great.

*by Camryn Soltau, grade K*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eloy Vazquez	January 31 (missed you in last month newsletter)
Pilar Vazquez	February 2
Anna Dillenbeck	February 17
Ms. Monique	February 20
Ms. Jean	February 23
Amelia Berg	March 3
Eeyoha Aklog	March 8
Enna Van Akker	March 15
Sam Gunn	March 16
Matthew Kirchner	March 18
Caroline Kruthoff	March 20



# LOMOND

## GENERAL NEWS

February was a mixed bag of events at Lomond!

One activity the children spent a lot of time preparing for was the art show, **Shaker Cares, Little Changes, Big Differences**. They worked on projects and crafts that contributed to the "Going Green" theme. The children brainstormed a lot of creative ideas and were very enthusiastic about the theme. This year, the art show added performances on the agenda and the children got to participate in a green-related performance. **Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take the Garbage Out**, a poem by Shel Silverstein, was performed, with a recycle spin added to it. The children were wonderful to work with as we prepared the production.

We would like to acknowledge those who worked so hard to make it a success:

Ariana Bliss

Monet Bouie

Kiara Patterson

Aria Perkins

Louis Schwartz

Lauren Shepherd

Jalan Sloan

Wyatt Sweeney

Angel Uhl

Clovis Westlund

Alexis Winthrop

In addition to the art show, children learn how important Black History is to all of us. America is a melting pot with great opportunities. Some of our 4th graders performed a Tuskegee Airmen skit, read Langston Hughes poems, and presented facts about Black History figures. For the remainder of the month we will have weekly programs. We would like to thank all of our participants and audience members.

In conjunction with black history, the children did a separate project celebrating Barack Obama and his presidency. The children created a mural and wrote their hopes for his presidency.

## SPOTLIGHT

★ CLOVIS WESTLUND ★



Clovis is one of our bright well-mannered kindergarteners. He likes to perform the monthly songs that he learns in class and said that he loves to visit the library. Clovis is a part of our very own Reading Club and was recently awarded "Student of the Week."

He told us that he likes to visit his grandparents in France and he is excited to be a new big brother soon. His favorite food is pasta and favorite sauce is Trader Joe's. Clovis is a wonderful addition to our childcare program.

# LOMOND (cont'd)

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

**SPORTS**—The Sports Club is continuing to flourish, though the month of February is relatively low key due to equipment transitions within the gym. The club will resume with winter sports of basketball, kickball, dodgeball, and floor hockey on the first week of March. On February 12th the boys' basketball team played Fernway and were tied 25-25.



**ARTS & CRAFTS**—The children spent a lot of their free time devoted to the projects of the art show. Some of the other projects they completed were Valentine's Day cards for the residents at Montefiore Nursing Home, celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Month with friendship bracelets and doing free form art with different types of media.

**SCIENCE**—Our Science Club is becoming a massive hit and the members are enjoying the experience of creating different—sometimes gross—new things. This month alone we have created quick sand, green snot, a huge tornado, and erupting volcano, and three exploding Diet Pepsi bottles. The children are enjoying the thrill of being scientists and cannot wait for all the excitement in store!

**READING**—The Reading Club was expanded to the mornings and will continue until the end of the school year. Tuesday and Thursday mornings the children listen to a story, do either a story stretcher activity or craft to go along with the story. The early birds at Lomond have been very enthusiastic about it!



## CREATIVE WRITING

### Seasons

*Spring, summer, winter, fall. Seasons seasons you know them all. See them here see them there see the seasons everywhere!*

*You know Spring, you know Summer, you know Fall, you know Winter, you know them all!*

*By Kayla Covert, 2nd grade*



### I Love Spring

*I love Spring it makes me want to sing.*

*Tulips are blooming*

*People are riding their bikes.*

*And it is a good sight.*

*By Monet Bouie, 2nd grade*

# BOULEVARD

## GENERAL NEWS

Looking at the most recent weather, we can almost say that we are through the bad winter of 2008-09 and are looking forward to the spring. Though weather may be getting better, parents please remember to dress your kids appropriately. If you haven't gotten a chance, please take a few minutes either at morning care drop off or after care pick up to check the "LOST and FOUND" for hats, gloves, boots, and scarves. Thank you to all parents who help support Boulevard participants in this year Art Fest. Thank you for all the recyclable materials, thank you for bringing your children to play and



practice and for staying late or coming later to allow us to finish practicing. Thank you for helping to build costumes and attending the show to see our final product. We all felt loved and appreciate all your efforts to engage your children in the many wonderful activities. We hope to do 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.

## SHOWCASE



Shitong is one of our newest members to the after care family. He is a 4th grader in Mr. Austin's class. He is full of energy. He loves playing with K-nex and Legos as well as dodge ball in the gym. He likes drawing and hanging out with his buddies from Mr. Austin's class. Shitong is always willing to help when asked and is very polite to the entire after care staff. When asked to fill in for a student that was absent during play practice, Shitong stepped right in; the Boulevard staff greatly appreciate that. THANK YOU!!!

## SPORTS



It seems like a long time coming due to the time and effort that was put into our Art Fest but we still plan to play some basketball games this spring. 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, it will be greatly appreciated. We will keep you informed. Hopefully, the Blazer will be ready to roll!

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

A new club will start in now that the Art Fest is finished. Due to the success of the Art Fest play, many students have been interested in starting a Drama Club, also an Art Club, and a Cheerleading Club just to name a few ideas that the students have come up with. Students will learn more about theater and hopefully, base on student interest, we can put on a play in the spring. This will be both fun and educational, stimulating your children's brains. If you have ideas, please feel free to make suggestions. We will consider implementing those ideas into our before and after care schedule.

# ONAWAY

## GENERAL NEWS



Greetings from everyone here at Onaway. Small reminder for the LOST and FOUND: Since the holiday break, our lost and found is slowly growing to the size of a small clothing store. Please check the lost and found if you can't seem to find some of your children's belongings. It's amazing what things turn up in the lost and found.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kailee Zurnick	March 31
Mr. Hill	March 23



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

The children truly astonish Mr. Hill when it comes to playing table games. Flexible Hexabits is a major hit. If you would like to purchase them for your home, you can look on Amazon.com.

Connect Four has always been a favorite here at Onaway. The kids are very good at this game. They've beat Mr. Hill many times to his dismay. Parents, come and challenge the kids to a game. You'll be surprised at who may win! It's a great game for demonstrating good sportsmanship and attitude.

The kids keep Mr. Hill from crying when he loses all the time!!!



## ART FEST

We would like to thank all the parents and children who showed up to the Art Fest. The children learned a lot about recycling and going green.

They really enjoyed being on stage singing. It was a great time. Thanks again!

## SPOTLIGHT



Yu is a 1st grader in Ms. White's room. She is 7 years old and her birthday is December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Yu loves drawing. She wants to be an author when she grows up. She also loves playing games in before and after care; however, doing projects is the best.

Her favorite food is spaghetti. She is not willing to share, even with Mr. Hill.



## LUCKY DAY

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. For fun let's finish up the going green theme with wearing green. We can continue to recycle and remember how to take care of our planet and look good doing it! Wear Green & Go Green!



# COMMUNITY LIFE DEPARTMENT

## Upcoming Events

### FUNDAZE March 6 - Western Reserve Historical Society

Registration fees as follows:  
before Feb. 27      res\$35; nres\$45  
after Feb. 27      res\$45; nres\$55

### March 20 - Rock'n Roll Hall of Fame

Registration fees as follows:  
before March 13      res\$35; nres\$45  
after March 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.

### HOTLINE

Activities Cancellation Line  
216-491-3143



### Pool Passes

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

Early Bird pool passes  
available until April 13, 2009.

### Learn to Swim

Registration for Learn to Swim classes in the summer at Thornton Park is open NOW.

### New Recreation Book

Look for the new Recreation book in your mail during the 1st week of March; 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.

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