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Upattinas School

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Reminder Dates

- 4/21
All Community Meeting
6:30 - 9:00
- 4/27
Franklin Institute Field Trip - HS
- 4/28
Gossamer, People's Light and Theater
- 4/30
Evening of the Arts
7 - 10 pm
- 5/5
Lower/Middle/TEP Graduations
- 5/7 - 5/10
Testing
- 5/12
Graduating Senior's Meeting
- 5/15
High School Prom
8 - 12 pm
- 5/22
Work Party
9 - 3
- 5/28
Last day of classes
- 6/1 - 6/3
Family Conferences

**UPATTINAS
GRADUATION
FRIDAY, JUNE
4
4:30 PM**

Office Notes

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

We are trying to assist with living arrangements for three individuals who need host families, for different reasons.

Naoka Kondo, a Teacher Education Program intern from Japan, needs room and board for the next school year. She speaks English and has already received a degree in Japan in her pursuit of a career in education. A monthly stipend of \$500 for room and board is available; Naoka will need transportation to and from school each day.

Yukino, a high school student

from Japan, is the daughter of one of our Japanese alumni, Kimiko. She would like to attend Upattinas next year as an exchange student and needs a family willing to provide room and board in ex-



change for a monthly stipend.

A former middle school student, now residing in Texas,

would like to return. His family has moved to Texas but is willing to allow him to return for one semester this fall. He needs to stay with a family residing in one of our "busing" districts, and there will be a monthly stipend to cover his room and board.

Please consider opening your home to any one of these potential new friends! If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office at 610.458.5138.

Graduation Day!

Graduating seniors will be receiving a letter soon with important information about graduation day. For the rest of us, here's what you need to know!

- The entire community is invited to attend our now-famous graduation ceremony.
- On Friday, June 4th, we will gather at 4:30 p.m. in the yard, or in the gym if it is raining.
- Chairs will be provided or you can bring your own comfy lawn chairs.
- We will have a large tent as sun protection - please help us make sure that all our grandparents are comfortably seated in the shade as the ceremony begins.
- We will have a delicious communal dinner. School will provide beverages, plates and utensils; please bring a dish that feeds approximately 15 people, whether salad, entrée, or dessert. If your family is particularly large, feel free to bring an even larger dish to share!

Please join us for what is always a memorable and moving experience for everyone.

REMINDERS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Graduating Seniors Meeting is Wednesday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Big Room.

Deadline for senior work is Friday May 21—evaluations, projects, portfolios, and reports must be completed and turned in to your advisor by this date!

Conferences will be held from Tuesday June 1 through Thursday June 3.

Graduation is Friday, June 4, at 4:30 p.m.

Got Skills?

We need help with a variety of maintenance jobs - can you match your skills and time available to something on this list? Please call the office if you can help!

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| 2 hours | Prime the wood that is covering the old water fountain in the gym. |
| 3 hours | Clean northeast end backboard in the gym. |
| 4 hours | Sand and varnish the doors on the sculpture shed. |
| 5 hours | Caulking and flashing work on gym porch roof. |
| 5 hours | Sand and varnish/paint the glass doors on the office building. |
| 5 hours | Rebuild the bench in Tristin's room and insulate the heating pipes. |
| 7 hours | Paint back gym vestibule. |
| 10 hours | Paint front gym vestibule. |
| 10 hours | Glaze stone hallway window panes. |
| 16 hours | Insulate heating pipes in 5 high school classrooms. |

We have always relied on our community to pitch in and help and we thank you in advance for continuing that tradition!

RECRUITMENT

As a reminder, our ongoing recruitment incentive plan is open to anyone. If you know of a potential student who would be a good fit for Upattinas, please fill out this form and either mail or fax it to the office. We'll do the rest! Anyone who first refers an enrolling student will receive a \$100 "reward" and the enrolling family is eligible for a \$50 discount on their enrollment fee.

Your name _____ Date _____

Prospective student name _____

Current school, if known _____

Parent's names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone and/or email address _____

Optional: In your opinion, why should this child consider Upattinas? Please check all that apply and/or let us know in your own words.

Loves learning but doesn't love school

Is looking for more freedom

Too creative for current school

Looking for smaller classes

Is independent/self directed

Would thrive in an open, more relaxed environment

Wants to be in charge of his/her education

Would enjoy being part of a community

Other _____

Upattinas School Evening of the Arts

www.upattinas.org

Friday, April 30, 2010

7-10 p.m.

Showcasing the art, music, photography and other talents of the Upattinas community

Admission \$5

Refreshments available

Upattinas School Open House Events
Meet students and staff! Tour the school and our art gallery!
Saturday, May 1 from 12-3
Monday, May 3 from 11-2

We need YOU at our WORK PARTY!!

Come one, come all, to our work party on May 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

It's time for a general spring-cleanup party! We'll all be working outside, so grab your gloves, weeding tools, and wheel barrels and pitch in!

We love our parents...

Upattinas is known for being a community of helpful, involved people. We would like to thank these folks who continue to help out in a variety of ways. The risk of thanking people is, of course, the possibility of being unaware of the contribution of some kind soul. Please forgive us in advance if you should be on this list!

We would like to thank Valerie Macneir, E. B. Hawkins, and Charlie Frey for helping during the final performance of our Music Series.

We all enjoyed the Kirschner-Lapsinski family's presentation of India Day, a day full of food, clothing, art, and culture from their six-week trip to India.

Jen Moquin single-handedly folded 3000 inserts and filled 1000 envelopes with them for Phase Two of our Annual Appeal - Thank you Jen!

... and board members

Judy Coffin, Doris Klein, and parent Barbara Berger painted the front gym entry doors for us, and they have other painting projects lined up!

...and our students!

Our students often do "real work" at school and we don't think of it as volunteering but as part of the community experience. However, recently Eric was a tremendous help to Sandy while gardening and during our Music Series. Jack can always be counted on to help out when needed, and Emily's photographic skills are called on frequently. Alexandra has been helping out in the office and we have a core group of students who enjoy serving lunch - we appreciate it! We would also like to thank Alex, Nate, Lillian, and Arianna for sealing and stamping the aforementioned 1000 envelopes!

Thanks to a grant from the Valley Forge Music Fair Trust the high school will be attending a production of **Gossamer** on April 28.

The Trust has allowed us to routinely attend shows at People's Light & Theatre. We have been the grateful recipients of

The Valley Forge Music Fair Trust for more than 5 years

Newbery Award-winning author Lois Lowry brings us the story of Dream-givers, the mystical creatures who collect memories from meaningful belongings and weave them together to create dreams. In this delicate story that tiptoes between reality and imagination two Dream-givers comfort a

lonely old woman and her troubled young foster son. When the boy is haunted by nightmares his Dream-giver, with her gossamer touch, must find the courage to protect him



Alumni Corner

We really enjoy seeing former students when they visit. Recently we were able to catch up with:

Molly Beitler (09)	Max Sadler (09)	Sharif Valentine (09)
Zach Johnson (09)	John Salvino (09)	Kali Wallace (06)
Emmett Moskowitz (08)	Cori Trice (09)	Ivy Weir (06)

CONTINUING ED 101, FOR PARENTS

All Community Meeting?

This year's All Community Meeting was well attended by students, parents, and staff. A vital part of the community's governance since the school began, the All Community Meeting is both a venue for reporting important issues to the community, and for making decisions as a community.

Our school is a nonprofit corporation (501(c)3) doing business as the Open Community Corporation, and the All Community meeting is the final governing body of the school. Major decisions are brought to the All Community meeting for introduction and consideration, and the meeting also approves the yearly budget. The annual All Community Meeting is a required meeting at which the following year's board members are named. All community members - students, staff, alumni, and parents - are encouraged to attend, nominate members, and consider serving on the board.

Board Meeting?

All board meetings are open to the community. They are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Board is responsible for the governance and continued health of the school.

Board members are nominated by students, parents, and staff, and is made up of 17 people, including at least 2 parent and 4 student representatives. The Board elects its own officers from among its members who have served at least one year on the board.

The board is an important working body and is open to anyone who wants to give the time and energy it takes to support the school.

All School Meeting?

Every week the entire student body comes together in a student-led meeting to discuss current campus issues, publicize announcements, plan events and trips, and share information. An important part of working within a community, we strongly suggest attendance by all students.

Arcadia University is offering **Learn from the Bamboo: Not Your Mama's Haiku Workshop** for 7th - 12th grade student writers from **May 11 to June 10** with a sliding tuition scale. Details are available at www.arcadia.edu/quivive.

The Main Line Chinese Culture Center recently asked us to let our families know that they are offering Chinese language classes. More information is available at www.mlccc.org.

Box Tops for Education

Please remember to clip the Box Tops coupon from your favorite brands and send them in to the of-



Thanks to Becca, a senior, for the donation of stoneware plates for the kitchen!

WANTED

We are working on collecting updated contact information on our alumni. Please email the office with current alumni address, phone, or email address. This will help in planning for our reunion and future events! (Information may be sent to alumni@upattinas.org.)