
Voyager Voices



From the Principal's Desk...

Voyager Academy's first semester of existence has been an overwhelming success. I couldn't be more proud of our students and staff. We have an outstanding student body; they are a joy for me to be around each day. Our faculty is dedicated, enthusiastic, and student centered. Your support as parents has been constant and strong. We are beginning to build a program that is very special. Below is some important information I would like to share with you:

- Next week, Almac, Inc. will begin to occupy space in our building. Therefore, effective Wednesday, January 23, 2008, all car line traffic will be routed to the second driveway in front of our building. Parents are asked to drive past the driveway we are currently using and to turn right into the next drive way in front of the building.
- Remember, Voyager Academy will not follow Durham Public Schools regularly scheduled early release days.
- Voyager Academy closings and delays are currently being announced on WTVD Ch. 11. We hope to have that information on WRAL Ch. 5 very soon. Remember, we follow Durham Public Schools decisions concerning inclement weather.
- All parents of students currently attending Voyager must inform us in writing if they intend for their child to attend Voyager for the 2008-09 school year. The deadline is February 29.
- All siblings of current Voyager students must submit an application to Voyager by February 29.
- Our next open house is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We also conduct school tours every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Please pass along this information to all your co-workers and friends. The deadline for all applications is February 29.
- We continue to improve our website. A new addition is an expanded school calendar with more detailed information about what is happening at Voyager. Visit us at <http://www.voyageracademy.net/>.

As always, thank you for your strong support. Without you and your wonderful children we could not have achieved as much as we have this year.

Go Vikings Go!!!

Carl

PTA News...

Voyager has officially marked the end of our first semester and I'd like to congratulate the students on a job well done. Our students have not only excelled in the classroom but also in the many extracurricular activities offered this year.

As we enter the final half of this school year, it is time to begin looking towards the 2008/09 school year. As per the PTA By-laws, a nominating committee has been established to begin searching for parents interested in assuming an elected position within the PTA. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A job description for each of these positions as well as an estimated time commitment will be available shortly on the Voyager web site under the Parent Tab. Nancy Draughon (nancylmd@nc.rr.com), Amy Kujawa (akujawa@netzero.com) and Cameron Richards (res0aylp@verizon.net) are the members of the nomination committee. If you have interest in any of the positions, please contact one of them. Their job is to prepare a list of candidates for a general election on April 22. Our hope is that we can have at least two candidates for each position. Please consider helping our PTA continue to grow and thrive!

ALL KINDS OF MINDS NEWSLETTER

From the presentation at the November general meeting, here's a link to the monthly newsletter:
www.allkindsofminds.org/newsletter/january2008

EASY MONEY!

Box Tops for Education is currently offering a fun way to win box tops for our school online. Go to www.boxtops4education.com/promotions to enter daily and monthly contests that can win our school up to 25,000 box tops. Contest #1: 150 Bonus Box Tops from Betty Crocker (you can enter monthly.) Contest #2: 25,000 Bonus Box Tops for Chicken Helper. Enter daily using code **16000-17471**. Contest #3: Pillsbury backpack contest. Enter daily using code **42800-71827**. Remember to keep sending in those Box Tops!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP meeting will be held on February 26 at 6:30. We'll have a presentation on Internet Safety by a member of the Durham County Sheriff's office. It will be a very informative presentation that you will want to attend. The location is to be determined, but please save the date! Refreshments will be provided.

OPEN HOUSE

The final Voyager Open House will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 am – 1:00 PM. Our students will again be assisting with tours for prospective families. The PTA will have a booth listing our volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs. We would welcome any parents willing to work the booth on that day. If you can help, please contact Susan Clifton at smc0724@aol.com or 383-9472. It's a great way to get in those volunteer hours, especially for working parents!

ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

We'd like to thank Donna Spero for her outstanding work in getting the Monday Arts Enrichment Program off the ground. It has been a monumental task and she has managed it well. Donna has asked to step down from coordinating this program to focus her time in other areas. She has completed the third term program, but we need people to step up and coordinate the final term of this year. Much of the groundwork has already been completed, but we need to get some volunteers quickly to ensure there is no break in the program. Ideally, we would have two people working closely together: one person taking the lead on enlisting outside vendors and programs, the other handling the management of the physical space and Monday execution.

Without volunteers to manage the Arts Enrichment Program, there might not be a Monday option. Please contact Susan Clifton (smc0724@aol.com or 383-9472) immediately if you can assist with this immediate need.

GOOD LUCK SCIENCE DECATHLON TEAM!

On Feb. 2, five Voyager students will travel to Charleston, S.C. to compete in the East Coast Regional Science Decathlon. Students will compete in 10 different science activities as a team, and will be competing against children from Chewning, DSA, WG Pearson, as well as schools from Charleston, Georgia and Florida. Events include robotics, water rocketry, bridge breaking, scientific method and more. The national competition will be held at UNC this year, so we look forward to seeing them compete in Chapel Hill as well!

VOYAGER CARES

The **Voyager Cares Club** will be collecting new and gently used blankets from **Feb. 4th – Feb. 8th**. Our goal is to collect 30 blankets for the Women's Shelter, a part of the Durham Rescue Mission. Collection bins will be in the main lobby and on each hallway. Thanks for doing a good deed for someone in need. – Erin Adams

VOYAGER ACADEMY BOOK FAIR

*Barnes & Noble, The Streets at Southpoint Mall
January 29, 2008 (all day)*

Voyager Academy will earn a percentage of sales on nearly everything in the store, including coffee, CDs, DVDs, games and, of course, books. Vouchers with Voyager's special code #220137 will be sent home the week of January 21st, and will be honored at any Barnes and Noble store in the country or online. Sales will turn into books and supplies for our school. Tell your out-of-town friends and relatives, and join your local friends, family and teachers for **fun** and **fund** raising for Voyager! Thanks for your support! Contact Cindy Jones with questions, cjones223@nc.rr.com or 477-2860.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Voyager Academy PTA membership has grown to **177 members!**

You can still join!!

\$5 (less than lunch) per adult is all it takes to help our school develop programs and provide funding for supplies. Please contact Cindy Jones (info above) to verify your membership status or send in your dues.

Athletics News...

Free Soccer mini camps – Girls, improve your skills to prepare for soccer tryouts on February 20th.

6th & 7th grade girls
Feb. 2nd & 9th, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Voyager Academy field

Bring a #5 soccer ball and a drink; cleats and shin guards are required.

From the Booster Club...

FUNDRAISING:

- Chick-Fil-A calendars are on sale for only **\$5.00!** **\$30** in food coupons in each calendar! \$2.50 from each calendar sale goes to Voyager Academy Athletics to help us purchase athletic equipment, uniforms, etc. Send in your check today (mark checks Booster Club/Chick-fil-A), or purchase several to sell at your office or give to family/friends! (Especially good gift items for hungry/poor college students!)
- **February School Dance:** TBA. Stay tuned!
- Check out www.voyagervikings.com for lots of neat Viking merchandise! Show your support for VA!
- New shirts, pom poms, and temporary tattoos are available at Viking home games.

Questions? Ideas for fundraising? Contact Ada Glenn, (919) 479-6965.