

Wednesday Words

Frances Lacy Elementary School

June 10, 2008

"Frances Lacy Elementary School will inspire and prepare students to achieve their potential."

Visit the Media Center This Summer

The Media Center will be open on Wednesdays this summer from June 18th to July 30th. The morning hours will be 9:00am-12:00pm and the afternoon hours are 2:00pm-4:00pm. Hope to see you there! Ms. Brannon, Media Specialist

Radical Summer Reading

Radical Reading begins June 10th and ends August 25th. Document the number of pages you read and return the form to school. Additional forms are available in the office.

Baseball Tickets

There are complimentary Durham Bulls tickets in the office that are good for one of the 9 games listed on the back of the tickets. Tickets are for children, and you may pick up tickets in the office.

Food Drive

Thank you for donating food, valued at \$1,703.85, to Urban Ministries' Food Pantry. Nancy Summer, Director of Development, sent a thank you letter for our support. If you want additional information about Urban Ministries, contact Lacy parent Cliff Zinner.

Summer Learning

As children continue to learn over the summer, we want them to keep and enhance their skills across the curriculum. Summer Bridge books are available at Quail Ridge Books and on-line. Another good series is Time for Kids – Ready, Set, Summer. Call (800) 251-1542 or visit www.readysetsummer.com for ordering information. If you need a list of tutors for enrichment or remediation, call the school office at 881-4920 for a list. We do not make recommendations but have a list of tutors and telephone numbers. Log on to Study Island often (<http://lacyes.wcpss.net/> then click on Study Island) and use the user name and password you used at school.

Summer Ideas for Children

In addition to resource materials, Study Island, and Radical Reading, here are some other ideas to keep your brains learning:

Keep a journal.

Visit museums.

Research a place you are traveling to visit.

Use your library card or get a library card and visit community libraries.

Write letters and e-mails to friends and families.

Go to www.olemiss.edu/mathed/problem.html for weekly math problems.

Go to <http://www.research.ibm.com/features/ponder> for Math contests.

<http://ology.amnh.org> for activities from the Museum of Natural History.

Help your parents and/or someone in your neighborhood.

Learn to play Chess or another board game.

Read to children younger than you.

Try your hand at crafts.

Have Fun!

Foundation

The current fiscal year ends June 30th for Foundation donations. The Foundation is a 501c (3) tax exempt public charity that supports Lacy.

Plus/Delta

In an effort to continuously improve, we need and value your feedback. You may send in comments by mail (1820 Ridge Road 27607) or by putting written comments in the Plus/Delta box in the lobby. On the plus side, put things that we should continue. On the delta side, write comments about things that need to be changed. Then seal the envelopes and write the person's name to which the comments are directed. You may have several envelopes. Envelopes will be given to the appropriate staff member as they are collected. Please take some time to reflect on the year and provide us with this valuable feedback. Children are also welcome to provide feedback in this manner.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the tremendous support for our staff and school!

PTA: Our parent involvement is outstanding and is one reason we enjoy the educational environment we have. Under the leadership of Leslie Tart and Catherine Scott, our PTA continued the tradition of a school/PTA partnership that focused on strengthening our academic program. Committee Chairs worked hard to make each event a memorable one, and parents who participated in so many ways made the difference between an ordinary program and a program that children will want to experience again and again.

Volunteer Program: Sara Morgan, Volunteer Coordinator, matched tutors and children to help children become more successful in school. Over 100 volunteers attended the Volunteer Tea and enjoyed the goodies our staff provided. The West Raleigh Rotary Club funded our Rotary Readers Program again this year, and some of our volunteers were members of the West Raleigh Rotary Club.

Foundation: Under the leadership of President Worth Harris, our Foundation named Caldwell Barefoot as the Chair of the Board of Advisors (BOA). The BOA, with Anne Mitchell and Paige Marsh as chairs of the Night at the Museum event, provided us with a successful fundraiser and great time for all. The Foundation has provided the human resources that we would not otherwise have. Grandparents have also supported the Foundation, and we will continue to make connections with Grandparents. With tax dollars, PTA support, and the Foundation, our school has leveraged resources to maximize our services for students and staff.

The culture at Lacy supports the partnership between staff, parents, volunteers, and students. This shared responsibility ensures a nurturing environment and encourages continued learning and helps us fulfill our mission which is:

Frances Lacy Elementary School will inspire and prepare students to achieve their potential in an environment that is safe and supportive.

Let us know your questions over the Summer. We look forward to seeing you at the Media Center and /or when school begins in August.

Sincerely,
Marcia Alford