

Legenda

Latin for “things to be read”

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News, Notes & Needs of The Washington Latin Public Charter School – 02.18.10

### Word of the Week

The 'Word of the Week' is:

**cupidity** \kyoo-PID-uh-tee\

*noun*

Eager or excessive desire, especially for wealth; greed; avarice.

Cupidity ultimately comes from Latin cupiditas, from cupidus, "desirous," from cupere, "to desire." It is related to Cupid, the Roman god of love.

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## I. NEWS

### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tuesday, 2/23 – 10th grade visit a Federal Court; Science Fair followed by PA Meeting with presentation on Internet Safety

Wednesday, 2/24 – 7th grade to Natural History Museum;

Friday, 2/26 – 6th grade to Building Museum

Monday, 3/1 – **Noon dismissal for professional development for faculty**

Tuesday, 3/2 – 6:30 p.m. Program on anti-bullying for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents

Wednesday, 3/3 – Banking & Finance class; 5:15-7:00 (**Note change of date**)

Thursday, 3/4 – 6:30 p.m. Admission Open House

Friday, 3/5 – National French Exam; **REENROLLMENT FORMS DUE!!!**

Saturday, 3/6 - Meeting at Embassy of Qatar for parents and students of Arabic class

Dear Latin Parents,

It was good to see students and teachers return to the business of school on Tuesday after our unplanned time away. We are in the midst of catching up and rescheduling various events that we missed. In order to meet our required time on task this school year, we will be making up some of our lost class time. The plan for doing that is as follows.

- 1) We will not hold parent conferences on March 19. (We will find other ways to meet or talk with the parents we would have seen.) March 19 will be a regular school day.**
- 2) We will hold classes on Emancipation Day, April 16, and take some assembly time to make sure all students understand what that day means.**
- 3) Tuesday, May 3, will be a full day of school. We will not have a noon dismissal for professional development that day.**

I hope that we have seen the last of the snow that interrupts school this year, and I think you probably feel the same way!

Mail delivery was affected by our recent snowstorms, but you should have received the first semester reports by now. If you don't get them by next Monday, please contact the office and let us know. Middle School parents are reminded of the need to sign and return the accompanying sheet indicating that you have received and read the reports. Honor Rolls will be announced in upcoming Morning Meetings, and the complete lists will be included in next week's *Legenda*.

Last evening I met with the Executive Committee of the Parent Association. I am eager to schedule meetings by grade level for parents and have asked that the class representatives work with me on scheduling these. Please look for an email in the near future inviting you to a meeting at school for the parents at your child's grade level.

Monday, February 22, is one of the days that the Greek Church needs the hall. Middle School parents are encouraged to have their children bring lunch that day if possible.

I hope to see many of you at the Science Fair and PA presentation on Internet safety next Tuesday at our Decatur campus.

With warm regards,



Martha C. Cutts  
Head of School

### **SAVE THE DATE: 2nd Annual Multicultural Night at Latin!**

Multicultural Night is a time to celebrate the many cultures of our students, parents and faculty/staff. There will be food, cultural exhibits, and cultural performances! There will also be a contest for the best traditional clothing that represents your culture worn by a student, parent or faculty/staff.



Your participation is crucial in pulling off a successful event. I am seeking parents and students who are willing to provide food, musical/dance/poetry performances or artifacts from their culture. Please email me at [cwilliams@latinpcs.org](mailto:cwilliams@latinpcs.org) ASAP if you would like to contribute in any way.

When: Thursday, March 25th

Where: 4115 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Who: All students grades 5-10, parents, staff/faculty, family and friends

We invite the entire Latin family to participate! Please join us for a fun and educational night for the entire school community.

## **II. PARENT ASSOCIATION**

### **PA Meeting Extravaganza: Tuesday, February 23rd**

See Grades 6-9 Science Fair Projects on Display! Attend a Workshop on Internet Safety! All WL Parents and Faculty Welcome!

Washington Latin Parents and Faculty, please join us on Tuesday, February 23rd at the Decatur campus for a line-up of PA-sponsored events! This evening showcases the best of WL! From 3:30 to 6:00 you are invited to drop by the Grades 6-9 Science Fair Open House organized by Science Department Head Megan Hannon in conjunction with the PA Programs Committee. Up to 13 winners will go on to compete in the DC State Science Fair! (The Fair will be visited by WL children and visiting judges during the school day). Then, partake of light refreshments, before joining an adults-only PA meeting that will include an educational workshop by NetSmartz, a project of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. A NetSmartz project leader will present the latest research and facilitate a frank discussion of the benefits (and perils!) of the digital age for our children. Do not miss two HOT back-to-back opportunities to appreciate our children and teachers' scientific efforts through the High School level, to commune with other WL parents while enjoying a delicious snack AND to learn about keeping your child SAFE on the WWW. We have also invited local press and our city Council Members to this unique opportunity to enjoy our remarkable school. Mark your calendars to come to the Lollapalooza of all PA meetings on Tuesday, February 23rd. The EC looks forward to seeing you there!

Skaidra Waggoner, Secretary EC

# ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN

## Here's the Lowdown

### CASINO PLAY

Admit it, you have been curious. Always wanted to know what it meant to "double down" or "let it ride". Here is the perfect opportunity. Latin's big fundraising event is showcasing the chance to try your luck at "**The Tables**". That is Craps, Roulette, Poker and Blackjack – and you get to do it with little to no risk!

Now, we have your attention.

**ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN** is offering all guests the opportunities to try their hand at these games and more and play with professional croupiers, aka "dealers". The croupiers will not only run the games but will offer you guidance and hints as you play.

How can we do this? Well, it is all for fun. You play with "fun money" which is included in this year's ticket price. So you can't really lose your shirt but you can win some great prizes. The top 3 chip earners for the evening will be awarded cool prizes for their efforts at the evening's end.

### EXPERIENCE AUCTION

Gambling might not be your thing, don't despair because the night we are planning has something for every taste and attitude. For those who don't want to risk it all and would rather get a solid return for their investment, step up to **Latin's Experience Auction**.

Our goal with this portion of the event is to highlight the wonderful experiences that our great city has to offer and a few from beyond our borders. Guests will have the chance to bid on dinners at the city's hotspots, take in world class theatre, get prime seats to see DC's finest sporting teams or a behind the scenes look at some of the places that make our city beat.

**ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN** needs your help and connections to pull all of this together. If you have an opportunity to share or know someone "connected", please consider supporting this effort and filling out a donor form for inclusion in our **Experiences Auction** or consider sponsoring one of "**The Tables**" at our casino.

# Making "Π" Happen

"Π" refers specifically to the event on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but, more importantly, it refers to this year's Annual Fundraising Goal of \$100,000 and 100% parent participation.

Reaching these earmarks has ripple effects for the whole of our community.

- It signifies our commitment to the continuation of the unique educational opportunity that we have selected for our children.
- It shows that charter schools are vital, vibrant, active communities devoted to successful educational opportunities for everyone.
- It exemplifies to our own student scholars that their hard work has meaning, and they have our support to attain their goals.

**ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN** is being brought to you primarily through volunteer efforts. Everyone's involvement is needed to bring this all together. Here are just a few ways to assist in pulling together both a successful fundraising event for our school and a fun event for all to enjoy:

1. Mark your calendars and plan to attend **ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN** on **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
2. Sponsor a table or portion of the event as a promotion for your business/service (or get your neighbor or favorite business owner to consider making a donation to this event or to Washington Latin).
3. Let other Latin parents know that you are planning to attend **ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN** and look forward to see them there on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Realize that everyone has something to offer to make this event a success, and we want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Contact Melissa Torgovitsky, Event Chair, at [storgovitsky@aol.com](mailto:storgovitsky@aol.com) or at 202.364.3035.
5. Plan to attend our next Planning Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Decatur campus.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# Free Ways to Earn Money

## It's Not Too Late to Register your Giant Card!

Enroll on-line at [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) by February 28th and Washington Latin PCS will receive credit for ALL of your February purchases!

## *Peapod By Giant*

*Peapod By Giant* is Giant's grocery delivery service that allows customers to order groceries on-line and have them delivered to their homes!

Customers using *Peapod By Giant* will receive A+ Bonus Bucks for their designated school just like they are shopping in a Giant Store!

To earn A+ Bonus Bucks with *Peapod By Giant* purchases, customers must register their Giant card number on the Peapod site under "My Account – Retailer Card." (Don't forget to also designate Washington Latin PCS by visiting [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus)).

*Peapod By Giant* is happy to be a part of this important program that supports education in the Washington Metropolitan area.

## eScrip Program (Safeway Bonus Card)

eScrips ([www.escrips.com](http://www.escrips.com)) School ID 500016493

We now have 34 supporters that have registered their Safeway Cards. If you do not have access to the internet to register please contact me and provide your name, address, phone number and Safeway card number and I will input your information in the system.

Don't shop at Safeway? Thinking about online shopping? Through eScrips, you can shop online and support Washington Latin. Go to the eScrips site and shop through the online mall at over 100 merchants, to include Amazon, Macy's, etc. Our school can earn up to 6% at various online stores.

## Campbell's Labels for Education

The **Campbell's Labels for Education** program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. Participating in the program is easy – simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and send them to our school. You can place them in the same container as the Box Tops. Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of eligible products and point values. Help multiply our efforts by asking your friends and family to collect proofs of purchase on behalf of our school.

## TARGET - Take Charge of Education ID:126826

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.

- Find out how much money our school has already received at [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe).

Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.

## Box Tops For Education Group ID: 9626774

**General Mills Box Tops for Education** gives our school 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. Please make sure that the Box Top has not expired. (There must be an expiration date on the Box Top for it to count.) There are lots of online ways to earn even more money and bonus Box Tops for our school! Please visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) to find out how. Please try to send in all BTs that you have collected before 23 Feb 2010.

Our next submission deadline is the end of this month.

Please take the time to register with the grocery stores you use. The programs we can fund with this effort are so important to the growth of our school and our students. Thank you for your time!

### III. AROUND TOWN

#### **ACT Practice Test**

Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8:30 am–1:00 pm  
Xi Omega Center 4411 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011  
Cost \$10  
For 9th, 10th and 11th Grade Students

This practice test is proctored like an actual test, except your score won't go on record!

Please bring 2 sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator!

Parents and students are invited to pick up test results and attend a Test Strategies Seminar on Monday, March 15, 2010 6:30 pm

For additional info: Celia Washington, [programs@akaxo.org](mailto:programs@akaxo.org)

Sponsored by: Xi Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and KAPLAN Test Prep and Admissions 1-800-KAP-TEST | [kaptest.com](http://kaptest.com)

#### **Men and Boys needed: Perform at the Kennedy Center with Washington National Opera in Porgy & Bess!**

Washington National Opera is seeking African---American men and boys for the upcoming production. (Women and girls' positions are filled.)

Audition: Sunday, February 21st @3pm

Rehearsals begin: February 23rd

Performances: 12 (3/20---4/3) (rehearsals and performances in evenings or on weekends)

Roles are non---singing, non---speaking.

Small stipend provided.

For information and to set up an appointment, call 202.448.3440.

#### **FUN, FLY & FIT**

Child obesity is an issue that affects us all. According to the American Obesity Association, children who are overweight have significant increased health risks, from a higher prevalence of asthma to increased morbidity and mortality in later life. Additionally, the Institute of Medicine reports that in a population-based study, approximately 60 percent of obese children aged 5 to 10 years had at least one cardiovascular disease risk factor, such as elevated total cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin or blood pressure, and 25 percent had two or more risk factors. Fun, Fly & Fit aims to decrease the high percentage of obese and overweight children by incorporating a fun fitness program into their lives to increase their physical activity.

Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in partnership with the United Way of National Capital Area, will sponsor Fun, Fly, Fit, a program designed to address childhood obesity, one of our nation's most serious health concerns. The six weeks program starts Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at LaSalle Elementary School, 501 Riggs Rd NE, Washington, DC, from 3:30 p.m. – 4: 15 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, except the week of March 29. It concludes April 15.

Youth in the 3rd – 6th grades will be engaged in invigorating and enjoyable fitness activities (FUN) that can uplift their self-image (FLY). Parents will receive information on how to provide their children with foods and active lifestyles for healthier living (FIT). For information contact Edith Johnson at 202-276-9589 or email [edithj@emjohnson.com](mailto:edithj@emjohnson.com).