

Legenda

Latin for “things to be read”

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News, Notes & Needs of The Washington Latin Public Charter School – 02.25.10

### Word of the Week

The 'Word of the Week' is:

**fractious** \FRAK-shuhs\

*adjective*

1. Tending to cause trouble; unruly.
2. Irritable; snappish; cranky.
- 3.

Fractious is from fraction, which formerly had the sense "discord, dissension, disharmony"; it is derived from Latin frangere, "to break."

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## I. NEWS

### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

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

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 meets at 5:15

Thursday, 3/4 – 6:30 p.m. Admission Open House; 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Gettysburg

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

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

Tuesday, 3/9 Qatar trip to Embassy 3:30-5:00

Thursday, 3/11 – National Latin Exam, Orientation from 3:30 -5:30 for Latin IV students going to Italy 11:30. Parents will join the group at 4:15 for traveling A-Z.

Dear Latin Parents,

### **NOON DISMISSAL ON MONDAY, MARCH 1**

At Morning Meetings on each campus those who earned Honor Roll and High Honor Roll for the first semester were acknowledged. These long lists, which can be found following my letter, attest to the strong work so many of our students sustained over five months. I hope that the comments from teachers that accompanied the semester reports will serve as guideposts for those who are eager to make adjustments and improvements in the coming semester.

Our recent science fairs were wonderful events, and I can't help sharing the text of an email I received from one of the judges at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade fair.

*I was one of the judges for the science fair last week. I continue to be amazed with the quality of education at Washington Latin. The presentations were excellent and most of the students were comfortably conversant with the scientific principles, which they were demonstrating. They understood the concept of controls against which they assessed their findings and the other variables, which they could use if they extended their experiments. The girl who won first prize won did a great project as well as a public service measuring lead levels in the local playgrounds. When I was judging her project, another child who was observing her presentation, broke out with " and I play at that playground!" I discussed the issue of lead in the environment and she was aware that there had been controversy about whether there was a minimum lead level, which was safe. She said no and I agreed with her.*

*I felt her findings were important enough that I called the metro desk of the Washington Post, without having to give my name, and suggested they call the school because her findings were newsworthy and of should be of significant interest to the community.*

Class reps will be sending you notification by email of dates for parents meetings with me and Diana Smith or Kimberly Cockrell. We look forward to the opportunity to catch up with parents and answer any questions you may have. The format of those meetings includes a brief presentation by us and then time for Q & A. I hope you will be able to join us.

A reminder for parents who drive to our Upshur campus: Parking spaces are limited, and we want to make sure that visitors to the church can find a place to park, too. Please look for a spot on the basketball courts as long as there is no PE class there and consider getting a little exercise by walking from there. Thanks for being sensitive to our need to share with the church!

With warm regards,



Martha C. Cutts  
Head of School

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Honors

Samantha Anderson  
Yazmine Blake  
Gracie Bruchard  
Alex Crute  
Josanna Downtin  
Owen Isaacs  
Samuel Mader  
Bria McHugh-Plata  
Takara McLaughlin  
Max Micheli  
Jada Miles  
Antonio Posado  
Luca Rudd  
Nodiyah Satterwhite  
Ethan Sherman  
Thoedore Shoag  
Fabrizzio Torero  
Madlyn Wills  
Benjamin Wood

### High Honors

Theodore Ammon  
Sylvia Ashford  
Alexandra Bauman  
Sophie Collier  
Eli Cowart  
Magdalena Dalzell  
Matthew Davis  
Elias Demian  
Micole Distinto  
Jenesis Duran  
Maxim Goohs  
Alex Hagan  
Clare Hall  
Kieran Irwin-Leventhal  
Gabrielle Jones  
Anastazja Kolodziej  
Elizabeth Leape  
Samantha Magrath  
Elena Mujal  
Madalena Parsons  
Cole Price  
Emma Rebour  
Mahler Revsine  
Harry Warren  
Sarah Wu

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Honors

Phillip Caldwell  
Sierra Chappell-Stewart  
Simon Gomez  
Kayla Gonzalez  
Kayla Griffith  
Micah Guthrie  
Alana Jennings  
AnaMarie King  
Dusan Murray-Rawlings  
Benjamin Page  
Scott Peacock  
Jeul West  
Sara Wong  
Matthew Wu

### High Honors

Sebastian Alexander  
Diamond Barlow  
Sara Belay  
Olivia Bray  
Chase Brossard  
Micaela Carroll  
Jordan Coscia  
Olivia Greene  
Emir Gur-Ravantab  
Micaïlah Guthrie  
William Hart  
Isabella Heffernan  
Sarah Milby  
Zoe Mills  
Katherine Muffett  
Madeline Myers  
Miles Stannard  
Nicholas Stauffer-Mason  
Sophie Stettler-Eno  
Jack Walter  
Maguerite Warga  
Bakari Wilkins  
Valentine Wilson  
Grant Wood  
Owen Wright

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Honors

Beleicia Bullock  
Lillian Cantral  
Marcus Dahl  
Helena DeVincenti  
Madeline Galvez  
Cameron Price

### High Honors

Lidwina Bell  
Dominic Bosco  
Grace Carter  
Eva Dalzell  
Joanna DiBiase  
Delaney Eubanks  
Zach Fullerton  
Saadiq Garba  
Harrison Goohs  
Emily Hall  
Laith Hashem  
Brett Isaacs  
Grace Mills  
Alexander Muradian  
Lauren Reveal  
Cambria Revsine  
Paul Rock  
Alice Rusnak  
Niya Senn  
Lucas Thomas-Canfield  
Madeline Tom  
William Warren  
Jonathan Wood  
Margaret Wood  
Annie Woscoboinik

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Honors**

Gabe Cano  
Brandi Clarke  
Kehinde Dosunmu  
Eliana Duran  
Eleanor Franc  
Kira Gonzalez  
Evan Hamlin  
De'Shaun McCann  
Ian Perry  
Kelly Rivera

### **High Honors**

Breanna Brummett-Swayze  
Harrison Davis  
Taiwo Dosunmu  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Misora Enslein  
Catherine Goohs  
Maddie Greene  
Sofia Heffernan  
Natalie Larkin  
Charlotte Leape  
Skylar Lovett  
Camille Lynch  
Maddy Pasco  
Jack Price  
Delaney Rego  
Owen Rego  
Neshama Rovinsky  
Jose Torres  
Julie Tyson  
Guy Wilson  
Emmie Woscoboinik

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Honors**

Dominique Augustine  
Keira Clement  
Angel Huynh  
Josh Jones  
Justin Lyons  
Bethany Mark  
Savannah Miller  
Erin Powers  
Joe Starnes

### **High Honors**

Ellie Alexander  
Elmina Bell  
Akayla Bracey  
Claire Detrick-Jules  
Patrick Hall  
Tim Hursen  
Eusebio Mujal  
Jack Newell  
Teddy Rycroft  
Margaux Wheelock-Shew  
Sarah Washington

## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Honors**

Marvin Browne  
Ali Malik  
Dionna Mills  
Fariss Nabih  
Anaka Osborne  
Shakilur Rahman

### **High Honors**

Johanna Figueroa  
Jonathan Miller  
Markeshia Williams

**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.

**From the Director of Admissions**

Washington Latin Public Charter School welcomes prospective families to attend our informational open house.

**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM - 4115 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (corner of 16th and Upshur Ave)**

Washington Latin PCS is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. All applications received by March 5, 2010 will be included in a random lottery by grade level if the number of applicants exceeds openings.

Please spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors!

# ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN

## *Where We Are...and Need To Be*

Plans are coming together and a strong committee has taken shape. There are still many details to work out in the next few weeks and additional help is needed. Please join us for the next committee meeting on

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
at the Decatur Street campus.**

It is a pleasure to report that our first table sponsorships have been made for the gaming portion of Ante Up, and early donations are committed for our Experiences Auction. Of course, we are just at the start and need more of both and everyone's help. Here's a few ways to help get ANTE UP FOR WASHINGTON LATIN where it needs to be:

- i. Please consider asking your workplace or favorite business to consider sponsoring a gaming table. Proceeds from these sponsorships will significantly help defray the expenses associated with creating this event. And, the businesses included will get a wonderful advertising opportunity as well as the knowledge that their donation is going to support a great school.
- ii. Help is needed to locate a caterer. If you would like to suggest your favorite caterer, please provide us with their information.

- iii. At last year's Paddles Up 2009 event, there was a huge help with beverage donations from members of the Latin community. This was a major cost savings, if you would like to make a beverage donation or know a business that would be willing to help, please let us know.
- iv. For our Experiences Auction, we are looking for interesting opportunities within our great city and beyond for guests to try to purchase through silent bidding. DC is the place for amazing restaurants, world class theatre, always interesting sporting events, and very talented individuals. If you have access to restaurants and/or tickets, please consider Washington Latin as the recipient of these types of donations. If you are or know anyone with an interesting skill or talent, ie., cooking, photography, design, then ask them to consider making a donation to Washington Latin. You might not think that your job is interesting, but others might. If you work in one of the hubs of DC, set up a behind the scenes tour or a lunch or dinner opportunity with one of the city's VIPs.
- v. Make supporting Washington Latin and the future successes of its students a top priority and find a way to help with this event.

Questions and thoughts are always welcome and are how this event will evolve into a successful and enjoyable evening for everyone. Please contact event chair, Melissa Torgovitsky at [storgovitsky@aol.com](mailto:storgovitsky@aol.com) to see how you can help.

We are working on getting copies of the Table Sponsorship Commitment forms and Auction Donation forms onto the Latin website, if you need one immediately, please contact Melissa Torgovitsky or Christina Muradian at [christinamur@yahoo.com](mailto:christinamur@yahoo.com).

**MAKE WASHINGTON LATIN THE ODDS ON FAVORITE – VOLUNTEER!!!**

## II. AROUND TOWN

### **CREATING YOUR IDEAL WORLD: Economically, Socially and Professionally**

Xi Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold its 4th annual Women and Girls' Conference. The conference, CREATING YOUR IDEAL WORLD: Economically, Socially and Professionally, is Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Catholic University from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The registration fee for adults is \$25. Girls 13 to 18 years old are FREE! Registration is accessible online at <http://womenandgirls2010.eventbrite.com>. Additionally, hard copy registrations forms can be accessed under Events @ [www.akaxo.org](http://www.akaxo.org).

Some of the conference workshops include home ownership, dressing for success, money management, nutrition, resume writing, and healthy relationships. The conference promises to be a day filled with great workshops, dynamic speakers, spectacular vendors, and fantastic door prizes. It will be a wonderful event for girls and women of all ages.

Please contact the conference co-chairmen, Allison Watts at [howaru93@verizon.net](mailto:howaru93@verizon.net) or Daphne King at [daphnelk1908@yahoo.com](mailto:daphnelk1908@yahoo.com) for additional information or questions.

### **Dollars & Sense Expo**

On Saturday, March 6th Friendship Collegiate Academy will serve as the host site for the Dollars & Sense Expo. This event is sponsored by the Maryland & DC Credit Union Association. This is a free community resource providing information on various finance topics such as:

- Free Credit Reports and Financial Counseling
- Free Tax Preparations
- Home Buying information
- Financial Management Tips
- Job Interview Skills

In addition there will be fun and games for children and youth as well as Community Service/Service Learning opportunities for students:

a) Participation in a workshop. They will have 1 workshop for each age group that will be a repeat session (morning session from 10:30am - 12:00noon and afternoon session from 1:00pm - 2:30pm). The two age groups are 5-12 years old and 13-17 years old. The Youth Zone Description is below:

· The youth zone is a fun-filled, financial education area for children ages 5-17. Informative, age-specific seminars will teach youth some financial basics that will equip them for the future. Topics will cover coin and cash denominations, savings tips, budgeting and more. The Youth Zone will also feature games, raffles and give-a-ways!

b) Older youth ages 15 - 18 are welcome to volunteer at the expo in the following capacity:

- Provide support to the workshop presenters from 10am - 3pm. We will need 6 volunteers.
- Serve as a greeter and registration support from 9:00am - 3:00pm. We will need 6 volunteers.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **FIRST Robotics Competition Washington DC Regional**

Save the Date: March 4-6, 2010

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

*Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am–4:00 pm*

*Opening Ceremony: 9:00 am*

*Seed Matches: 9:30 am–4:00 pm*

*Closing Ceremony: 5:00 pm*

*Watch High School Student- Built Robots Compete!*

Visit Technology Row, *FIRST* LEGO® LEAGUE, and *FIRST* Tech Challenge exhibits.

Bring the family! It is free and open to the public.

For information, go to [www.dc-first.org](http://www.dc-first.org) or contact [dlewis@usfirst.org](mailto:dlewis@usfirst.org). If you cannot join us in DC, visit the *FIRST* website to see where other *FIRST* Robotics Competitions are being held: <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/regionalevents.aspx?id=430>

## **White House Announces 2010 White House Easter Egg Roll Date and Theme**

The President and First Lady announced today that this year's White House Easter Egg Roll will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 with the theme of "Ready, Set, Go!" promoting health and wellness. The event will feature live music, sports courts, cooking stations, storytelling and, of course, Easter egg rolling. All of the activities will encourage children to lead healthy and active lives and follow the First Lady's 'Let's Move!' initiative, a national campaign to combat childhood obesity. The White House will open its South Lawn for children aged 12 years and younger and their families.

White House Easter Egg Roll tickets will be distributed through an online lottery system, allowing guests from across the United States to participate in a tradition that dates back to 1878. The lottery will open for entries on February 25th and close on February 28th. Full ticketing details can be found at [www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll](http://www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll).

For the most up-to-date information on the Easter Egg Roll and other public events at the White House, please visit [www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll](http://www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll) or call the Visitors Office 24-hour information line at (202) 456-7041. Media details will be released in the coming weeks.

# Washington Latin Public Charter School

## March 2010

| Sun | Mon                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                                                                                     | Sat                                                                                            |
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|     | 1<br>Noon Dismissal for Professional Development<br><hr/> Upper School Spirit Week | 2<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting 6:30pm @ Upshur Campus                                                                                                                                                     | 3<br>Banking & Finance 5:15pm – 7:00pm Upper School                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gettysburg Trip 7:30am – 5:30pm<br><hr/> Open House for 2010-2011 School Year @ Upshur 6:30pm – 8:00pm                                                 | 5<br>National French Exam<br><hr/> Re-Enrollment Forms due by 5:00pm<br><hr/> Upper School Dance @ 7:00pm<br><hr/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interims Due | 6<br>Qatar Meeting at Library Decatur 11:00am – 1:30pm<br><hr/> WLPCS Lottery @ Decatur 2:00pm |
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| 7   | 8<br>Poetry Out Loud Finals @ Gala Theatre 5:30pm                                  | 9<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Environmental Film Festival 9:00am – Noon<br><hr/> Qatar Embassy Trip 3:30pm – 5:00pm (For Qatar Students ONLY)<br><hr/> Audition for Upper School Play Decatur Library 3:30pm – 5:30pm | 10<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade in-school Shakespeare Theatre visit<br><hr/> Audition for Upper School Play Decatur Library 3:30pm – 5:30pm                                                                                                 | 11<br>National Latin Exam<br><hr/> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting 6:30pm @ Upshur Campus<br><hr/> Orientation for Latin IV Students 3:30pm – 5:30pm Parents to join 4:15pm | 12                                                                                                                                                      | 13                                                                                             |
| 14  | 15<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting 6:30pm @ Upshur                        | 16<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade in-school Shakespeare Theatre visit                                                                                                                                                       | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day<br><hr/> 1/2 - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Shakespeare Theatre to see "Henry V" 9:00am - 1:30pm<br><hr/> 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade to NGS Terra Cotta Warriors 11:45am – 3:00pm<br><hr/> Upper School Spaghetti Dinner | 18                                                                                                                                                                                | 19<br>Full Day of Classes<br><hr/> Upper School Faculty/Parent Social                                                                                   | 20<br>Spring Begins!                                                                           |
| 21  | 22<br>Week Long NCS/St. Albans Arts Integration Project                            | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24<br>1/2 - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Entire 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Shakespeare Theatre to "Henry V" 9:00am – 1:30pm                                                                                                                    | 25<br>Multicultural Night @ Upshur 6:30pm<br><hr/> Rome Trip Leaves                                                                                                               | 26<br>Spring Break begins at End of School Day                                                                                                          | 27<br>Qatar Trip Leaves                                                                        |
| 28  | 29<br>Spring Break                                                                 | 30<br>Spring Break                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 31<br>Spring Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1<br>Spring Break                                                                                                                                                                 | 2<br>Spring Break<br><br>Return to School Tuesday, April 6th                                                                                            | 3                                                                                              |