
ROOT WORD

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Root Foundation Fills Critical Gaps

At the end of the 2008-2009 school year, school system budget cuts led to the drastic reduction of teacher assistants across grades K-2 and their elimination from 3rd grade. The part-time teacher assistant positions for 4th and 5th grade were also eliminated.

Last year the Educational Foundation raised a substantial sum of money to put toward additional teaching positions for the 2009-2010 school year. Once the hiring freeze implemented by Wake County at the end of last year was lifted, Mr. Ware went to work interviewing new assistants. His one directive being that these assistants be TEACHING assistants--used as little as possible for clerical duties.

Root now has 2 new teaching assistants and a

**"Root Rocks"
Fundraiser Update
(Act fast to support this event...)**

Save the Date...

**Join the
Aldert Root Educational Foundation**

**for a "Root Rocks" Celebration & Super Cool
Silent Auction**

**Featuring
"Woodward South"**

(Aldert Root Alumni Earl Johnson's Band)

Saturday, February 27

8 – 11:30 p.m.

North Hills Club

Attire: Your Best Jeans

Invitations will be mailed the beginning of February.

Ticket Price \$35 in advance- \$40 at the door

All proceeds benefit the Aldert Root Educational Foundation. For more information, contact Heather Thompson at hbthompson@mindspring.com or 215.4196.

Become an Event Sponsor – Deadline January 20

You'll receive Free Tickets & Recognition on Invitation.

A special thanks to the following sponsors of the Root Rocks fundraiser (as of 1/15):

Platinum Sponsors (\$5,000)

Joan & Ran Johnston/Mims Charitable Trust

\$2,500 Root Gold Star Sponsor - receive six tickets to the event and your logo on the invitation.

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Differentiation specialist thanks to the Root Educational Foundation!!

Fourth Grade Assistant

Last year the 4th grade teachers were fortunate enough to have Stephanie Jeffers assist them on a part-time basis. Ms. Jeffers did a fabulous job in researching and developing new and innovative ways to help teach 4th grade curriculum. Now they will have her wonderful expertise available to them full time!

Third Grade Assistant

Everyone knows Pat Mims! She is Root's biggest cheerleader. Now Ms. Mims is helping out our 3rd grade team. Those students and teachers are happy to have her smiling face in their classrooms.

Differentiation Specialist

The Foundation has also been able to support the hiring of Geraldine Webb-Harris as a full-time differentiation specialist. Ms. Webb-Harris will work with every teacher in the school. At first she will co-teach lessons that require higher order thinking skills- at least 2 lessons with every class. She will then meet with each grade level to make a decision as to how that grade would like to utilize her for the rest of the year.

Thank you!

Did you buy a brick in honor of your child or a teacher? Did you donate or purchase an auction item at the Gala or Rootin' Tootin'? If so, then you had a part in the hiring of these teachers. Thanks to your generosity, the Root Educational Foundation has been able to enhance our children's educational experience. This is an ongoing need. We will need your financial assistance year by year. Please help us continue our mission by making a donation in any way you can.

\$1,000 Root Silver Star Sponsor - receive four tickets to the party and your name on the invitation:

Gloria & Michael Becker

Laura & Michael Dickinson

Tina & Jimmy Glover

Kane Realty

Meredith & Philip Miller

Parker Poe

Jan & Kemp Reece

Heather & Bruce Thompson

Anne & George T. Barnes

Jan & John Garside

\$500 Root Star Sponsor - two tickets to the party and your name on the invitation:

Ansley & John Cella

Tonya & Darrin Chapman

Lyne & John Dempster

Jennifer & Mike Doerfler

Allison & Jennings Glenn

Molly & Chandler Thompson

Lou & Jim Welch

Julie & Stan Hardesty

A special thanks to our band sponsors: Carolyn & Earl Johnson and Tricia & Tacker LeCarpentier

Silent Auction Items Needed! Deadline for all items: Feb. 17.

We are looking for silent auction items for the "Root Rocks" fundraiser. Donation forms can be found in the "Root Rocks" mailbox. Please contact the Silent Auction Chairs: Shana Stutts shanastutts@mindspring.com or Katie Lyon Katie_lyon@yahoo.com

Stop the Presses!

Root Word is going “GREEN”

(*See pg. 06 for more info.)

Beginning January 25th, 2010, the Root Word will be distributed via email. If you do not have access to the internet or a computer, please send a note to the appropriate teacher.

Each Tuesday, a copy of the Root Word was given to each student at Root Elementary. With over 450 students, we were making many copies. Multiple copies were given to each family if they had more than one child at Root. This is a huge expense for our PTA and as well as a negative impact on our environment.

Please help us with this new and exciting project. If you already subscribe to the Yahoo Group, you don't need to do anything. We will send you an electronic Root Word at the beginning of the week.

If you do not receive Yahoo emails from the Root PTA, you will need to take a minute and subscribe to the Yahoo account. Please go the following link. This will take you to the Aldert Root Elementary PTA website and give instructions on subscribing to the Yahoo Group. If you have any problems subscribing to Yahoo, please contact Molly Thompson at mh_thompson@yahoo.com.

http://aldertrootes.wcpss.net/pta_group_email.html

If you do not have access to a computer, please send a note to your child's teacher. Hard copies will be available.

Thank you for your support and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Jenn Norris-Root Word Editor
Molly Thompson-Yahoo Editor
Lyne Dempster and Julie Hardesty-Co-PTA Presidents

*Reflections Breakfast
For Participants & Teachers Is Scheduled For
February 04, 2010, beginning at 8am.



“McTeacher” night has been scheduled for **February 18, 2010** at the Cameron Village location. McDonalds donates from all of the sales, including drive-thru from 5-8! It should be a blast for all of us! Save the date and join us at Cameron Village McDonalds for dinner while supporting our school.

Questions about Daniels Middle School?

On February 4th, Dr. Elizabeth Battle, Principal at Daniels Middle School, will be attending the Aldert Root PTA meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet Dr. Battle and ask any questions regarding next year. The meeting is at 6:30. Dr. Battle will speak at the end of the meeting.

Parent Info Night @ Daniels Middle School

On Thursday, Feb. 18th, 6:30 to 8pm. Daniels Middle School Information Night for Parents and Students of Rising 6th Graders Interested in Daniels. Tour the school and meet some 6th Grade Teachers. This is a great opportunity to see what DMS can offer your child as well as a great opportunity to meet some of their wonderful staff. If you are unable to attend on February 18th, DMS will begin giving tours to prospective students every Wednesday at 12:25 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, January 13th. The tours will be Student Lead and will be done by appointment only. To make an appointment for a tour, please e-mail Kathy McDaniel at kmcdaniel@wcpss.net or call her at 881-4867.



Procurement Form.pdf

(*Click above to print out form)

More "Root Rocks" Fundraiser Info

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Silent Auction Items Needed!

A Donation form is attached to this week's Root Word and can also be found in the "Root Rocks" mailbox. Contact Silent Auction chairs, Shana Stutts (shanastutts@mindspring.com) or Katie Lyon (Katie_lyon@yahoo.com) for additional information. Deadline for all items is Feb., 17th.

Some Super Cool Silent Auction items already donated include:

A song written and recorded specifically for your child by Mr. Ware

Carolina Hurricanes tickets

NC State basketball tickets/birthday party

Lowe's Motor Speedway tickets & pit passes

Beach weekends in Atlantic Beach and Ocean Isle

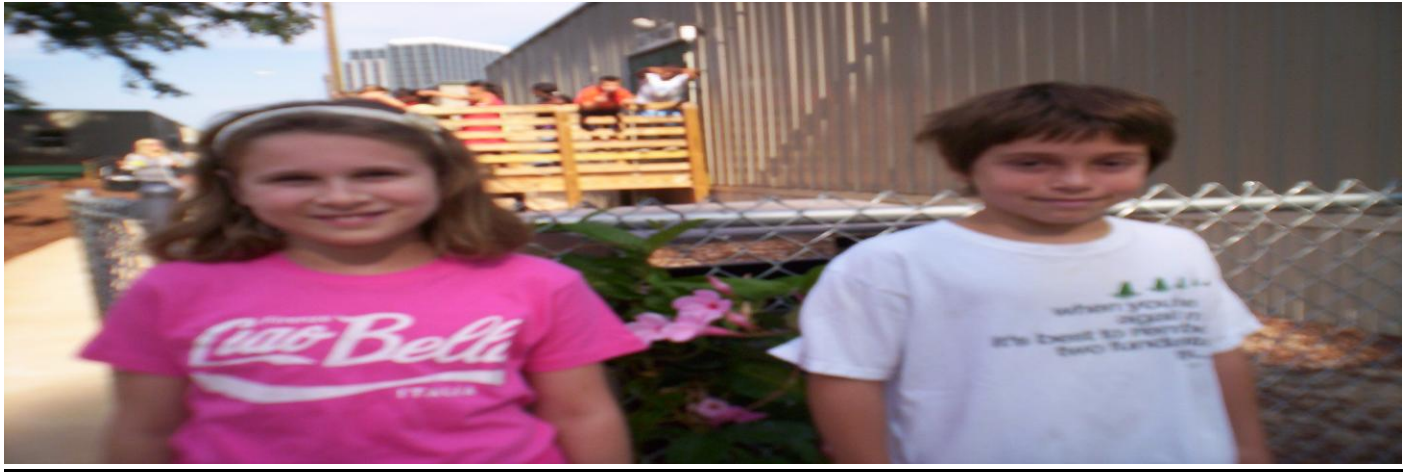
Private party at Berkley Cafe with Earl Johnson's band "Woodward South"

Paintings by Gail Scoggin and Susan Ricks

Wine tasting in your home and much more!

For more information, contact Heather Thompson: hbthompson@mindspring.com or 215.4196.

Meet Your Future Leaders- Aldert Root Fifth Grade Students



Kathryn B. is in Miss Hancock's Fifth Grade class. Kathryn's favorite hobby is gymnastics. She likes to do vault, bars, beam, rope, floor exercises, and trampoline. She takes gymnastics at North Raleigh Gymnastics. Kathryn also loves animals. Her dream job would be to work with the SPCA and rescue all kinds of animals. She would like to adopt a few animals. Kathryn's favorite subject in school is Science because she likes to do experiments.

Christian M. is also in Miss Hancock's Fifth Grade class. He loves to play ice hockey. He plays hockey at the RECZONE and his favorite position is center. His favorite professional team is the Detroit RedWings. He likes to watch hockey on TV with his Dad. Christian describes his pet dog as "a mess" and "a handful"! His Pug always has a lot of energy! Olive, the Pug, is two years old.



Lauren G. is in Miss Hancock's fifth grade class. She was born in Atlanta, Georgia. She has a little sister named Jamie and a little brother named Sean. Her Dad works for Burt's Bees. Lauren loves Macaroni and Cheese to eat!

Pennies for Peace Reminder

We are delighted to share with you that our students will participate in a Pennies for Peace Campaign until April 30th. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists-one penny at a time.

Pennies for Peace is a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI) founded by Greg Mortenson - author of the #1 NY Times bestseller, Three Cups of Tea. CAI is a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that promotes and provides community-based education and literary programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Founded in 1996, CAI has built, to date, nearly 100 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which serve more than 28,000 students.

How can a penny bring peace? It doesn't buy much in our community. However, in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that penny can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage our students, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

If you have any questions about our Pennies for Peace campaign, please contact Martha Moore (1st grade teacher) at 881-4940>

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
The Root Faculty



*Thank you for helping the Aldert Root PTA go green. This is our first electronic Root Word. To make this a success, the Root family must subscribe to the Yahoo Group. If you know of someone that does not receive our e-Root Word via Yahoo, they can visit our school website and sign up or send an email to mh_thompson@yahoo.



A Note from Ms. Abraham:

We are excited to be starting LEAD in the form of Safety Patrol for the second semester. This opportunity will be available to all fifth grade students based on teacher recommendation. Teachers will recommend students based on the following qualities; responsibility, striving for excellence in all areas, perseverance and a positive attitude. Students will have the opportunity to serve on Safety Patrol for a three week rotation as either an AM carpool greeter, AM or PM flag duty. Students will be notified by letter in the next Tuesday folder, which will need to be signed by a parent, and returned promptly to their teacher. **Students will begin serving on Safety Patrol on February 1, 2010.**

TIME TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN.

The registration for children who will be attending kindergarten in 2010-11 begins on Thursday, Feb. 4. Parents can register their children at a WCPSS elementary school. Parents will need to bring a certified copy of their child's birth certificate and documentation of residence (a power bill, an apartment lease, or a signed contract) and the child's immunization record.



JANUARY STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Sue Hladik, January 27th



Dates to Remember:

- *Wednesday, February 3- Early Dismissal 1:15pm
- *Thursday, February 4- PTA General Meeting 6:30pm
- *Thursday, February 4- Reflections Breakfast 8am
- *Monday, February 15- President's Day - No School
- *Thursday, February 18- McDonalds at Cameron V.
- *Saturday, February 27- "Root Rocks" at NH Club



HAITI RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

On January 12, a series of earthquakes with magnitudes ranging from 6.5 to 7.3 devastated Haiti. The American Red Cross is working with its partners in the global Red Cross and Red Crescent network, including the Haitian Red Cross, and other partners to assist those affected by this disaster.

Your gift to the American Red Cross will support emergency relief and recovery efforts to help those people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Assistance provided by the American Red Cross may include deploying personnel, sending relief supplies, and providing financial resources.

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- **Grades** - k - 5
- **2009-10 Bell Schedule** - 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- **2009-10 Enrollment** - 476

