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Dear Aldert Root Families,

We have completed our 2nd wonderful week of school and our 1st full week with all of our Kindergartners. Children seem ready to begin the new school year.

The President of the United States of America will be giving a national address to students on Tuesday, September 8th. We will be airing the speech and teachers will have the option to prepare an activity, related to the curriculum, focused on the speech.

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Words of appreciation from Aldert Root Elementary School

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Great Harvest Bread Company

A very special thanks goes out to Great Harvest Bread Co. Families that join the PTA will receive a coupon for a ***FREE LOAF OF BREAD*** from The Great Harvest Bread Company. Coupons will be sent home with PTA cards. When you stop by, make sure to try the yummy Cinnamon Swirl bread and say a special *thank you from Root Elementary.*

Ann Janvier

Thanks to Ann Janvier for donating the wonderful notepads for our teachers!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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Julie Hardesty, Lyne Dempster, Tina Glover, Rebecca Bennett, Cameron Lowe, Molly Thompson, Shelley Rice, Trish Garrabrant, Laura Dickinson, Julie Caviness, Meredith Barnette, Lynda Covington

Thank you for your time and dedication in helping make our carpool line so successful and safe! What a great way to begin the new school year.

The name I go by is Drew Ware, but my given name is Lewis Andrew Ware. There is, however, another Drew Ware who works for the county, and I am sure he receives quite a bit of my email. If you need to contact me through email, my address is lware@wcpss.net.

We had another great Professional Learning Team meeting this past Wednesday. We are beginning to collect specific data on students so we can more effectively target instruction. Please remember that we have early dismissal every Wednesday at 2:45.

Our upcoming events will be an Open House for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade families on Wednesday (September 9th) at 7 pm. For 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, it will be at the same time on Thursday (September 10th). We will begin the open house in the cafeteria with a General PTA meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day and we will see you all, ready to learn, bright and early Tuesday morning.

-Mr. Drew Ware

Did You Know That Our New Principal...

- **LOVES UNC-CHAPEL HILL!**
- Would like to write a song for Root.
- Can do a break dancing move, the worm.

MEET OUR FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS. MEET OUR FUTURE LEADERS. (PHOTO ON PG. 3)

Meet **Denajea**. She is in Miss Hancock's class. This is her first year at Aldert Root. "I like Math because it is something that I need for any job. I like Social Studies because it's talking about history. I like cheerleading! I am a cheerleader for the Chavis Heights Vikings. I have been cheering for 2 1/2 years." She dreams about becoming a fashion designer or working at a day care center because she likes little kids. I asked her how she would make a positive impact in our society. Here is her response: "I am most interested in helping kids and parents that are poor because sometimes I think about if that were me I would want someone to help me out."

Meet **Lee**. He is also in Miss Hancock's class. "I like all the teachers at Root because they are all very nice. They teach in a fun way but we still learn. I love the Carolina basketball team! I love to play basketball and I play point guard. I love to be creative and I like to think about stuff." Lee would like to play basketball in college and then become a doctor or a dentist.

Next week we will meet two more Fifth Grade students....

Stay Tuned for Reflections:

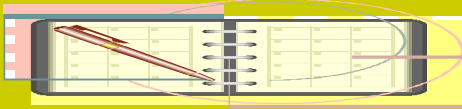
Reflections is a program that offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (to include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage). North Carolina had six Reflections award recipients to earn national recognition this past year.

Our theme this year is “BEAUTY IS”... We will keep you informed as we receive more information. Why don't you take this opportunity to talk with your child about what they think “BEAUTY IS”?

If you have any questions regarding Reflections, please contact Rebecca Bennett or Marcy Hobart.



WEDNESDAY REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM ALDERT ROOT AT 2:45.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- *OPEN HOUSE ON SEPT. 09TH & 10TH AT 7:00PM
(WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 09TH K-2ND GRADE; 7PM)
(THURSDAY, SEPT. 10TH 3RD – 5TH GRADE; 7PM)
- *AG NOMINATION DEADLINE SEPT. 11TH (FR)
- *Chick Fil A Spirit Night, At NH, SEPT. 21ST (MON)
- *EARLY RELEASE-SEPT. 23RD (WED) AT 12:15PM
- *NO SCHOOL ON SEPT. 28TH (MON) Staff Workday
- *SCHOOL PICTURES: OCT. 8TH (TH)

**If you would like to include an upcoming school related event,*

STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

SEPTEMBER

*03- Martha Moore

*04- Jean Capps

*07- Betty Sledge

*08- Amy Lawrence

*11- Beverly Conyers

*16- Shep Monroe

*18- JoAnn Smith

*29- Velma Davis

*30- Linda Griggs

"THE DREAM BEGINS WITH A TEACHER WHO BELIEVES IN YOU, WHO TUGS AND PUSHES AND LEADS YOU TO THE NEXT PLATEAU, SOMETIMES POKING YOU WITH A SHARP STICK CALLED "TRUTH."" -**DAN RATHER**

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MEET MR. BONNER GAYLORD, ALDERT ROOT ALUMNI

I have many fond memories from my years at Aldert Root. In Kindergarten, I remember my fantastic teacher Mrs. Donna Dow, who along with our principal, Carolyn Earp, made many phone calls to my parents to inform them that our chocolate lab, Choco, was at school again. My two older brothers and I rode our bikes to school and Choco would follow us. No matter how long my mom would hold Choco after we left, Choco knew how to find us at school. In first grade, my teacher and friend to this day, Martha Highsmith, challenged us to a reading competition. I read 600 books that year. **Has anyone beaten my record yet?** That same year, on Valentine's Day, I found someone's Valentine in my desk and I turned it in to the teacher but didn't find out until high school that the Valentine was from a girl I liked -- and it was meant for me. Also that year, George the Snake came from the Museum of Natural History and posed with our class for a photo for the News and Observer. Much to the dismay of my mother, I was holding George's head for the photo. In second grade, my teachers were Mrs. Sue Parrish and Mrs. Francis Fincher, my AG teacher. Both were excellent. When we studied King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, they planned a medieval banquet and we got to dress up and everyone's parents came to eat at our medieval feast – *it was quite a fun day*. **Bonner Gaylord Stats: I attended Aldert Root from 1983-1986. My Favorite toys in Elementary School were Star Wars (I loved Boba Fett), GI Joe (Esp. Snake Eyes) and He-Man. My favorite book was The Old Man and the Boy by Robert Roark. Other Schools I have attended: Ligon Middle School, Broughton High, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-CH Keenan Flagler Business School. I am married to Ashley Barber Gaylord and we have a 2-year-old daughter, Gigi. I am the General Manager of North Hills and I am currently on the Raleigh City Planning Commission and am running for City Council, District E.**