

# C. S. Lewis Academy PTO Chronicles

## Thursday, February 5, 2009

Welcome to this issue of the C. S. Lewis Academy PTO Chronicles. There is a lot of information about upcoming events, as well as new information about those events, so please be sure to read thoroughly as you don't want to miss any of the fabulous happenings at CSLA!!!

Dear CSLA Families,

Principal Finch mentioned a conversation he had with a mother whose children attend the standard public schools. Apparently, the mother felt that charter schools are only for children who are excelling in their studies or struggling. While CSLA attends to both of those ends of the spectrum, I want to highlight some of the great advantages we enjoy that benefit ALL children--not just those with special needs or extraordinary abilities.

**Small classroom sizes.** Before we came to CSLA, my children were in classrooms of 33-35 students each. Now they are in rooms with fewer than 20 students each. This means they get more individualized attention – no slipping through the educational "cracks."

**A more intimate school.** Most standard public schools have approximately 200 more total students than CSLA has. With fewer total students, the students know the others better, and the faculty knows EVERYONE, not just the students in their grade. This creates MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT. You should have heard the classes cheering for the poetry presenters on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>!

**More consistency for 7th and 8th graders.** Junior high school is often a no-win situation. Students leave the familiar environment of elementary school, mingle with HUNDREDS of unknown students, and deal with the varied teaching and disciplinary styles of up to seven DIFFERENT teachers. No wonder children in those grades struggle emotionally and academically! At CSLA, the class is the same students the child has known from prior years, and there's no chance of all seven teachers deciding to give massive homework assignments on the same day, because a single teacher monitors their progress. I am looking forward to our first non-traumatic entry into 7th grade this coming year. My oldest daughter got "Ds" her first year of junior high because social pressures were so intense (keep in mind that this is my over-achiever who will get her associate's degree in April when she is barely 18 years old); my oldest son had to leave the brick-and-mortar school entirely because of bullies. I KNOW we won't deal with those issues when my 6th grader makes the smooth transition to 7th grade with Ms. Sorensen, whom I already know and trust to give my son the BEST education he can get.

Spread the word! Your neighbors deserve the educational opportunities you enjoy at CSLA!

Warm regards,

Diane Samudio

CSLA PTO President

## Dates to Remember

- ♥ Tuesday, February 10, 2009
  - Return Pizza Order Form for 2-13-09if ordering Weekly
- ♥ Thursday, February 12, 2009
  - All Paid Advertisements Due for 2-19-09 Chronicles
- ♥ Friday, February 13, 2009
  - Valentine's Day Class Parties
  - Lifetouch Photography at CSLA
  - C. S. Lewis Academy Royal Ball
- ♥ Monday, February 16, 2009
  - No School - Presidents' Day
  - All Non-Pay Advertisements Due for 2-19-09 Chronicles
- ♥ Tuesday, February 17, 2009
  - Return Pizza Order Form for 2-20-09if ordering Weekly
- ♥ Thursday, February 19, 2009
  - Reach for the Stars Pledges & Reading Logs are due
- ♥ Friday, February 20, 2009
  - Final Day to turn in Box Tops

## Advertisements

- Ⓢ Wish your child a Happy Birthday!
- Ⓢ Advertise your home business!
- Ⓢ Sell Stuff!
- Ⓢ Let your teachers know how much you appreciate them!

*Purchase space in this newsletter to make your voice heard.*

Cost is as follows:

1/8 page = \$1    1/4 page = \$2  
1/2 page = \$4    Full page = \$8

All ads are due & need to be paid for a week before the newsletter is to come out. See due dates in the Dates to Remember box.

Email your ad to:  
[dncorrigan@aol.com](mailto:dncorrigan@aol.com)

Please pay at the front office and make checks payable to C. S. Lewis Academy.

Please note - you may place an ad for free in this newsletter if it is school related. For example an announcement for one of the after school clubs or a need you have as a Room Parent or Party Parent. These ads are due the Monday before the newsletter comes out and can be emailed to Noele Corrigan @ [dncorrigan@aol.com](mailto:dncorrigan@aol.com).

## Volunteer Spotlight

This week as the producer and editor of this newsletter and because I can spotlight whoever I want even if I know she will protest, I want to recognize Diane Samudio. Diane is our PTO President and she is **FABULOUS!!!** Diane keeps us organized and focused and always has great ideas! Besides that, she works in the library on Tuesdays. The office staff says she is great with the kids & always pleasant even when they have to change her schedule. They appreciate everything she does! We are so glad Diane is a part of our school and that she is willing to give so much of herself & her time to help make our school great for our children! Thanks Diane!!!!

## We love Haillie Wimmer!

She is...

**Hilarious!**

**Adorable!**

**In love with animals!**

**Lovable!**

**Lively - oh, so lively!!!!**

**Interesting to talk with!**

**Ever so SWEET!**

**Happy 9th Birthday Haillie!  
Love! Dad and Mom**

# Happy 13th Birthday Alexi Roberts! You Rock!

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Kolton, Jensen, Oakley, and Addison

Come One Come All to the  
C. S. Lewis Academy Royal Ball

*When was the last time you danced with your sweetheart? Come have a ball and dance the night away on Friday, February 13, 2009, from 7-9pm.*

Cost is \$5 per couple. Attire is dressy casual. Refreshments will be served - Donations Appreciated.

Babysitting available for children (18 months-4<sup>th</sup> grade) at \$2 per child for the evening.

(RSVP Required for Babysitting - Noele Corrigan [dncorrigan@aol.com](mailto:dncorrigan@aol.com) OR 465-3277)

(6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls, Remember to return your form with parents signature if you want to volunteer.)

*Lifetouch will be there to capture your Valentine memories, see last page for more information.*

*Save this date on your calendar and get ready to boogie!!!!*

## Upcoming Events

- ♥ Monday, February 23, through  
Friday, February 27, 2009  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Direct Writing Assessment
- ♥ Friday, February 27, 2009  
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade National Assessment for Education  
Progress
- ♣ Wednesday - Friday, March 4-6, 2009  
- Usborne Book Fair
- ♣ Friday, March 6, 2009  
- Literacy Festival
- ♣ Thursday, March 26, 2009  
- School Play - Day Performance
- ♣ Friday, March 27, 2009  
- School Play - Evening Performance

## Uniform Clothing Donations

Please donate your gently used uniform clothing by turning it in at the front office. If you feel you are in need of donated items, please contact Mr. Finch.

## Call for Volunteers

Been wondering what you can do to help? REMEMBER, we only have 4 more months of school, so see below for ways you can still get your 40 hours.

- Mr. Loveridge needs a room mom.
- Lunch Room Help, Backups Needed
- Back up help in the Library - contact Jessica Anderson [jkasqrd@yahoo.com](mailto:jkasqrd@yahoo.com).

## Another Note About Pizza Fridays

We are having so much fun serving pizza to your children on Fridays, they seem to be enjoying it, too! There are a few problems we've run into that we'd like you as parents to be aware of so you can discuss them with your children if necessary.

- We have a few children each Friday that hide their lunch boxes, then come into the kitchen to get the pizza that their parent was "supposed to order for them." If you did not order pizza for your child, please make sure they understand this. It will save us a lot of time searching through order forms to make sure we didn't miss anyone.
- On the flip side, if you do order pizza for your child please let them know how much you ordered. We have several children insisting that they were supposed to have 2 slices of pizza, not 1. We again must search through the order forms to make sure we didn't write the order down wrong. As we write down the orders on each child's plate, we double then triple check to make sure they are correct as this saves us time on Fridays.
- Please remember to have the weekly forms turned in to any one of your children's teachers, or the front desk, by the **Tuesday before the Friday** that pizza is to be served. We have had a few children bringing pizza orders and money as late as Friday morning hoping they can still get pizza. We must pre-order the pizza to have it ready, and we only order enough for those who have turned in their forms and money on time.
- If you are ordering pizza on a monthly basis, please use the monthly order form. If you need a copy, Mrs. Church has more at the front desk.
- One last thing, please put a number, not an X, on the line provided to indicate how many slices of Cheese or Pepperoni you want. Sometimes we have an X but there's enough money for 2 slices of pizza and we must call to verify the order. Also, don't forget to circle whether or not you want the meal .☺

A note about refunds: if you have paid for your child to have pizza and they end up being absent because of illness you will be issued a refund; the money will be enclosed in an envelope with your child's name on it and put in the teacher's box to be given to your child when they return to school.

## Fund Raiser With Story Time Felts

C. S. Lewis Academy is having an ongoing Fund Raiser with Story Time Felts. Each month there will be new specials plus a free gift just for ordering. These are great for your child's imagination, your teacher's classroom, and for times when you need something quiet for your child to play with. (They keep my children very busy, and quiet, at church.) They have great graphics, bright colors, and are washable. Story Time Felts offers quiet books, story boards, story figures, religious sets, educational sets, a table top learning mat, toggle books, and dress up dolls.

You can check out all of their great products online at [www.storytimefelts.com](http://www.storytimefelts.com) or see the catalogue at the front desk.

Host a party and earn a half price item and \$15 or more in free felt for yourself with a \$100 or more party/order, good till May 15<sup>th</sup>.

February Specials Include: \$4 off Aesop's Fables Book; \$3 off the Job Chart; Get a free Figures to Tell of your choice when you book a party for February & get over \$100 in sales; \$1 off Guess How Much I Love You Figures That Tell; \$1 off Love You Forever Figures

Ongoing Specials Include:

- Buy 4 Figures to Tell and get ONE FREE
- Buy any 5 Toggles and get \$10 off

C. S. Lewis gets 10% of all gross sales when ordered through Diana Loveridge now through May 15, 2009. Contact Diana by Phone: 801-636-1684 or Email: [nite5shade@yahoo.com](mailto:nite5shade@yahoo.com)

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Savannah Loveridge  
on February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Love, Mom & Dad

## Character Connection Committee

We are in need of volunteers for the Character Connection Committee. This committee will be teaching our children about a different Character Trait each month to help our children develop their own good character. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Noele Corrigan @ 465-3277 or [dncorrigan@aol.com](mailto:dncorrigan@aol.com).

## Book Baskets for Literacy Festival

It's time once again for our annual Literacy Festival. We had so much fun last year and the Festival was a huge success! The baskets were great and it came down to the wire with people trying to out bid the next guy to secure the basket they wanted. Watch for a note to come home from your teacher detailing items they would like to have donated for their Classroom Book Basket. The class whose basket brings in the most money gets a special treat!!! (If you would like to make a monetary donation, the PTO would be happy to do the shopping for you.)

## Box Tops

**The race is close in our Box Tops Competition. Mr. Love's class is still in the lead, but not by much! We will be counting boxtops every Friday until February 20<sup>th</sup>, and the class with the most at the end of each week will get a treat! After the 20<sup>th</sup> all Box Tops will be tallied and the Grand Prize Winner announced. We need all Box Tops turned in by Friday, February 20, 2009, in order to get them in on time and be paid for them this year.**

# Family Picture out of Date?

Lifetouch is coming to C. S. Lewis Academy  
on Friday, February 13, 2009

*Come and have Lifetouch capture a memory!  
Single, Couples, Families, Children, Friends,  
up to 20 people can be included in the portrait.*

The sitting fee is only \$10 and includes a free 8x10. Additional pictures can be purchased at the great prices below.

Packages are available as follows:

4 - 5x7 & 4 - 3x5 = \$20

1 - 8x10; 2 - 5x7; 2 - 3x5; & 4 - 2x3 = \$30

2 - 8x10; 4 - 5x7; 4 - 3x5; & 16 - 2x3 = \$50

In addition to the packages, the following add-ons are available with the purchase of a package:

16x20 mounted and coated = \$65

10x13 = \$25

16 - 3x5 = \$20

8x10 = \$15

Appointments are available every 10 minutes starting at 4pm. Please contact Diane Samudio @ 754-3604 or [portugirl89@yahoo.com](mailto:portugirl89@yahoo.com) to book your appointment today!!!

**We need at least 20 commitments or we will have to cancel Lifetouch. Please let your friends and family know about this great opportunity to update their family portraits!!!**

