

## PTSA COMMITTEE REPORTS – OCTOBER 2009

### Academic Boosters – Karen Mokate

- To date, 42 families have joined Academic Boosters this year, with total contributions of \$1800. This is WAY down from last year; in November or December, 2008, we had \$5500 in donations from about 115 families.
- Academic Boosters Committee, 2009-2010: Mark Merrell, James Bell, Gilpin Fegley, Susan Wisseman, Karen Mokate
- Proposed use of Academic Boosters budget line for the school year:

Professional Development for Staff and Teachers	\$5,200
Student of the Month Breakfasts	\$1,500
Student Academic Award Ceremony	\$3,000
Academic Clubs	\$2,200
Triple I Awards	\$2,500

- Requests for funding will be reviewed at the end of each quarter; deadlines for requests are: October 30, January 28 and April 9.
- Academic Awards ceremony (coordinated by Guidance Department and Academic Boosters) is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 after school. Invitations have been sent out.
- Practice ACT/SAT – November 14. Coordinated by Edythe Kelleher.

### Choral Arts – Barbara Laster

We are having a joint Orchestra and Choir concert featuring all the members of the choirs and orchestras starting at 7:30 on OCTOBER 21. Right now the only other things going on are the Pie Sale which ends on Oct 19th and the Music Department Citrus sale. The Citrus sale is about to get under way and will run through the end of October.

### Hospitality – Leslie Vereide and Dee Fallavollita

Dee and I meet with Lyn Black yesterday to get some hospitality dates down on the calendar. We are planning on doing 2 or 3 "just because" simple breakfasts / pick me up treats [with parent baked goods donations] and two more formal lunches for the staff. One lunch will be on a teacher workday in the winter and one for teacher appreciation in the spring. The first breakfast is coming up and we will be contacting our list of volunteer bakers, as soon as that is made available to us. We are looking forward to a great year. Thank you.

### Madison Drama – Barbara Laster

MAD DRAMA PRESENTS *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING*, NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21  
See MADISONDRAMA.COM for ticket information.

Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's most imaginative and exuberant comedies, contrasting two pairs of lovers in a witty and suspenseful battle of the sexes. Attracted to each other, the maddeningly skeptical Beatrice and Benidick are dead-locked in a lively war of words until their friends hatch a plot to unite them. The mutually devoted Hero and Claudio, on the other hand, all too quickly fall victims to a malicious plot to part them. Near-fatal complications ensue, but with the help of the hilarious Constable Dogberry and his confederates, the lovers are ultimately united. First presented in 1598, Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's last comedies. Its darker undercurrents foreshadow the playwright's growing concern with the frailties of human character that would dominate his late tragedies. But in its clever turns of plot, vivacious displays of wit, jovial conversations and charming songs, this merry comedy is among Shakespeare's most artistic creations.

### **Membership Report – Catherine Dehoney**

Total to date: 521

Parents - 378

Faculty - 17

Student - 126

Activity: Back to School Kick Off, Back to School Night, Special solicitation for faculty (fliers in their boxes), Table at 9th grade parent presentation 10/14

### **Upcoming Community Events**

#### **October 26 at 7:30, Thoreau Middle School Lecture Hall**

Iris Beckwith will give a presentation on “Keeping Kids and Families Safe in a Connected World”. Please join us for a very informative program where you will learn more about topics such as:

- "Sexting" - It is already in the middle schools
- Social Networking - How To's and demonstration (Facebook, Myspace)
- Chat Rooms - How safe are they? How easy to get into?
- XBOX 360
- What you should know about cyber-bullying and online harassment
- What you should know about your own technology safety

#### **October 31, 11:00-1:30, Inova Fairfax Hospital**

Inova Hospital Trauma Services “Reality Check” program for parents and teens. Complete details at [inova.org](http://inova.org). Register by phone (703-776-3259) or e-mail ([ashley.elzein@inova.org](mailto:ashley.elzein@inova.org)).