

Arbor Montessori School~Founded 1970

Monday, January 25, 2010

The Arbor Update



"Fun"-Raising Night with Arbor Band Das Vorge brought in over \$1300!

~Duane Stork Photography

Happenings **TODAY!**

Last home game of the

Come to the Next ACC Meeting for a special presentation!

The ACC's speaker for the **February 3rd** meeting is Julie Carnes, who will speak on the t "Playground Politics" -your child's social experience at school. Julie holds a BA in Psycho MA in Psychology and Counseling, and an AMI diploma at the primary level. In addition t teaching experience, Julie served for 10 years as Arbor's Educational Administrator. Curr

season! Everybody come out and cheer Arbor on! [CLICK HERE](#) for the **Basketball Schedule**

Music Soiree
Wednesday, January 27, 7pm

Rising Lower
Elementary Coffee
Friday, January 29 9-10:30am

Emory Open House
Saturday, January 30 10am-Noon

LaVista Open House
Saturday, February 6 10am-1pm

ACC Meeting
7pm Wednesday, February 3
with special speaker for Julie Carnes
Topic: "Playground Politics" --Your child's social experience at school.

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she is in private practice with Floortime Atlanta and is Co-Founder and Clinical Coordinator at the Hirsch Academy. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!



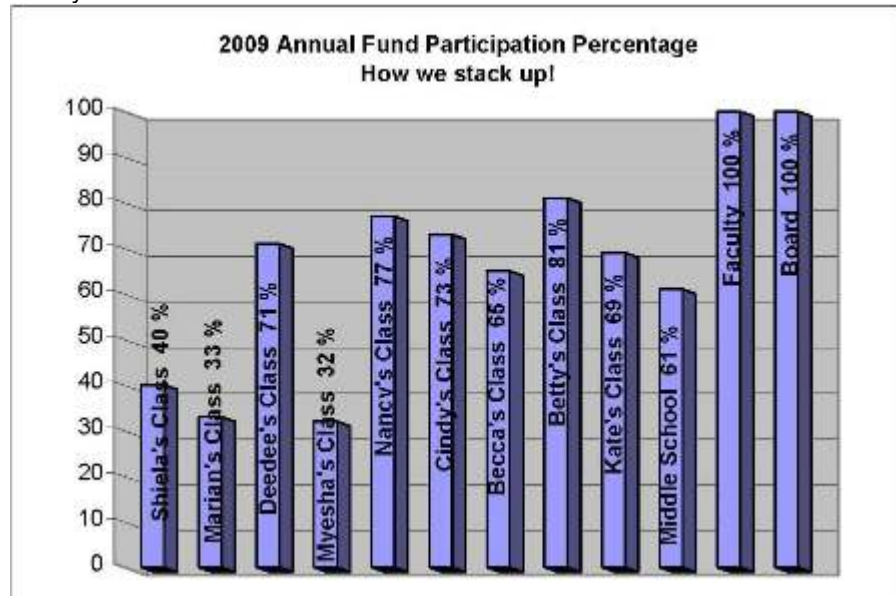
- ACC MEETING AGENDA**
Middle School Classroom
February 3, 2010, 7pm
- I. Upper Elementary "Bubble": Recap of 1/22/10
 - II. 9th Grade Taskforce Update
 - III. Speaker Julie Carnes

Lost and Found

Please check for lost items in the Lost and Found basket located in the downstairs hall. All remaining items will be donated at the end of the day on Friday, January 29. Thanks!

Fundraising Matters at Arbor from Martha's Desk

Annual Fund 2009 ~To those who have declared their support to Arbor's 2009 Annual Fund thank you. If you have not yet made a commitment please remember that everyone's support is needed. The deadline for making your pledge is February 1, but you have until May 1, 2010 to fulfill your commitment.



Your gift to the Annual Fund supports: Faculty Education funding, tuition assistance, the E Club and unexpected expense increases or revenue shortfalls.

How Your Dollars are Put to Work ~by Betty Litsey, Upper Elementary Teacher

I have had so many memorable experiences that it is hard to know where to start. Our elementary summer week-long seminars are held in different parts of the country so we c

explore whatever is special about that area. So I have examined creatures of the tidal pool on the California coast, visited Mt. St. Helen's a year after its eruption, seen calving glaciers in Alaska, and took classes at the Crow Canyon archaeological school in Colorado. In addition to the wonderful experiences, guided by a naturalist of the area, we also focus on a certain project in the classroom and share tips and ideas. My latest trip was to Maine where the focus was on hand work -- weaving, quilting, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and dyeing. It was great to try things out and realize that it was easier to bring into the class than I had first thought. This school year we followed up by dyeing yarn and weaving it into a hanging for the auction. It was fun for everyone! (Freshly picked Maine wild blueberries were a great bonus!)

It was at one of these meetings that I was inspired to start the outdoor program. A local naturalist was taking us for a walk near Rocky Mt. National Park in Colorado. We spent an hour in the parking lot learning about all the "weeds" and how they were used for food and medicine. It was so interesting that I decided that I had to find someone who could help students open their minds to all these wonderful things around us.

I've also loved taking one day workshops on the newest children's books published each year. On the way home from this one I always stop at the library and Borders to get new books for the library.

There are various other workshops/conferences that I attend whenever I can, with topics ranging from inspiring writers, learning the steps in making a panorama, connecting math and art, or creating a puppet show.

I guess that I'm still a student myself, and staying a part of the learning process helps me remember and understand how it feels to be a beginner at something. Scary but fun too. Thanks, Betty

Arbor depends on your support for its continued growth and development, diversity, and quality education. Thank you for your financial support and for all that you do for Arbor. If you have questions about our fundraising programs or Parent Involvement, please contact [Martha Addison](#) in the Development Office.

Music Soirée Wed., Jan. 27, 7 pm, Music Room The Arbor Music Soirée is a casual evening of musical sharing where children (and parents!) who sing or play a musical instrument may perform a favorite selection or two for an appreciative and supportive audience. Please visit our [Art and Music page](#) on our website to download the signup forms and view the soirée schedule. See you there!

Love Montessori So Much that you want to Teach? You are not alone--many parents of Montessori kids decide to devote their lives to the enriching career of Montessori guide. If you describe yourself as such, please consider attending a free Information Session at Atlanta's Montessori Training center:

Primary Level: Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-8:30pm
Elementary Level
 Saturday, January 30, 10am-12pm
 Sunday, January 31, 1:00-3:00pm

For more information, please call **404-325-7260**, or visit our bulletin board to see the flyer.

Book Club Thursday, February 25, 9-11am Music Room

Come join Alison Sherrill for a book club discussion on *How to Hug a Porcupine: Negotiating the Prickly Points of the Tween Years*, by Julie Ross. Start turning those pages and come to Book Club!

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