

# *ALA Parent Council Legacy- September 2006*



• Vickie Peterson-President      • MaryAnne Davis-President Elect  
• Michelle Reinhold-Secretary      • April Sherrod-Treasurer      • Keri Dautel-Board of Trustee Liaison

## *Parent Council President's Message:*

Dear Parents,

After a long and wonderful summer break, I am certain we are all pleased that we have survived the first few weeks of school. The Parent Council would like to thank all parents for their patience with the reality of the start of school; car pool waiting lanes, changing of class schedules, and the rush of many students in the hallways. We have many wonderful teachers for our children and we are looking forward to this year.

The Parent Council had an overwhelming response to our volunteer efforts. Thanks to all of you who have come forward to serve. However, we are still in need of many more parents who can help in areas that may be of interest. We will have a list of volunteer opportunities as soon as we can assess the school needs and organize a way to let you know about them.

September 7, 2006, will be the Parent Council General meeting. Our general meetings are a time that parents have an opportunity to be involved with decisions that affect the school. We invite you to come and participate. This month parents will elect a member of the Board of Trustees. This person will represent the parents for a two year term. It is so important that you come and listen to the candidates and cast your vote. I encourage your attendance each month.

Many of you know that I have a son who served two tours to fight in the war in Iraq. It has become very real to me the personal sacrifices that these Americans make to preserve Liberty and Freedom for not only our nation but others who seek those same freedoms. This month has a special place in my heart; it is the anniversary of the United States Constitution. On September 17, 2006 we celebrate the 219<sup>th</sup> year of the ratification of the Constitution. In 1776 our Founding Fathers gathered at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, to create a plan that would dissolve all political ties with Great Britain. The plan was the Declaration of Independence. Thus a nation was born, one that would be free and independent, The United States of America. Eleven years later, after many Americans fought and won our independence on the battlefield. Some of those same men met with others, in Philadelphia again, to draft a governing plan for this new nation. This was the birth of our Constitution. When September 17<sup>th</sup>, comes our way, let each of us remember the great sacrifices that many have made to preserve this great document and the liberties that are stated within, by displaying our Flag. This would be a great month to have a little history lesson with our children helping them understand what took place so that we can have the freedoms that we enjoy today. This will enable the legacy of this great nation to go forward with the new generation of Americans, our children.

Sincerely,

Vickie Peterson  
American Leadership Academy Parent Council President

**Important Dates:**

Sept 4	Labor Day – No school
Sept 7	September General Parent Council Meeting; 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Sept 7	ALA Board of Trustee Public Meeting & Board of Trustee Election; 7:30 pm
Sept 11	School Pictures
Sept 18- Sept 20	Iowa Testing; Grades 3, 5, 8, 11
Sept 29	No School UPASS (TDD)
Oct 5	October General Parent Council Meeting; 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Oct 5	ALA Board of Trustee Public Meeting & Board of Trustee Election; 7:30 pm

A complete list of school events and sporting events can be found on the school's website at:

[www.americanleadership.net](http://www.americanleadership.net)

**Board of Trustee Elections:**

The Parent Council Board of Trustee Election will be held Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Administration Building.

Board of Trustee Election Rules:

1. Each family is allowed one vote.
2. Each candidate will be given three minutes to address parents.
3. No nominations will be taken from the floor. Only candidates who completed and returned an application will be on the ballot.
4. The candidate with a majority vote will be declared the winner.

To view a candidate's application please click on upcoming events in the Parent Council section of the school's website.

**Publicity Committee:**

Ann Marie Mair, PC Publicity Chair, is in need of the following committee chairs and volunteers:

- High School / Junior High School Publicity Director
- Sports Publicity Committee Chairperson
- Media Relations Director who will collect news articles that will go to the press
- Radio Station Information Director
- Finance Director
- Parents to assist each committee chairperson

If you are interested in servings as a chairperson or volunteer please contact Ann-Marie by e-mail at: [ammair@americanleadership.net](mailto:ammair@americanleadership.net).

**PARENT COUNCIL BOARD POSITIONS:**

The Parent Council Board is in need of committee chairs for the Fundraising Committee, Work Committee, and Junior High School / High School Coordinator. We also need parent volunteers to assist each chairperson. If you are interested in chairing or volunteering for one of these committees, please contact Vickie Peterson, PC President, by e-mail at [vpeterson@americanleadership.net](mailto:vpeterson@americanleadership.net)

## Elementary School Volunteers:

JoEll Powell, the Elementary School Coordinator, has need of several parent volunteers for both committee chairs and committee members. Upcoming activities that require parent volunteers are:

- Teacher Appreciation Committee
- Rewards Activities Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Core Knowledge History Fair - Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
- Thanksgiving Concert - November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Thanksgiving Play and Feast - Nov 21<sup>st</sup>
- Veteran's Day Assembly - November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Concert - December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Patriotic Program – February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>
- 5th Economics Fair – December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Aladdin Play - Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Core Knowledge Language Arts Fair Apr 17<sup>th</sup> (one from each grade)
- 5th/6th Grade and 7th-12th Grade Science Fairs
- Core Knowledge Grade Level Events (one person from each grade)
- Hope of America

If you would like to volunteer to chair or assist with one of these activities or committees please e-mail JoEll Powell at [jpowell@americanleadership.net](mailto:jpowell@americanleadership.net).

### ***School Pictures:***

School Picture Day will be September 11, 2006. Please remember that you must be wearing the correct dress code clothing to be able to have your photo taken.

More information will be posted to the school's website or available at the front desk of each school.

There will be no school on  
Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>  
for UPASS -  
Teacher Development Day

## **Volunteer of the Month:**

The Parent Council would like to announce the creation of a "Volunteer of the Month" and a "Volunteer of the Year" program. Each month a parent volunteer will be announced and spotlighted in the PC Newsletter, on the website, and at the General Parent Council Meeting.

Any parent, teacher, staff member, director, or committee chair may nominate a parent volunteer. Please e-mail a candidate name to Maryanne Davis, the PC President Elect, at [mdavis@americanleadership.net](mailto:mdavis@americanleadership.net)