



Backpack Express

*The weekly newsletter from Crossroads Academy, an independent school
serving grades K-8 in Lyme, NH*

June 1, 2010

Calendar of Events

June	2	Wed	3 rd grade Wax Museum, After-K room
	3	Thu	New Parent Welcome, Lora Robins Library, 8:30-9:30 am
	4	Fri	Middle School Lunch-is-Served BBQ, grades 5-8; PA Steering Committee meeting
	11	Fri	Culminating Final Assembly, BCC, 8:15 am; Field Day
	14	Mon	4 th grade field trip to Magic Wings
	15	Tue	3 rd grade class trip, The Fells, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
	14-15	Mon- Tue	7 th and 8 th grade class trip
	15	Tue	6 th grade class trip, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
	17	Thu	No classes for 8 th graders, graduation rehearsal, BCC, 9:00-11:00 am, 12:00 dismissal , 8 th grade graduation, BCC, 1:00 pm, No AK or AS Program
	18	Fri	Move-Up Ceremony, K-7 th grades, BCC, 8:30 am, dismissal to follow, No AK or AS Program

* If you want to participate in Spirit Day, you must wear spirit gear or a blue or a white collared shirt with blue jeans; otherwise you can wear school clothing that follows the Crossroads dress code.

News from the Admissions Office

It's not too late! There are only four more weeks of school, but it's not too late to invite a friend or colleague to visit Crossroads. I am still taking calls and giving tours and will be doing so throughout the summer. Our current needs continue to be in first and second grades. We have a few openings in K and third through eighth grades. Please let me know if you have families you would like me to contact. Thanks so much for all your help this year in recruiting wonderful families to join our community!

Our next admissions event is the **New Parent Welcome** on Thursday, June 3rd from 8:30 until 9:30 in the Lora Robins Library. Thank you to our host families for encouraging your new family to come and for attending to help us welcome all new families. Our Host Family coordinator, Tammy Coffin, is busy matching our new families to current families. If you would like to volunteer to be a host family, please contact Tammy at tcoffin@allaccessinfotech.com. — Many thanks, Betsy

Head's Note

Dear Parents,

The sun is shining and so are we! Once again, our students were highly competitive in the Solar Sprint competition. We are delighted to announce that team members Morgan Bayreuther and Monica Steffey qualified for the regional championships by earning second place for both innovation and overall speed. As well, William Shepard and Alexander Tariot qualified for the regional championships for placing third place for speed. We thank Mike Van Dolah and Katie Robbins for inspiring and supporting our students throughout the process.

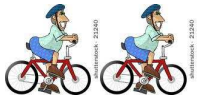
Enjoy the sunshine. Someday we may be driving solar cars designed by Crossroads graduates! — Jean

Community Service, Virtue, and Psalm for This Month

June Virtue: Kindergarten - fifth grades: *Wisdom* is knowledge of things that matter. Sixth - eighth grades: *Justice and Prudence* is wisdom, integrity, and respect. Psalm 90 vs. 1-2; 12-14

School Notes

Crossroads Community Calendar: Please go to <http://www.crossroadsacademy.org/> and click on the calendar icon and for the library please go to <http://library.crossroadsacademy.org>.



LET'S GO Crossroads Academy! So far there are only four families signed up on our Prouty Team! Many of you may be signed up on other teams and that's great; all the money goes to the same place, The Norris Cotton Cancer Center, one of the best research and patient care facilities there is right here in the Upper Valley! BUT, if you have not already registered and you want to be part of this AMAZING event, please JOIN the Behnkes and the rest of OUR TEAM. With roughly one hundred families, we ought to be able to "field" a team of just fifty walkers and bikers and raise \$10,000! To date we have four families (fourteen team members) registered and more than 10 percent of our fund raising goal. If you have questions about registering, or if you have never done The Prouty before and want some advice on fund raising, don't hesitate to e-mail me at: springhorn@aol.com or call 603.298.6064. Even if you won't be in town, you can be a "virtual" rider!

Crossroads and Social Media: To enhance our use of technology to communicate with the Crossroads community and boost our marketing efforts, we are hoping to increase our use of social media. To that end, Crossroads has three new, exciting features on the Web that have been added recently. You can check out the first one, which is a video clip of the fifth grade's presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on the Crossroads website. Click on the following link and scroll down to the month of April: <http://crossroadsacademy.org/index.php?section=4> As well, Crossroads now has its own account on YouTube. You can find the same video clip at this link to YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3r8u-BFMac> Special thanks go to Dave Kotz who generously donated his time and expertise to create and format this clip for us.

Finally, we are now on Twitter! We hope you will choose to "follow" us on Twitter as we move forward with this popular way of communicating. In the meantime, please click on this link to see our first "tweets" <http://twitter.com/CrossrdsAcademy>.

We are planning to add more videos on YouTube and our website of exciting Crossroads happenings in the future, and we'd be grateful to have any interested parents help us with this endeavor. In fact, if you'd like to help increase Crossroads use of social media by creating video clips or in any other way, please contact me at marion.frazer@crossroadsacademy.org. We'd love to hear your ideas and benefit from your interests and expertise as they relate to how social media could benefit Crossroads. — Marion Frazer

Hats Off . . . to alum Will Sagraves for being a third-quarter honor roll sophomore at Lebanon High School!

Hats Off...to all of the students who participated so enthusiastically in the Upper Valley Junior Solar Sprint competition at the CCBA in Lebanon on Thursday. All of the students represented themselves and our school brilliantly with good sportsmanship and being supportive of one another and of other competitors.

Crossroads had forty students participating in Solar Sprint this year, and we entered twenty cars. Of those twenty cars, twelve qualified for the semifinals by placing first or second in either of their two preliminary round races (there were twenty-three total cars in the semifinals): finishing first in both races - Monica Steffey and Morgan Bayreuther; finishing first in one race - Jack Fordy and Matt Kersey, Levy Byrd and Quinn Valence, Alexander Tariot and Will Shepard, Austin Stern and Tori Pipas, Chris Powell, Nate Lang, and Noah McPherson; and finishing second in at least one race - Ethan Gorman and Josh Fishman, Julia Morris and

Sophie Higgerson, Liesel Robbins and Madeline Mulvihill, Nate Shields-Auble and Tomas La Porta, and William Jones, John Kotz and George Steffey.

Crossroads qualified three cars for the final race: Monica Steffey and Morgan Bayreuther, Alexander Tariot and Will Shepard, and William Jones, John Kotz, and George Steffey. Monica Steffey and Morgan Bayreuther took second, and Alexander Tariot and Will Shepard took a very close (video replay close) third in the final race of the competition, earning both teams an automatic place in the Northeast Regional Junior Solar Sprint competition happening in Springfield, Massachusetts on Sunday, June 13th. Monica Steffey and Morgan Bayreuther also qualified for the regional competition by placing second for innovation.

Best of luck to Monica, Morgan, Alexander and Will, and congratulations to all of the students who participated this year! — Mike Van Dolah

Families Interested in Carpooling for '10-'11: As we all know, carpooling can be convenient. It also reduces traffic in the parking lot, alleviates pollution with fewer cars on the road, and enables the sharing of the cost of high-priced gasoline. If your family is interested in carpooling to/from Crossroads for the 2010-2011 school year, please e-mail me at marion.frazer@crossroadsacademy.org. I will compile a list of interested families and post it soon by the family mailboxes in order for you to contact other interested families before the school year begins. — Marion Frazer

To Families Who Use the Bus: Pierson's Transportation will bus students to school in the morning of the last day of school, *but will not be back to drive them to Hanover/Norwich after the Move-Up Ceremony.* Hopefully this will not be a hardship for anyone as we are hoping to see you at the Move-Up Ceremony anyway, and you then can drive your children home. Families who are scheduled to ride the bus on Friday afternoons have already been billed for the June 18 afternoon ride; please deduct the cost of that ride from your check when you pay your most recent bill from Pierson's. Finally, as a reminder, Pierson's will accommodate our early dismissal on Thursday, June 17 and will be here at noon that day for the Thursday afternoon riders. —Darlene Gautreau

Middle School News

Chile Foundation Donation: The sixth grade class is proud to announce the fact that they raised \$201 through the quilt raffle, Make-a-Plate and rock painting and will be donating this money to a foundation in Chile called Un Techo para Chile. The foundation builds houses for Chile's poor. The sixth graders should be congratulated for their efforts!

Graduation: The graduation ceremony for the eighth grade will take place at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 17th at the Bancroft Campus Center. All of the Crossroads community is invited to attend this lovely event. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a reception for graduates, parents, and their invited guests in a tent at the Bancroft Campus Center. All sixth and seventh graders should plan to attend the Crossroads Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony generally runs about one and a quarter to one and a half hours. Sixth and seventh grade students should be picked up at 2:15 pm. If you would like your son/daughter to stay after school and get dressed for graduation here on that day, please let me know so that we have enough teachers available for supervision. For sixth and seventh graders attending, the dress code is the following: Boys should plan to wear a dress shirt and pants. Girls should plan to wear skirts or dress pants and a light colored blouse or a dress. The graduates should wear the following: Boys should wear khaki pants with a white shirt and tie, and girls should wear pastel colored dresses or skirts and blouses. Parents and guests should plan to park at the Bancroft Campus Center, and faculty/staff have been asked to park at the Klee Building. Please do not park on Route 10. — Doris LaMontagne

Parent Association Notes

Now Collecting Collared Shirts: From now until June 2nd, you can drop off your cleaned, gently used collared shirts in the bin, located in the Klee vestibule. The sale will start June 3rd, with the proceeds going to the Parent Association. Reduce, Re-Use, And Recycle!!!

Come Join the PA Steering Committee: Our next meeting is on June 4th, where we will review petitions, and decide how to spend the money you have all contributed over the year! The PA meetings are **open to all families.**