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4TH ANNUAL WALKATHON A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

This year's walkathon was a huge success in every way! Not only did we reach our goal of raising an unbelievable \$75,000, but it looks like we will surpass that goal with donations still coming in! We really came together as a school in order to make this happen, from everyone who volunteered their time on the day of the walk, to the hundreds of parents who worked tirelessly to secure donations from our incredibly generous corporate sponsors months beforehand.



Photo contributed by Vicki Baer Ochstein Photography

Speaking of our corporate sponsors, they accounted for \$37,000 in cash donations, and \$15,000 in in-kind donations (raffle prizes and food and drinks for the day of our event). This is a huge portion of our money raised, and we are asking each of you to visit each of the businesses who gave to our school AT LEAST ONCE in the coming months (see page 2). It goes without saying that if we show these companies the positive impact our school community can make, the more likely they will be to give again next year. WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS!!

Thank you to everyone who was a part of another extraordinarily special day for our school.

The Walkathon Committee













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MAY 6, 2011

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Vicki specializes in infants, babies and children, and uses only natural light, to create memories with spirit, honesty and beauty.

Dear Oscar Mayer Community,

It is hard to believe it is almost over, but what a fantastic school year it has been for our kids at Oscar Mayer. The school is thriving and so are our children. Showing just how first-rate and coveted our school has become, well over a thousand families were regrettably denied placement for their child next year. None of Oscar Mayer's success is an accident. It is a reflection of the hard work, dedication, and cooperation by students, parents, teachers, administration, staff and the community, all working together for a great common cause: our kids!

As pleased as we are, we still strive to do better and improve, and though the school year is coming to an end, many of us will continue to work diligently throughout the summer to best prepare for another successful school year. As you already know, Friends of Mayer's primary goal is to raise money in support of our school. Though we take on other responsibilities to support school initiatives, our focus always has been, and will continue to be, fundraising. I'm sure by now all of you have read the recent letter sent home to parents from new Chicago Public Schools CEO Jean-Claude Brizard. The news he shared with us regarding the CPS budget deficit is disappointing, as is Mayer's budget for next year. Nonetheless, we have a lot to celebrate: we raised over \$200,000 during the course of the 2010-2011 school year that will supplement the CPS budget for the coming 2011-2012 school year! That is INCREDIBLE! Thank you so much for your generosity and your belief in the wonderful offerings our school has; contributing your hard earned income shows the trust you have in Mayer. I have put together a recap of what we all came together to provide. I hope you will be pleased...

THANKS TO YOU!

As of June 10 we have raised over:

- \$136,000 from the Pledge Drive
- \$75,000 from the Walkathon

THANKS TO YOU!

We Have Collected:

- \$4,885 from Barnes and Noble Book Fair Sales
- \$2,240 from Gifts and Grants
- \$1,425 from Dominick's/E-scrip shopping program
- \$1,407 from Picture Day
- \$398 in BoxTops

THANKS TO YOU!

We have paid for:

- Funded teaching positions
 - Field trip buses
 - Small tokens of appreciation for our teachers and staff including two report card pick-up lunches and the holiday cookies
 - Referees for games for our sports teams
 - Rental and upkeep of the copy machines
 - Office and art supplies
 - Student of the month breakfasts and honor student awards
- ...and so much more! The sad reality however, is that while \$200,000 is seemingly an extraordinary amount of money raised, we need more; a lot more. And though we are grateful that we worked so hard to supplement the school budget, our goal next year will be much higher; certainly a large task, but not an insurmountable one. We will need to come together even more than we have in the past and strive to accomplish our goals. While it's tough to realize that we are currently not meeting all of our needs, we are fortunate enough to be surrounded by some of the most vibrant, enthusiastic and committed families, teachers and staff.

I have no doubt that if we rally together, we will one day soon be in a position to attain all the extras that will take Mayer to the next level. So for the moment, we should celebrate the fact that everyone's collective efforts this year will allow the school to purchase the proper number of classroom teachers, as well as an office clerk and Assistant Principal; all very important elements to Oscar Mayer's success. Thank you all for another extraordinary year! I wish you all a safe and blissful summer with your beautiful families, and I'll see you in the fall.

All the best,

Farah Denahan

President, Friends of Mayer



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW RECAP

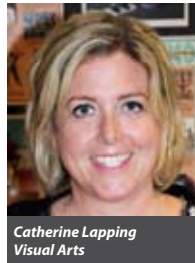
Thank you 2010 - 2011 Someone You Should Know contributors! Mayer families have enjoyed learning about our wonderful staff.



Marissa Houk - Early Childhood and Barbara Baldini - Montessori Coordinator



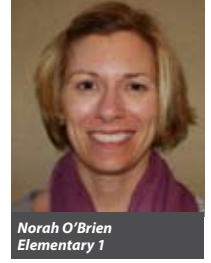
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Catherine Lapping - Visual Arts



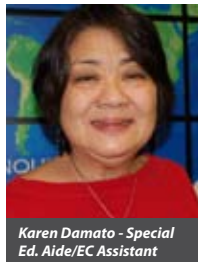
Anyne Galvin-Rodriguez - Spanish E1, 4, 5 & 8 Grade



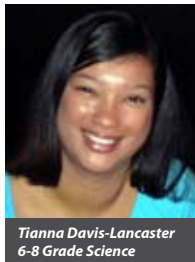
Norah O'Brien - Elementary 1



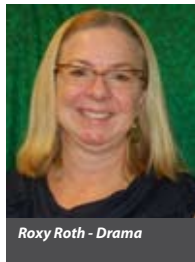
Africa Thomas - Assistant Principal



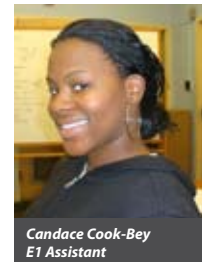
Karen Damato - Special Ed. Aide/EC Assistant



Tianna Davis-Lancaster - 6-8 Grade Science



Roxy Roth - Drama



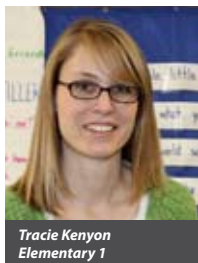
Candace Cook-Bey - E1 Assistant



Shannon Mahoney - 5 and 6 Grade Language Arts and Humanities



Crystal Sankey - Elementary 1



Tracie Kenyon - Elementary 1



Betty Scalia - 5 and 6 Grade Language Arts and Humanities



Josh Levine - 5 and 7 Grade math



Kathy Schroedter - EC Assistant



Karen Bryden - Elementary 1



Reina Cabrera - School Clerk and Karen Olsen - School Clerk



Jennifer Townsel - Early Childhood, 6 and 7 Grade Spanish



Diane Lena - Early Childhood

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BULLDOG BASICS EXEMPLIFIED ON THE BASKETBALL COURT



Bottom Row: Lance Orr, Earnest Banks, Jesse Brooks, Kortese Adams, Reggie Murphy;
 Top Row: Coach James Francis, Coach Jesse Brooks, Diamond Walker, Bob Love,
 Ali Lewin, Corzell Cannon, Phillip Powell, Bobby Rone, Coach Dave Lewin
 (Jordan Owens not pictured)

It's difficult to stay committed after starting a season with two blowout losses, but the 7th/8th grade Mayer boys' basketball team did just that and more. The players were working hard and making a lot of progress in practice, but I was concerned that they would be discouraged and give up on the rest of the season. However, this strong group of young men demonstrated impressive resolve. They used the early mistakes as an opportunity to learn and improve. They worked even harder in practice, and after those first two losses the team went on to win four of our last five games!

In recognition of their positive attitude and effort I decided to take the team to the Bulls last regular season game. Bulls legend Bob Love was extremely generous to talk to us

before the game. He took us on the court to meet former and current Bulls players, executive members of the front office, and even gave us a chance to sit on the Bulls bench and stand at half court. It was an incredible experience, and was a perfect way to end the season considering Bob Love epitomizes all that we stressed during the season. Through education, hard work, and optimism he has overcome so much in his life (including a severe stutter, being the son of a sharecropper, getting cut from his first NBA team, and working for minimum wage after his basketball career).

Thank you to all of our fans, families, Mayer faculty, and Coaches James Francis and Jesse Brooks for your support throughout the season. We could not have done it without you. Also, thank you to Friends of Mayer and Mrs. Olsen for all your help organizing our trip to the Bulls game.

I can only hope that next season is as successful as this one. We would like to offer both boys and girls teams for more grade levels, so if you are interested in helping coach please contact me or Coach Francis.

Submitted by: Dave Lewin. Besides coaching the Mayer football and basketball teams, Dave Lewin is the owner of Statistically Speaking Consulting. He has a daughter Alison in Room 107, a 2 year old son Kai, and a mutt Philly who is often seen on the playground. His wife Lynn is a veterinarian at Family Pet Animal Hospital who wrote about children and pets earlier this year.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FESTIVALS

Sheffield Neighborhood Association and Wrightwood Neighbors Association are very supportive of Oscar Mayer. SNA most recently donated \$2,500 as a Walkathon Triathlon Sponsor and WNA has historically donated \$15,000 to our school. We receive money from their summer festivals and they have asked us for volunteers. Please help if you can. Here is the volunteer information:

- Sheffield Garden Walk and Festival – July 23 and 24. Volunteers needed for the Mayer food booth! Details to come.
- Taste of Lincoln Avenue – July 30 & 31 (Fullerton to Wrightwood). If you would like to volunteer at the gate or kid's area, you can send an email to fomvolunteer@yahoo.com with your phone number and preferred shift or sign-up online at <http://www.wrightwoodneighbors.org/tastevolunteers.htm>.

CONGRATULATIONS MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected as
Students of the Month for May 2011:

ROOM 101 JASMINE GOLDBOSS, EMMA LOOKATCH

ROOM 102 ARIANNA TZAKIS, LUKE LINEBAUGH

ROOM 104 JOY WILLIAMS

ROOM 105 JONAH FIENBERG

ROOM 106 NATALIA ORTIZ, CATHERINE BRANSFIELD

ROOM 107 AVA DONOHUE, NURIEL TORRES

ROOM 108 AMAURI JEANTY, YANNIS PAYNE

ROOM 109 NICHOLAS SCAVONE, JACK HARRIES

ROOM 111 HEAVEN PITTMAN,
JACQUELINE BARTHOLOMEW

ROOM 201 MICHAEL VLAMIS

ROOM 202 EDY GOMEZ, SABRINA VEGA

ROOM 203 NATALIA BERMUDEZ,
ANGELINA AMORUSO

ROOM 204 JOSHUA LOPEZ

ROOM 205 ROBERT ZAMBRZYCKI, CASEY SHERMAN

ROOM 206 DANIEL ARANDA

ROOM 210 ALEX LIMARDO, JAYLA WILSON

ROOM 212 YASMINE MARSHALL

ROOM 213 DENIRA CALHOUN

ROOM 214 MAURICE BOYD


ROOM 221 JENNIFER SALGADO

ROOM 223 JASMINE NORWOOD

ROOM 225 ELIZABETH SPIKES

ROOM 226 KAREN BARRAGAN, SHAWN LOGAN

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MEET YOUR TEACHER	AUG. 26
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-8TH GRADE)	SEPT. 6

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