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Mayer families enjoying the Harvest Festival Community Night hayride. Thanks to the students who had great presentations and all the wonderful parent and community volunteers!

FRIENDS OF MAYER PLEDGE DRIVE

Thank you to all of the Oscar Mayer families who have participated in the Pledge Drive. We really appreciate the support.

Just a quick reminder that we are nearing the end of the first quarter. If you made a monthly or quarterly pledge (via cash or check), please remember to drop it by the office. If you have not already made a pledge to the school, it's not too late to do so. Any amount helps and, as important, shows that we are each invested in our children's education. Donations can be made at http://www.friendsofmayer.org/Pledge_Drive.html, or checks should be made payable to Friends of Oscar Mayer School.

As of October 22, a total of almost \$65,000 has been received with 32% participation.

I hope everyone feels good about the fact that by participating in the Pledge Drive you have all made a significant difference in the lives of our Oscar Mayer students, and have truly helped the school to own its future. It is only through having involved families that schools can be truly great, and I love that Oscar Mayer has the wonderful sense of community that it does.

As always, if you have any questions you can contact me at fdenahan@experimur.com or 312.388.5994.

Farah Denahan
President of Friends of Mayer

MAYER COMMUNITY NETWORK

The Mayer Community Network is an informal network for parents to discuss and share information. This yahoo group is not a school sponsored site, it's as informal as a playground chat! Recommendations for extra-curricular activities, questions regarding all

things kid related and other fun topics are open to discussion. If you wish to become a member, simply send a note to friendsofmayer@yahoo.com or search for "Mayer Community Network" on the yahoo groups page.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Submitted by JoANN LULLA

This section is meant to help both new & existing parents get to know some of the faculty/staff at Oscar Mayer and build a sense of community among all.

Hope you enjoy getting to know the wonderful and dedicated faculty/staff of Oscar Mayer!

Anyine Galvan-Rodriguez – Spanish E1, 4th, 5th & 8th Grade

My hometown: I was born in the Dominican Republic but I grew up in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

My college alma matter: University of Illinois at Chicago.

I started at Oscar Mayer... This is my first year!

What I enjoy most about Oscar Mayer is... teaching Spanish to our wonderful student body. I like all the great programs Mayer has in place for both students and staff.

My most memorable Oscar Mayer "moment": When one of my Elementary 1 students brought me a sticker as a "gift" the third week of school. I almost cried.

I love it when I see students... talking in Spanish and practicing what we learn in class.

During my free time I like to... spend time with my family.

My favorite food is: Arroz, frijoles negros y tostones (rice, black beans and fried plantains).

My favorite restaurant is: La Guardia Cuban restaurant.

Most people don't know that I can... choreograph Latin dance routines and I know a bit of Portuguese.



Anyine Galvan-Rodriguez

Catherine Lapping – Visual Arts



Catherine Lapping

My hometown: Chicago.

My college alma matter: ILL-INI!

I started at Oscar Mayer in: 2005.

What I enjoy most about Oscar Mayer is... The community.

I love it when I see students... Problem solving...coming up with creative ways to think about their work and the world!

During my free time I like to... travel and try new restaurants.

My favorite food is... a toasted peanut butter and jelly sandwich, although cheddar fries (with the Cheddar ON) at Michael's in Highland Park runs a close second.

My favorite restaurant is... that's a tough one! Gerard Mulot in Paris, Zuni in San Francisco, City Bakery in New York. Avec, Manny's and Walker Brothers pancake house in Chicago.

Most people don't know that... I'm a SOX fan!

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW (CONTINUED)

Norah O'Brien – Elementary 1



Norah O'Brien

My hometown: Chicago. I grew up in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

My college alma matter: Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

I started at Oscar Mayer in: 2008.

What I enjoy most about Oscar Mayer is... the supportive staff and families that I have gotten to work with over the past 2 years! They take such good care of me and my daughters!

My most memorable Oscar Mayer "moment" is... my first day as an EL 1 teacher this past September!

I love it when I see students... laughing and learning at the same time.

During my free time I like to ... go to Indiana with my husband and my daughters, Lizzie (Rm. 205) and Anna (Rm. 104).

My favorite food: Pasta! I became addicted after living in Rome, Italy for a semester in college.

My favorite restaurant: Rosebud!

Most people don't know that... I went to Montessori school from infancy through Kindergarten.

Africa Thomas – Assistant Principal

My hometown: Toledo, Ohio.

My college alma matter: University of Toledo.

I started at Oscar Mayer in: 2006.

What I enjoy most about Oscar Mayer is... I really enjoy working with the wonderful students of Oscar Mayer School. I learn a great deal from our students each year.

My most memorable Oscar Mayer "moment" is... the annual spaghetti dinner and talent show night. We have many talented students at Mayer.

I love it when I see students... working hard in class to learn and do their best.

During my free time I like to ... read and spend time with my family.

My favorite food: any type of french fries.

My favorite restaurant: The Grand Lux.



Africa Thomas

OSCAR MAYER BOOK FAIR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

The 4th annual Friends of Mayer bookfair at the Barnes & Noble (Webster and Clybourn) is on November 14th. That day, simply tell the cashier you're shopping on behalf of Oscar Mayer Magnet school when you check out or give them the bookfair voucher (coming soon). The school will receive a gift certificate worth up to 25% of the total price of each sale! Last year, we were able to purchase over 200 books for our classrooms and library using the proceeds and we'd love to do even better this year!

If you can't make it to the book fair in person on November 14th, you can order online from November 14th through November 19th. You just have to enter our Oscar Mayer code at checkout (10092757) at www.bn.com.

Submitted by MANDY SHAW

BLANKET PROJECT

Ms. Hooker is organizing Mayer's annual blanket project and she needs our help. Please email her at Mchooker@cps.edu for donation and volunteer opportunities.

FRIENDS OF MAYER MEETING

The next Friends of Mayer meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm** in the 2nd Floor Library. Please note that this date has been changed. All are invited!

CONGRATULATIONS SEPT. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected as **Students of the Month for September:**

ROOM 101	QUINN O'BRIEN, CARTER UTZ
ROOM 102	KURT BEYLER, ELIZABETH WELLS
ROOM 104	JEREMIAH HINDS
ROOM 105	KATE FEURER, LOLA FEURER
ROOM 106	JACK SPRENGER, JORDYN GOLDING
ROOM 107	RYDER HAWKINS, JACK TZUR
ROOM 108	DANIELLA FONTANEZ, SYDNEY KOLENO
ROOM 109	MADDY GALLINSON, TAYLOR SPRIGGS
ROOM 111	SIMON PEROULAS, KIRAN MANDAVA
ROOM 113	CHANEL ANDERSON, HANK STENNES
ROOM 201	JOCELYN OLEA, KIRSTEN CERALDE
ROOM 203	SOFIA MORE, JAMES SHEEHY
ROOM 204	CHRISTIAN MORA
ROOM 205	PARKER DIAZ-RINEHART, DESTINY VINET
ROOM 206	TYE WALKER
ROOM 210	DAISY DIEGO
ROOM 212	ARIANA WILLIAMS
ROOM 213	IYONNA MCCOY
ROOM 214	DERRICK GIVENS
ROOM 221	AKELA JOHNSON
ROOM 223	ARTURO SIMENTAL
ROOM 225	AMARI BANKS
ROOM 226	BRITTANY MURPHY

Let's give all these students a round of applause for being such superb role models for their classrooms!

ROOM PARENTS STILL NEEDED

Room parents are still needed in Rooms 210, 223 and 225. The role of the Room Parent is mainly to work with the teacher to facilitate communication. If you are interested in volunteering to be a Room Parent, please contact Maureen Riordan, Room Parent Coordinator. She can be reached by phone at 773-525-5990 (Home), 312-961-4910 (Cell), or email (mrsriordan@yahoo.com).



GARDEN PROJECT WINS AWARD

The Garden Project at Oscar Mayer has been awarded 3rd Place in the Region Two School category of the 2010 Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards program. 3rd grader Grace Hughes and her father Eric (along with Principal Konieczny and parent volunteer Anastasia Hinchsliff) will represent our school at the awards ceremony November 6th. A HUGE thanks to all of the parents, teachers and especially the students who planted and tended our four school gardens over the 2010 growing season. Well done!!!



If you have ideas for articles, comments or questions please email me at: FOMnewsletter@yahoo.com