



Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

We would like to inform you of the following:

- You are invited to *Learning About Learning*, a series of information-packed discussions with Katherine Koonce, Academic Dean, exploring the amazing and sometimes complicated process of learning, and how our children's learning affects our parenting. The series, which has an elementary and middle school parenting focus, includes seven sessions, each meeting on Friday morning in the Chapel. Join us for coffee at 7:45 a.m. All sessions, which are open to the community, begin promptly at 8 a.m. and conclude approximately at 9 a.m. Please click on this link for more information: <http://www.cpalions.org/academics/learning-about-learning/>
- **MS Tennis Clinic:** Wildwood Swim and Tennis Club is offering a tennis clinic for CPA Middle School students on Friday, Feb. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 12 to 3 p.m. Practices are offered the following week from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost of the clinic is \$95. Sign-up deadline is **Monday, February 13**. Please contact Andy Veal at [andyveal@wildwoodswim-tennis.org](mailto:andyveal@wildwoodswim-tennis.org) or (615) 495-9441 to sign up.
- **Cake Bake Results:** Middle school students raised \$3,400 (the largest amount raised during the annual event) for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Thank you all for your support.
- Questions have arisen about the increase of demerits being given to sixth grade students. The further along in the year, the more accountable the students should be in regards to policies and procedures. (Saturday School passes are still valid.)
- **Service Celebration Due Dates:**
  - **February 16-24**—Students should be preparing speeches during which they will introduce classmates to the service they chose for their project. Your child will be assigned a day between Monday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 24, to make an oral presentation to his/her respective advisory class. The presentation should be three-to- five minutes and must include: name of service organization, who the organization serves, why the organization was chosen, how the student was involved in serving, and an explanation of his/her insights and feelings about the experience. Visuals, notecards, props or technology (Powerpoint saved to disc/ flash drive) can help support the oral presentation.
  - **Thursday, April 5**—Students will turn in a trifold display board (36" height) to be graded before it is displayed to parents and guests on Service Celebration Day. Teachers will give students further instructions closer to the date.
  - **Friday, April 13**—**Service Celebration Day.** Students will develop a display of information to be shown in the Event Center. Representatives from the student's organization may be invited to stand with the student at the display. A CPA alum will be the guest speaker. Parents are welcome. Coffee and dessert will be served. We will invite several middle school students to give testimonials regarding their experience.

If you have any further questions, please email our sixth grade team leader, Patrick Jordan, at [patrick.jordan@cpalions.org](mailto:patrick.jordan@cpalions.org).

Thank you,

Your Sixth Grade Teachers

***Upcoming Events:***

**Monday-Tuesday, February 20-21**—No School K-12; Faculty In-Service on Tuesday

**Wednesday, February 22**—CPA / CPC Parent Night, 6:30 p.m., Event Center

Topic: Bullying presents an inevitable reality for many children and young people. Come hear **Rodger Dinwiddie**, Executive Director of STARS Nashville, and **Breckon Pennell**, Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Consultant, share insight regarding bullying and victimization, signs and symptoms, and what we can do to support changes in these types of behaviors.