

May 14, 2009



# Thursday News

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Please see our web page for current Providence postings

Summer office hours will be from 9:00am – 3:00pm

There are still a few spots available for our summer camp in the Primary and Elementary programs. We will give first priority to Providence children. Information and sign up sheets are still available in the office. **Please contact Emily Balsam, Director of Summer Camp, 255-7330 if you have any questions.**

## GOTR-Providence

GOTR-Providence began 12 weeks ago in February and culminated in a 5K race on May 9th that included all the Girls On The Run in Lexington. Our Providence group (see attached picture) led by Coach Lynda Ison completed the race in their best time ever and received their medals as they crossed the finish line. It was a great and positive experience for our Providence girls. Keep in mind that a Fall Session is in the planning stages. If you are interested in GOTR for your 3-5 grade daughter or would even like to coach or co-coach during the Fall Session, check out the website:

[www.gotrlexington.org](http://www.gotrlexington.org) More information about GOTR-Providence will be available soon. **Please see the attached picture of the girls.**

**The Art room is in need of several items:**

- ❖ **Baby food jars**
- ❖ **Ladies small or medium cotton button up front shirts**
- ❖ **Men's (small) cotton button front shirts**

**Any donations can be dropped off at the front office. Thank You!**

To see more pictures from the Fundraiser at Talon Wine please visit: <http://www.nigelsoulphoto.com>, go to special events, go to Regan Retirement. We have also posted some pictures in the hallway in the front of school. Stop by and take a look.

**May 21, Thursday** – Last day of school



**May 22, Friday** – [www.gotrlexington.org](http://www.gotrlexington.org) at Masterson Station Park 11am – 1pm – As usual, bring a lunch, blanket, or a chair and enjoy the day!

**May 26-29, Tuesday – Friday** – staff - in-service

**June 1, Monday** – Primary and Elementary summer camps begin.

**June 26, Friday** - Last Day for Toddler Program

### **O Ambassadors will be selling ice cream treats**

To support the O Ambassadors the children will be selling ICE CREAM TREATS for 50 cents on pizza days until the end of school. This is for lower and upper elementary. The funds raised will help children in China through Free the Children organization. The children love ice cream - and it's for a great cause!



### **Parent Education Committee Survey**

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey designed by our Parent Education Committee. We are looking for topics and times for Parent Education Nights. [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yAVqBtVz6U4XLYXHSSqtYw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yAVqBtVz6U4XLYXHSSqtYw_3d_3d)

### **Peace and Global Citizenship Fair**

Providence is a co-sponsor of this year's Peace Fair on **Saturday, May 16, 2009** starting at noon at BCTC Cooper Drive Campus. There will be many activities for the children including gardening and environmental lessons. Anthony Redfeather, who visited our school in the fall, will present Native American artifacts and dances at 1:00. Students from MMSK will be performing a play throughout the afternoon. Our O Ambassadors will be selling items they have made. And parent John Walker will have a display table on growing your own food and "gleaning."

### **Thank You**

- Kristian Klaene and Mary Ann Miranda (Room III Elsa's parents) for donating a sewing machine to our Art Department
- Jonathan Ware (Room III Evan's dad) for the Starbuck's coffee for the teachers.
- Julie Brock (Room III Evan's mom) for cutting the rest of Box Tops for Education labels.
- Chris Zachritz for her work with O Ambassadors
- Lee Torabi, Lynda Ison and Barbara Fyock for coaching GOTR

## Letter from Ms. Santa-Pau

Dear Parents,

It is with a mix of sorrow and happiness that I am writing this letter to inform you that my family and I are moving back to Spain over the summer.

My husband, Dr. Manuel Castillo, has been awarded with an Associate Professor position at the Universidad Aut3noma of Barcelona.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how thankful I am for being part of the Providence family and for the opportunity that I had of getting to know better your children. It has been my pleasure to teach Providence students and without any doubt I have spent four of the most enjoyable and unforgettable years of my life. Providence Montessori School and the families will be always in my heart.

I am going to miss so much this wonderful and pleasant environment and the lovely and peaceful atmosphere we breathe at Providence. But most definitely, I will miss walking around campus and having students greeting and asking me questions in Spanish and hugging me while they show me proudly their work.

It has been very rewarding to have former students and parents coming to let me know how well they are doing in Spanish. Please keep up the passion in your child for learning Spanish. I believe that the study of other languages and cultures is one of the best skills we can encourage in our children and besides, we live more and more in a global environment.

I will keep my email address in case you need anything from Spain, and visits are more than welcome. Barcelona is one of the most charming cities in Europe.

Sincerely,

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