

Going Green/Arbor Day Event Planning Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2008

SILENT ART AUCTION:

Erin King shared examples of some of the projects that the children have already created for the auction...large group paintings and sculptures. Supplies in addition to those already donated by parent and purchased by PALS are still needed: ***flour, large paper, acrylic paint, brackets for hanging pictures, fabric scraps, and large nails.***

Ms. King also discussed display options for artwork in the Pecan Grove on Arbor Day...the chain-link fence, tables, and easels.

A "Lipman Community Quilt" will be made by the children in art class and put together by Marsha Hunkele. ***Fabric scraps are needed for this project.***

Rocks will be gathered by the children and brought to school to be decorated and made into gratitude rocks. This idea needs to be shared with the other teachers (Dana)

The idea of making functional art to sell was discussed. The suggestion was made to have children make seasonal placements. These mats would be made in the individual classrooms and PALS volunteers would laminate them. This idea needs to be coordinated with the teachers (Dana).

Tie-dying t-shirts: Parents will be asked to send in t-shirt/s, new or used, to be tie-dyed as part of the Earth Day activities and worn by all on Arbor Day. Lisa McIndoo volunteered to demonstrate tie-dying techniques to the PALS volunteers. The Lipman teachers will research possible natural materials to use with the dying process.

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY:

Lisa McIndoo volunteered to lead the production of a loop video that will document the processes involved in the making all of the Silent Auction art projects/classroom activities related to "Going Green Week." This video will be shown at the Arbor Day event. The suggestion was made to show this video at the Davis Kidd fundraiser as well. Jesse will clear this with the bookstore. Dave Garst has also volunteered to assist with video/photography aspects of this event (perhaps classroom video/photographs).

Lisa also volunteered to lead the production of a student-made nature photo book. Children from all the classes will take photographs of things found in nature. These student photographs, along with group photos of each class and text added by the teachers, will be compiled into albums to be ready to sell on Earth Day. A predetermined number will be purchased prior to the event, and orders will be taken for additional books during the "Going Green" week. Suggested album cost \$15 each. Work on this project is slated to begin after Spring Break. The photographs included in this album will also be included in the documentation video.

PLANT/SOD SALE:

Children in all the classes will plant seedlings, which then can be sold at the Arbor Day event. Ms. Jan will mentor the other classes on this project. Plants will include herbs, vegetables, flowers, and fruits. Jan also suggested that newspaper “rollers” be purchased for each classroom teacher to use for assembling pots to start seedlings. We will need to ask parents to donate any pots/flat plant trays they might have to be used for this project.

Joellen Dimond has volunteered to start oak tree seedlings that will also be sold at the event. She will provide the soil for this project. Sandy will provide peat pots and contact University officials regarding the plant sale. Sandy also volunteered to post a plant sale sign in the community on the day of the event.

Sod is needed for the Pecan Grove. Joellen Dimond has volunteered to assist PALS in purchasing the sod through the University. At our next meeting, she will relay the price and PALS/Lipman will purchase a predetermined amount of sod squares. These squares will be in the Pecan Grove on Earth Day and will be planted by the families that make donations to the cause. The area/paths to receive the sod will need to be determined in order to have a layout to use as a planting guide. We need to make a list of all equipment necessary to complete this project. Suggested price of sod squares--\$5.00 each.

Stepping logs have been shipped and will arrive by the end of February. Parent volunteers who have skills with carpentry and landscaping will be needed to install the logs. Vicki Allen will coordinate a workday with parents to install the logs in early March.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS:

Jennifer Garst has offered to design a section of the PALS website specifically for the “Going Green/Arbor Day” event. Its purpose is to communicate committee progress and to post volunteer needs. A blog section was discussed where committee members can post comments. Email addresses for all class parents are needed from the class reps. Class rep email lists (Excel document, please) should be sent to Jennifer as soon as possible. jgarst@memphis.edu

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS:

Patty Liles has volunteered to write a comprehensive newsletter, describing all aspects of the “Going Green”/Arbor Day event will be sent to parents the week of March 10. Sending weekly updates via student folders/email was discussed. Jennifer Garst will also email this communication to all parents.

St. Patrick’s Day, Monday, March 17th will begin the “Going Green” celebration. Each class will take part in “Going Green” activities and be encouraged to wear green on that day.

Ms. Jan will distribute weekly Going Green activities to be sent home to Lipman families via student folders.

ENTERTAINMENT AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Marsha Hunkele (DJ’s grandmother) has volunteered to assist in contacting musicians and guests for the Arbor Day Event. Options for this aspect of the event will be discussed more fully at the next PALS meeting.

STUDENT/FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR “GOING GREEN WEEK”/ARBOR DAY:

A list of possible activities for the week-long event has been compiled and will be given to the classroom teachers to discuss. This area of the event will be discussed more fully at the next PALS meeting. Guzel Bayazitova, Alexandra Pappas and Dana George will coordinate activities with the classroom teachers.

EARTH DAY EVENTS PROPOSED TO DATE:

1. Tie-dye t-shirts
2. Plant sod
3. Potluck lunch with Lipman families/friends

ARBOR DAY EVENTS PROPOSED TO DATE:

1. Wear tie-dye t-shirts
2. Plant mature tree
3. Sell seedlings
4. Sell nature photo albums
5. Silent Art Auction/Loop video
6. Family/Class Activities

MISCELLANEOUS:

We would like to have someone donate/loan a clear water jug, like those used with home/office water coolers, to have outside the office to collect change for the Pecan Grove equipment.

**Next “GOING GREEN”/ARBOR DAY meeting: Thursday, February 28 at 8:20
PALS lounge
PLEASE JOIN US!**