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Giddens e-news

Week of March 1, 2010

Giddens School provides an academically excellent curriculum enriched with a commitment to critical thinking and social responsibility. Staff and families create a community that nourishes diversity, sense of self and love of learning.

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Re-Enrollment
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Wednesday, March

10: Internal Open
House, 6-7:30pm

Friday, March 19:

Conferences; No
School, RKC Available

Friday, March 19:

37th Annual Giddens
Auction

Friday, March 26:

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Dear Giddens Families, Friends, and Alumni,

I just returned from the NAIS National Convention in San Francisco. It was both stimulating and exciting to attend sessions, talk to colleagues, and visit with leaders in the field. I came away with the knowledge that, although we have high achievement in several areas, we will need to continue improvement in other ways. I had the opportunity to hear two speakers whose books I have read in the last few years. Rob Evans talked about change, the difficulties that come with change, and what leaders can do to support them. I also listened to Tony Wagner speak about how schools accomplish preparing students for the future. Both of these speakers were very engaging and thought provoking.

I also heard Arianna Huffington speak about being fearless and how attitude can shape the direction of a school. Tina Seelig was stimulating in her presentation about the importance of innovation and creativity. Again, both speakers were engaging and helped me reflect on where we are and where we are going.

We are now completing the admission's process and looking at which students are staying and how many new students we will be accepting. One of the critical factors necessary to providing a high quality education is to have enough students to fill the classes. During the next month, we will be working to make sure that all the grades are full.

The auction is coming up and we are excited about the number of quality items we have collected. Thanks to all who are on the Procurement Committee and who have worked hard to acquire items for the auction. We hope you all will show your support by attending and bidding on the great items we are offering.

March is another busy month. We have conference days, an auction, new student play dates, and an internal open house for current families. I hope to see all of you at one or more of these

April 5-9: Spring
Break, RKC Available



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events. Have a great week and take care.

**Robert,
Interim Head of School**

SCHOOLWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, FSA Presenters and Volunteers!

Last week's third parent education night, talking with children about bodies, gender and sexuality, was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Sheila Capestany and Christa Kriesel-Roth, for leading this informative and interesting workshop, and to event volunteers, Mollie Alworth, Kathryn Daily and Heather Garrick, for preparing and setting up food. If you were unable to attend, resource materials are available in the gym on a table across from the office, and also on the FSA page of the Giddens website. Click [here](#) for links.

At the "Hands and Hearts for Haiti" benefit concert on Sunday Feb 21st, Giddens singers Jackson Gleser, Maya Shields, Lillian Bown, Charlotte Engrav, Seren Rodriguez, Ben and Sam Hochberg, Anisa and Alaia Robinson joined Kent Stevenson and singers from Zion Prep and St Therese Church and School choirs to sing. Together with others, they helped raise \$5400 to benefit 3 NGO's currently providing relief in Haiti.



Re-Enrollment Contracts were mailed last Friday to families who are not applying for financial aid (those contracts will be mailed in the next few weeks). **The contracts are due by March 1st.** If you did not receive a contract, please contact [Christy Haven](#).

Please Welcome Our New RKC Staff: Siri Miller will be working with Group 2, Bowman Harvey will be working with Group 3, and Colleen Cummings will be with Group 4.

Don't Forget to Sign Up for RKC during Spring Conferences on Friday, March 19 and Friday, March 26!

Registration forms are available [here](#) and are due no later than **March 15th.** No Drop Ins available.

Please join your children at school on March 10th for our First Annual Internal Open House!

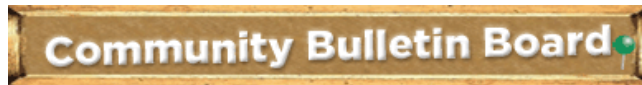
After our Open House for prospective students this year and the wonderful reaction we got from the families who attended to all of your children's work, we feel that it is time for all of YOU to come learn about the creative and challenging work that your children have been pursuing this year. Between now and March 10th, your students and their teachers will be working to gather either completed

projects or work that they feel reflects what they are most proud of as students at Giddens. Please come for a fun evening, let your child show you their knowledge, and let us share some of the joy that we experience teaching your children!

We will begin at 6:00 in the gym, where Robert will give a very quick welcome before we send you off to your child's classroom. The evening will end at 7:30 sharp.

Hope to see you all there!

Clean out your junk drawers! Erin and Micah's 4th-5th grade class needs your small cast-offs - buttons, coins, old keys, machine parts, broken dishes or tiles, etc. - for making mosaics for their class auction project. Don't know what they are? That's okay - Bring them to the 4-5 classroom or put them in Erin's/Micah's box in the office this week. Thanks!



Need Childcare? Giddens parent, Erika Hankins has a Nanny that she would like to share. Her nanny has worked with their family for 3 years, first taking care of Nolan (in Steve E's class) and now his 9 month old sister. If you are interested in full or part time childcare, please contact Erika: erika.authenticpath@gmail.com.

Pet Sitting/Dog Walking Services: Kt Hendrie (mama of Serei and Gus) runs her own Pet Sitting/Dog Walking business. She will pet sit in your home or at her home. Kt has many references from other Giddens parents. Contact her for availability and rates: ktpetservice@hotmail.com or 206-349-6625.

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