

SCULPTOR NEWS

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TEACHING THE VIRTUES: COURAGE - BY MARY DIXON LEBEAU



In today's society, children face many temptations—from cheating or lying to drugs and drinking. They are also up against not only peer pressure, but also the deluge of media influences that encourage them to go against their moral upbringing. It's more important than ever that parents need to teach their children how to be courageous when so many influences will encourage them to do otherwise. "Kids beyond 5 know the difference between right and wrong. But often they don't do the right thing in social situations because they are afraid of backlash from their

peers," says Annie Fox, parenting expert and author of Middle School Confidential.

"Courage, when they can tap into it, empowers them to push through fears so they can, for example support an unpopular child or stand up for themselves." Fox explains.

Fox suggests seizing teachable moments to talk about courage, share stories, have family discussions talking about your fears, challenge your child to build a courage reserve, e.g., befriend a new kid, try out for the school play, catch your child being courageous, e.g., he/she chooses to do what is right when his friends aren't, AND allow your child to deal with difficult situations—when we protect children we deny

them the opportunity to become brave and strong. You can teach your child to demonstrate courage by encouraging him/her to be his/her best self, developing the spirit that will allow him/her to face difficulty, pain, danger or exclusion without fear.

Our children need the courage of their convictions to navigate in today's society. If you give him/her the tools of bravery, integrity and persistence, your child will develop his/her own supply of courage.



"Core Knowledge, Don't Leave School Without It."

COMING ATTRACTION: LOVE AND LOGIC'S SALLY OGDEN



Please mark your calendars! Ms. Sally Ogden from the Love and Logic Institute will speak to parents and staff, Monday, February 15, 2010 in

an all day workshop. She will address: helping children thrive, building strong emotionally healthy children, bully proofing children, diffusing power struggles and handling difficult people. Through

her use of humor and lots of real life stories and examples, Ms. Ogden gives adults many practical tools to help get children back on the track of achieving and behaving well. Please join us!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 11, 2009- Middle School Winter Formal
- December 14, 2009 - Brevard County Geography Bowl, Viera
- December 16-18, 2009 - Middle School Exams
- Winter Vacation -12/21/09-1/4/10
- January 5, 2010 - School Resumes
- January 11, 2010 - PTO Meeting
- January 14, 2010 - K-8 Report Cards Issued



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

1:00PM

DISMISSAL:

12/18/2009

AFTER CARE IS AVAILABLE, REGULAR FEES APPLY.

DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY CAMP

AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER- DEC. 21-23, 2009 PRE-K - 3RD GRADE FOR INFO, CALL (321) 264-0855

OR EMAIL childrenscen-ter@parrishmed.com

Attention Parents, Volunteers:

Would you like to attend your child's field trips and/or volunteer in their classroom or elsewhere? If so, you must first complete the electronic application on the VIPS computer located in our front office!!! Waiting to do so will jeopardize your involvement at Sculptor.

HUNGRY FOR LUNCH?



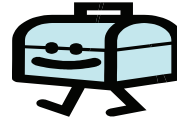
Sculptor Staff and parents have joined together to build responsible students. We are giving our students a gift - another opportunity to grow and learn. This time, from forgetting to order or bring their lunch.

We know our students/ your children are fully able to remember their lunch. Of course, sometimes, there is the occasional mistake so Sculptor does purchase Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches to provide

when a student forgets.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Once a student "forgets" 3 times, it is no longer considered an occasional mistake and he/she will no longer be provided that free sandwich.

If after these 3 peanut butter and jelly sandwich opportunities, a student still "forgets", we know that they will have the courage to face not having their lunch for one day. With this, they are given that opportunity to remember the next day.



SPECIAL NOTE: EACH OCCURRENCE WILL BE HANDLED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND THE CHILD/ CIRCUMSTANCE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

REMINDER: FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE. APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED & PROCESSED AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

LOST?

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE:

We have some belongings in our **Lost and Found** area waiting to be found.

Please do drop by and check to see if anything belongs to your family.

Items not claimed by 12/18/2009, will be donated to a local charity.



IMPORTANT CAR LOOP REMINDERS



As you know, the car loop area is the only designated drop off and dismissal area for Sculptor students. **The front office is not designated for this purpose** unless your child is tardy to school or is required to be checked out early due to an unavoidable appointment, such as medical. Additionally, we remind you that **all drivers are required to follow the designated traffic pattern, ONE-WAY, at all times.** All of these parameters are set **per Fire Code**, therefore, it is necessary that everyone abide by these regulations in order to ensure the safety of all.

A few helpful hints: In the mornings, students may be dropped off beginning at 8:30am **without incurring any Before Care charges.** With that being said, if your child orders/eats breakfast here, needs to order lunch, or has a project to bring in, etc., **please get him/her here by 8:45am so they can have the necessary time to arrive to class on time.**

In the afternoon, we have a lull in cars between 3:50pm and 4pm so staff are having to stay and man the car loop until 4:10pm consistently, to help parents avoid After Care charges. **PLEASE** do arrive by 3:50pm so that car loop may end at the appropriate time, 4pm. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**SCULPTOR CHARTER SCHOOL-
EXTRA-SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR:
MR. CHRISTOPHER MADDY
-MUSIC TEACHER-**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:
MR. ALBERT RAVEL
-TECH COORDINATOR-**

JUSTICE TEACHING: COMING TO SCULPTOR!



Justice Teaching is the brainchild of Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice, R. Fred Lewis. The ultimate goal of Justice Teaching is to pair a legal professional (judge, lawyer, or other law-related professional) with every elementary, middle, and high school in the state of Florida. The program aims to benefit students in the following ways: promote an understanding of Florida's justice system and our laws, develop critical thinking abilities and problem solving skills, and demonstrate the effective interaction of our courts within the constitutional structure.

Sculptor will welcome, Mr. Roger Larue, an attorney, admitted in Florida and Louisiana, who has generously volunteered his time. Trained in Brevard County, Mr. Larue, will spend one Friday a month working with our students on civics education, beginning in January.

SYNREVOICE



Synrevoice is an automated phone dialer system, recently made available to Sculptor.

It enables us to deliver important announcements/ reminders, such as special events, school closings (due to emergencies), etc., to Sculptor Families.