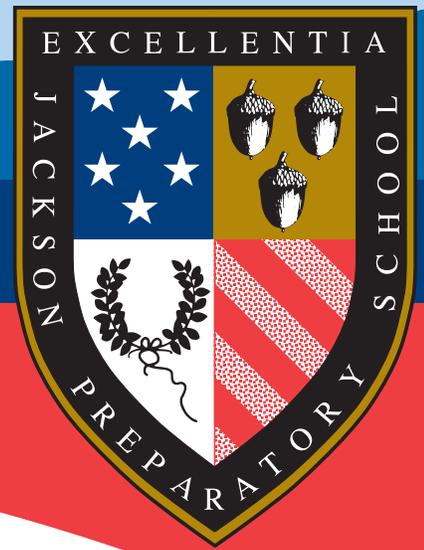


PrepNotes

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL



sacrifice from the head of school

by Susan Lindsay, Head of School



Since returning from the Christmas holidays, we have experienced extreme changes in the weather. With temperatures fluctuating from the low teens to the 70s and conditions vacillating from freezing rain to full days of beautiful sunshine, Mother Nature has kept us guessing what is in store for us.

Sub-freezing temperatures resulted in many of our patrons being without water pressure in their homes for several days. I am grateful that our staff, students and patrons responded to this situation with a “business as usual” attitude, and we were able to keep our doors open through this crisis and reach out to others who were not so fortunate. **This concern for the entire community, as well as areas beyond our borders, illustrates who we really are at Prep when extraordinary conditions occur.**

The devastating earthquake in Haiti resulted in a student drive to support Hope for the Hungry, an organization that operates orphanages in this extremely poor and under-privileged country. I am very pleased that our students were willing to contribute their own monies to help those who have been displaced and orphaned in a neighboring country. This sacrificial giving to the “Prep Has a Heart for Haiti” project confirms my belief that we are truly empowering our students to lead by serving others.

It is normal for students to talk about what others have or what they would like to have—conversations generally centered on material possessions. **I believe, however, that our students are coming to the realization that materialism should not dominate their lives, nor will it bring them happiness.** We, as adults, can do our part in furtherance of this concept by setting an example for our young people.

There will always be natural disasters, and our response must *always* be to lead by serving. I am thankful that Prep has demonstrated that it has a heart for others.

honor society news

by Dr. Lisa Whitney, English Instructor



National Honor Society members are planning a whirlwind multidisciplinary tour of Chicago in April. It is an opportunity for Prep’s honor students to expand their minds and enrich their knowledge of the world. **The trip will include a visit to the University of Chicago that will introduce students to one of the many distinctive college opportunities**

available to them if they excel in high school. Activities that expose students to the varied intellectual and cultural opportunities that Chicago affords are planned: cutting-edge physics research, drama, music, art, architecture, and even shopping! For more information, please contact Marsha Hobbs at mhobbs@jacksonprep.net or Lisa Whitney at lwhitney@jacksonprep.net.

pat fundraiser

by Lisa Hubbard, PAT President



You are invited to the PAT fundraiser on **Saturday, April 10, from 7:00-10:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Ag Museum** in the Sparkman Building. Enjoy a delicious buffet by Fresh Cut Catering and music by Backlash. Place your bids in the silent auction featuring original artwork, autographed sports memorabilia and travel packages!

Participate in the Big Red Basket Raffle for \$5.00! Event tickets are \$50.00 per person and can be purchased at the event or in the McRae Center.

EVENT COMMITTEE: Chairman: Adrienne Howie; Corporate Sponsors: Melanie Dowell, Elisa Phillips; Silent Auction: Melissa Skelton; Volunteer/Information Coordinator: Becky Mercier; Tickets: Heather Vise; Decorations: Peggy Goldstein; Staging: Vicki Swayze; Raffle: Paige Holloman; Treasurer: Linda Edwards; Publicity: Tay Morgan



Pictured Above
2009-10 Patriot Club
Executive Committee

Back row, from left, are Debbie Barnes, Co-chair Parents of Prep Alumni; Tony Huffman; Henry Skelton, Co-chair; Neil Barnes, Co-chair Parents of Prep Alumni; Johnny Ray; Larkin Carter; Paul Ott; Nash Neyland; and Shawn O'Mara. Front row, are Laurie Huffman; Melissa Skelton, Co-chair; Cynthia Carter; Julia Ott; Dyanne Ray; and Melissa Neyland. Not pictured: Joan and Tom Bertaut, Jay O'Mara, Dana and Billy Sasser, Maret and Steve Watson, and Beth Fike, Director of Annual Giving.

projects patriot club

PATRIOT CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the generosity of those that have given early to the Jackson Prep Patriot Club, some of the projects described to the right have already been completed. Needs are continually being identified by faculty, parents and administrators, but to make the projects come to fruition, the Jackson Prep Patriot Club executive committee greatly needs your help. Completion of all of these projects will not be possible without funding. **Patriot Club projects provide the ongoing improvements for all areas of school life that allow Jackson Prep to remain competitive for recruiting and retaining students and building on a reputation of academic excellence.** It is hard to believe that less than 20 percent of current parents and less than 3 percent of alumni have participated in the Patriot Club (formerly Annual Fund) this fiscal year. The board of trustees has reached their goal of 100 percent participation and the faculty is on track at over 90 percent participation. The sixth grade, with the smallest number of students and the newest families, has the highest participation rate at close to 60 percent participation. If you have not sent a gift to the Jackson Prep Patriot Club since July 1, 2009, please send a gift of any amount today. All gifts are appreciated regardless of the amount! If you would like to contribute to the Patriot Club, please return the form on the next page, or contact Beth Fike, Director of Annual Giving, at 601-932-8106, ext. 252 or e-mail bfike@jacksonprep.net.

“BARBEQUE AND BLUE GRASS” AT THE CHEROKEE

Please join us **Thursday, February 11, anytime after 3:00 p.m.** for “Barbeque and Blue Grass” at Jackson Prep Night at the Cherokee Restaurant located at 1410 Old Square Road in Jackson. As a Prep alum, Hayes McMillan has committed to donate 3 percent of the revenue during Patriot Club Night to the Jackson Prep Patriot Club.



PATRIOT CLUB GOLF CLASSIC

The biggest Patriot Club event of the year will be the **Patriot Club Golf Classic on March 30 at Lake Caroline Golf Club.** The committee hopes for this to be a fun way to bring in the additional funds needed to reach our goal for the 2009-2010 Patriot Club year. Registration forms for team or individual entries and sponsorships are available at www.jacksonprep.net under Calendar of Events or in the lobby of the McRae Center. Don't delay your registration. We expect all slots to be filled early. If your business or family would like to be a tournament



Golf Committee Members

sponsor or individual hole sponsor, or you have any other questions concerning the golf tournament, please contact Beth Fike, Director of Annual Giving, at 601-932-8106, ext. 252 or bfike@jacksonprep.net or Tony Huffman at cpahuff@aol.com or johnnyray@bankplus.net.

Golf Committee members pictured are Tony Huffman, Co-chair; Johnny Ray, Co-chair; Phillip Carpenter; Elisabeth and Keith Culbertson; and Beth Fike, Director of Annual Giving. Not pictured are Nell Bradford, Golf Coach; Ken Graeber; Lisa Horsley; and John Howie; who are also serving on the committee.

Projects proposed for this year's Patriot Club Fund

Academics

New computers purchased and installed for the World Languages Lab (complete), subsidize experiential student learning trips

Technology

Sixth grade computer lab/faculty computer training lab (second floor McRae Center), energy efficiency improvements, on-line credit card transactions for development (complete), wireless and network upgrades for improved speed and utilization of computers, testing of thin-client technology

Building Renovations

Pilot area of new laminate wall surface to update areas with paneling installed in Junior High and Senior High buildings, refurbish Multi-Purpose Room (complete)

Guyton Science Center

Science probe software additions, water distiller

Howell Library

Additions to collection, fulfill faculty curriculum requests and teaching tools

Strategic Plan

Implement projects identified by strategic plan if funds are available

Fine Arts

Percussion practice pads purchased for sixth grade, art gallery show wall

Athletic Department

Resurface track, upgrade flooring in training room and athletic office

patriot club

Thank you for your support!

Honor Circle - \$500 to \$999

Head of School's Circle - \$1,000 to \$2,499

Trustees' Circle - \$2,500 to \$4,999

Founders' Circle - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Circle of Excellence - \$10,000 or more

In support of Jackson Preparatory School's 2009-2010 Patriot Club (formerly Annual Fund),

I/we pledge \$ _____.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for:

Full Payment Partial Payment (balance to be paid by 6/30/2010)

I wish to charge my donation (\$2.50 convenience fee applies) to: American Express Mastercard VISA

Card# _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Name as it appears on Card _____

Signature _____

Yes, my company will match my gift, and forms are enclosed.

Name (to appear in the Honor Roll of Donors) PLEASE PRINT _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

Yes, I would like to receive information and updates about the Jackson Prep Patriot Club by e-mail.

This gift is:

A Memorial to: _____

An Honorarium to: _____

Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to the Jackson Preparatory School Foundation, Inc.

Gifts of any amount will entitle you to membership in the Jackson Prep Patriot Club.

All gifts will receive special recognition and acknowledgement in *The Patriot* magazine.

Mail to: Jackson Preparatory School • P.O. Box 4940 • Jackson, Mississippi 39296-4940

giving prep has a heart for haiti

by Cindy Townsend, Director of Global Leadership Institute



Prep's Global Leadership Institute sponsored "Prep has a Heart for Haiti," a school-wide fundraiser. One way the Global Leadership Institute cultivates leadership in all students is by challenging them to serve AND give with a heart of compassion to others! The monetary goal was to raise \$10,714 to cover the 10,714 square miles of Haiti with compassion.

Incredibly, the Prep family surpassed this goal by raising a total of \$18,111.40! The money will be used for the needs of orphans in this broken land. The very best surfaced in the hearts of our students as they participated in this endeavor. As you read stories of why some student leaders gave and how they raised their money, you will be inspired and challenged. The following words were penned by some of our seventh grade student leaders:

STUDENT LEADERS ARE CHANGED AS THEY GIVE TO HELP THE ORPHANS IN HAITI...

I am more thankful...

"Giving to Haiti has really helped me, because it has made me be more thankful for everything I have...food, water, house, family, and friends!" – *Student Leader Jack McBride*

I want to be less self-centered...

"This experience has made me think about being less self-centered. I realized I wake up every day to a warm house, a comfortable couch, and go to a kitchen full of food. What if I awakened to a world with none of these things and had no one to love me? As I thought about this, I realized how selfish I really was." – *Student Leader Mpho Molapo*

I see the world differently...

"I think this has really changed my life, because I feel different – a good different! Before we did the Haiti project at Prep, I really didn't think that there were many impoverished nations out there. But now, I see the light. These people in Haiti really need our help. The whole USA needs to do what we are doing at Prep, because what we are doing is just a fraction of what the Haitian people need." – *Student Leader Hill Garbo*

"This project helped me to understand that great leaders do things that are too big to accomplish alone by showing me another part of the world in need. The people of Haiti had very little before the earthquake, and now after the tragedy, they really have nothing. It feels good to know our money is going directly to help the orphans in Haiti and not going through the government there before it helps those in need. That is why I gave." *Student Leader Peyton Parker*

"I wanted to give, so I cleaned my mom's room to make some extra money. I think giving to this fundraiser is one important way to change the world." – *Student Leader Miranda Price*

I realize I can make a difference...

"I really wanted to help, but what can a seventh grade girl in Mississippi do to help people in Haiti? When I found out Prep was raising money, I wanted in on this project. When I gave my money, I felt like I was really doing something significant for those in need." – *Student Leader Ainsley Smith*

STUDENT LEADERS WORK HARD AND CREATIVELY TO RAISE MONEY FOR HAITI...

Cleaning Port-a-Johns?!...

"I worked at my mom's shop (Gotta Go) cleaning Port-a-Johns, and I worked at my dad's store servicing equipment to get the money I donated to Haiti. I did this because I knew I would want someone to help me and give to me if I were in need." – *Student Leader Rivers McGraw*

Giving up a shopping spree...

"First, I gathered my allowances and everything in my wallets. I also asked my mom if I could have the money she was going to spend on my upcoming shopping spree. I asked my family to give too, and was surprised when I exceeded the goal of over \$300 I had set for Haiti. I was going to spend all this money on things for myself, but I decided I could not put something for myself above the needs of the orphans in Haiti." – *Student Leader Mpho Molapo*

Going to my community...

"When Mrs. Townsend introduced the idea of raising money, I wanted to give all I could. I went around my dad's office and collected \$75 pretty fast. Then, I decided to try to raise \$300. My mom and I gave cookies and cake to everyone who gave money to help me reach the goal. Then, I went around my neighborhood and asked my neighbors to give. I also gave out of my own wallet and finally reached my goal!" – *Student Leader Daniel Palmer*

Special thanks to Prep Leaders who went the extra mile to make the project a success: Susan Lindsay, Trudy Powers, Luke Nealey, Bobby Gross, Vicki King, Julia Grant, BJ Jenkins, Anne Duncan, Sarah McMillan, and Gary Noble.

PREP has a ♥ for HAITI



music showchoir

by Dianne Holbert, Chair of Performing Arts

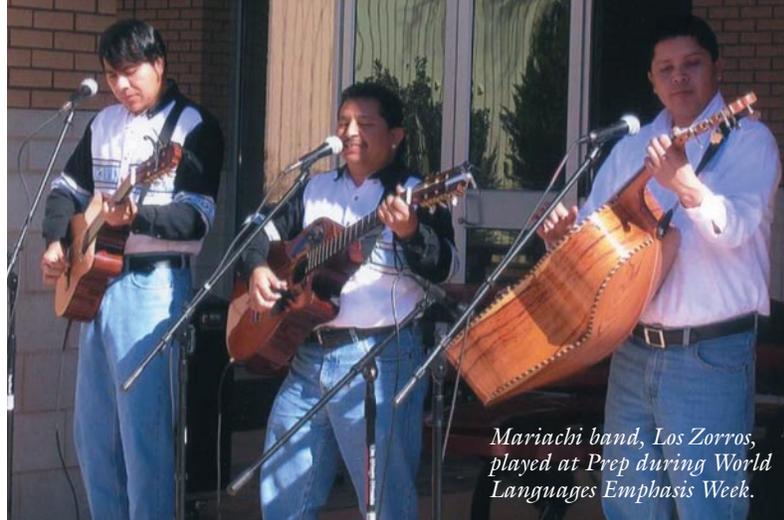


The Jackson Prep Showchoirs, Reveillon and Fusion, are busily preparing their competition shows for the February competitions. The shows are choreographed by April James of Chicago, IL; Jarad Voss of Branson, MO; Shawn Eck of Bloomington, IN; and the music is arranged by David Fehr and Eric Vanclave. Competition Show

concepts and designs, as well as costume designs, are by Dianne Holbert.

Reveillon, the high school showchoir, as well as Fusion, the junior high showchoir, will compete in the Mississippi Showchoir Competition on February 5-6 at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, MS. They will also compete in the South Central Classic Showchoir Competition in Homewood, AL, on February 19-20, as well as at the West Jones Invitational in Laurel, MS. Reveillon has been invited to compete in the Fame National Competition in Chicago, IL, on March 25-28.

The Jackson Prep Showchoir Showcase will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 25-26, in the Fortenberry Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The showcase will feature both showchoirs and their competition shows, as well as soloists from the showchoir. General admission to the show is \$10; tickets will be available at the door the night of each performance. There is no reserved seating. You will want to come and experience the fantastic talent, the great music and the beautiful costumes and sets.



Mariachi band, Los Zorros, played at Prep during World Languages Emphasis Week.

world languages

by Dr. Elizabeth Franklin, World Languages Chair



January 19-22 was a fun, enlightening week for Prep students. Each year, the Department of World Languages sponsors World Languages Emphasis Week to highlight all the languages taught at Jackson Prep. This week is designed especially for junior high students as they begin to decide what language they will study as they enter high school. However, the whole Prep

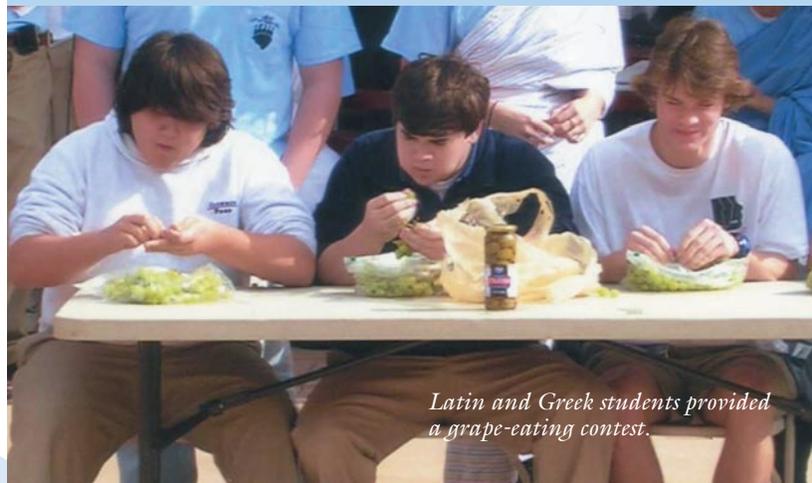
student body (including faculty and staff) enjoy the week.

On Tuesday, the students were fascinated by a martial arts exhibit and free Chinese yo-yo's on Patriot Avenue. David Zhang, our Chinese language instructor, was on hand to answer questions about his native country for interested students. On Wednesday, language students enjoyed food from many countries as all language classes met together each period in the Multi-Purpose Room for fellowship and information about food from around the world. Also that day, Latin and Greek students provided entertainment with a wonderful rendition of a Greek drama, as well as a grape-eating contest. On Thursday, students listened to French music in a French café with beignets and free coffee at activity period. On Friday, students participated in a Mexican crafts "tienda de artesenas" on Patriot Avenue, and the Mariachi band, Los Zorros, played as students ate nachos and ice cream under warm, sunny skies. Also included in the activities was a poster contest to advertise this year's theme, "Speak up for Languages," and a costume contest.

Competition Dates for Reveillon & Fusion

- FEB. 5-6: Mississippi Showchoir Competition
- FEB. 19-20: South Central Class Competition
- MARCH 5-6: West Jones Invitational
- MARCH 27: REVEILLON FAME NATIONAL SHOWCHOIR CUP

JACKSON PREP SHOWCHOIR SHOWCASE
 FEB 25-26 at 7 p.m.
 (Fortenberry Auditorium)
 General Admission: \$10



Latin and Greek students provided a grape-eating contest.

Jackson Prep JUNIOR CLASS GARAGE SALE MARCH 6, 2010

Early Bird Shopping!
5am until 7am (*\$5.00 admittance*)
7am until 10am (*free admittance*)

*This worthwhile project involves all junior students and their families working together to raise money for **Junior/Senior Prom, Grad Night** and donating a portion of our proceeds to our community partner, **The Lantern Clinic** (lanternclinic.org).*

We need YOUR donations for a successful sale!

DONATIONS are now being accepted in Senior High lobby during school hours.

Donation Receipts for tax purposes are in the Sr. high office.

Help us get the word out in the community that we need **DONATIONS**- Please ask your **favorite store** for donations- they just might have a back closet FULL of **old merchandise** they would LOVE to donate to Prep for a tax write off.

Offer to bring your neighbors donations to the school.

We need FURNITURE/SPORTING GOODS/HOUSEWARES/BIKES/ELECTRONICS

- We would love most clothes on hangers (*no need to put t-shirts/gym shorts or things like that on hangers*)
- We also need extra hangers / Empty boxes / Handle Shopping bags / Grocery Bags

If you have large appliances/furniture and cannot deliver yourself- please contact
Courtney Love 601-573-9998 or CLove58@aol.com OR **Lauren Phyfer** 601-259-5525
Nuttylp@aol.com to schedule a PICK-UP

Save the Date! March 6, 2010

General Questions?

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