

# Legenda

## Latin for “things to be read”

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News, Notes & Needs of The Washington Latin Public Charter School – 01.14.10

### Word of the Week

The 'Word of the Week' is:

**lapidary** \LAP-uh-dair-ee\

*adjective*

1. Of or pertaining to the art of cutting stones or engraving on them.
2. Engraved in stone.
3. Of or pertaining to the refined or terse style associated with inscriptions on monumental stone.

*noun*

1. One who cuts, polishes, and engraves precious stones.
2. A dealer in precious stones.

Lapidary is from Latin lapidarius, "pertaining to stone," from lapis, lapid-, "stone."

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## I. NEWS

## **FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, 1/18 No School – MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday, 1/20 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. 8th grade art show at Upshur

Friday, 1/22 – End of second quarter and first semester

Wednesday, 1/27 – Banking & Finance class meets 5:15-7:00

Dear Latin Parents,

Last Thursday evening, Mr. Clausen's Latin IV Honors students and their parents hosted a potluck supper to raise money for their trip to Italy over spring break. What a wonderful spirit permeated the event! I sat next to two contributors to the trip who have no direct connection to the school. When some of the students read their poems in Latin or recited (in Latin, of course) a passage from Seneca on friendship, these guests were moved to tears and very impressed. Many other students attended the event in support of their peers, which also made the night special.

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, I know many of us are thinking of how we can spend some of that day on service activities. The hope is, of course, that service to others becomes an integral part of our schedules. With the recent earthquake in Haiti, a country of great need in the best of times, we all have an opportunity to reach out and make a difference in the lives of some others in desperate need right now. I know that at least one of our Washington Latin families has relatives who have perished in the earthquake. We will be discussing ways that we might be able to help. If you are interested in working on this effort, please contact 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher Joe Green at [jgreen@latinpcs.org](mailto:jgreen@latinpcs.org).

With warm regards,



Martha C. Cutts  
Head of School

### **8th Grade Art Show** **Celebrating Youth Art**

When: Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
Reception from 6-8 pm

Where: Washington Latin PCS, Upshur Campus, Cafeteria

Works By: 8th grade students

Come and Support the 8th Grade Art Program - Bring Friends and Family! Food and drinks will be provided.

## **FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**

Michael Crichton's latest book, *Pirate Latitudes*, is a true swash-buckling adventure set in Port Royal when pirates were bold and invincible. There is little character development here but lots and lots of action, and, at 200 pages, a quick read for even a reluctant reader. Written for adults, it has great young/adult appeal and is clearly written with a movie script in mind.

A more sedate but very interesting book is *The Duel*, the parallel lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr by Jill St. George. At less than 100 pages, this is another quick read but full of interesting information about these two very colorful men whose lives were very similar.

Next Monday I will be in Boston at the American Library Association's mid-winter conference where the Newbery, Caldecott, and Coretta Scott King awards will be announced. You can know almost as soon as it is announced by going to: [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org). I hope your favorite book gets some recognition.

## **II. PARENT ASSOCIATION**



### **Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program**

The Washington Latin community will team with Nike to assist in a worthwhile program. Today your worn-out sports shoes can live on in something new: a track, a basketball court or a playground. Nike's goal is to use sports shoes, apparel and equipment for new future Nike products. This way the materials we use will go through many cycles of design and use just as bottles, cans and paper do now.

Nike has been making a difference for over 20 years. We are all concerned about our environment and so is Nike. The Reuse-A-Shoe and Nike Grind are asking for our help. Our students, family members, community and friends will assist Nike by collecting at least 200 pair of old tennis shoes. Not only is tennis shoe recycling easy to do, it's also one more way you can become a more conscious consumer.

After your shoes are donated, Nike will take them to the Nike Factory Plant for processing. During this process Nike will use various shoe parts for:

Nike Grind Rubber, made from the shoe's outsole, is used in track surfaces, interlocking gym flooring tiles, playground surfacing and consumer products, such as new footwear outsoles and trim items like buttons and zipper pulls.

Nike Grind Foam, made from the shoe's midsole, is used as a cushion for outdoor basketball and tennis courts, as well as futsal fields.

Nike Grind Upper, made from the shoe's fabric upper, is used in the creation of cushioning pads for indoor basketball, volleyball courts and equestrian surfacing products.

Several collection bins will be placed inside the Upshur Street and 16th Street campuses until the end of the month. We will only collect tennis shoes for one month starting the week of January 4th to January 29th.

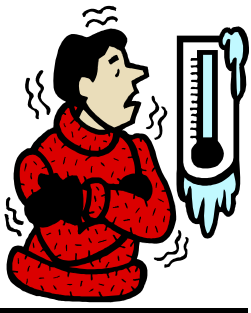
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzanne Brooks at 202.489.2154 or Charice Williams 202-486-1283. For more information on the recycling program, please visit <http://nikereuseashoe.com>.

### III. LION SPORT REPORT

#### **CONGRATULATIONS to Ewing Moussa!**

*Ewing was selected to the ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM at last weekend's Friendship Winter Classic Basketball Tournament.*

### Latin 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Education



**PARENTS: Winter is officially here!!**  
PE classes are still outside. ALL students must have the Latin Sweatshirt and Sweatpants by now. Students not wearing the sweats will not be allowed to participate. Please be prepared for class. If your child does not have the Latin Sweatshirt and Sweatpants, please send money with your child to purchase them. They are \$15.00 per piece.

#### Dealing with 1

Question: How do you cope with the cold weather in Latin PE?

Answer: LAYER UP!!

Layer #1 – Latin T-Shirt and Latin Shorts

Layer #2 – Latin Sweatshirt and Latin Sweatpants

Layer #3 – Winter Jacket, Winter Hat, and Gloves/Mittens

If you get warm, shed a layer!!



*Latin Athletics*

**In this Report:**

1. Where do I find Game and Practice Schedules?
2. How do I sign up for alerts for Game and Practice changes?

***1. [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) is the place for all upcoming games and practice schedules, directions, etc. Go to the site and search Washington Latin and all the information will be there!!***

**2. Get Practice & Game alerts sent to you!!**

HIGHSCHOOLSPO RTS.NET  Subscribe [here](#), or go to [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) to receive last-minute notifications of game schedule changes, and follow these steps:

1. Click “My Account” at the top of the screen
2. Create your user id and password
3. Choose the “Edit” link next to “Team Subscriptions & Notifications”
4. Select Washington Latin Public Charter School
5. Select team(s) for which you wish to receive notification

***Go Lions!!***