

Ann Arbor Academy Spring Newsletter

Here we are, heading toward the end of another school year. They all seem to go fast, but this one has seemed particularly speedy! We have had a great year so far, and are looking forward to all that the spring and early summer will bring.

In this newsletter, you will find information about what we've been up to at the school, as well as some important upcoming events that you'll want to be sure to catch. Exciting stuff!



Meredith

Science Fair

We held our eleventh annual Science Fair on Friday, February 10. All students participate in this fair, and it went very well. It is important to do a science fair because it helps students learn about experimental design as well as project presentation. Working scientists do exactly the same thing (although generally with considerably more grant money!). We had winners in the Upper and Lower School divisions, and they will go on to the Regional Science Fair at Washtenaw Community College, sponsored by IN-TEL. That science fair will be held on Saturday, March 12, in the Morris Lawrence Building at WCC, from 12 - 4 pm. Go check it out if you have a chance, and look for our winners:



Upper School: Nigel White, Katie McMahon, Philip Buckley
Lower School: Sebe Maier, Ethan Endres, Nicole Harden

In Memoriam

Terry Johnson, a longtime member of the Ann Arbor Academy community, passed away on December 26, 2010. Terry's two children, Kristen and Eric, graduated from the Academy in 2008 and 2002, respectively. Terry was a warm, engaging person who was a terrific mother and great supporter of education for all kinds of learning differences. She was a strong advocate for her children, and a friend to the faculty and staff. She will be missed.



Michigan Merit Exam

Some of our upperclassmen have been taking the Michigan Merit Exam, which includes the ACT, for the past week. Students who receive accommodations for testing through ACT are able to take the exam at the Academy. Although standardized testing is recognized as a limited way to assess the knowledge of students with learning differences, with preparation and proper accommodations, scores can be quite good. We won't have the results back for several months, but we expect great things!

Annual Academy Auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund

We will have our annual fundraising auction the evening of May 7. You have already received e-mails with information, and we are glad to see all of the help that people have given already. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends - this is for a great cause. Special thanks to Becky Hankin, our auction chair, for all of her hard work in putting this together.

In other news:

- The trip to New England is coming up soon - students leave on March 14 and return on the 18th. Expect lots of pictures that we'll put on the blog (www.annarboracademy.blogspot.com).
- Graduation and Awards Night will be held on Thursday, June 9, from 7 – 9 pm at Cobblestone Farm. All families and guests are welcome at this wonderful all school event!
- The Chesapeake Bay trip is coming together nicely for the Upper School in May, and Johanna is planning to take the Lower School to Chicago by train for an overnight trip sometime in the spring. Travel and experience are the best teachers of life skills, and a great way for students to get to know each other in a way that they can't during school hours. Many great friendships have formed on these trips, and students gain a richer understanding of the world. It's great to see so many trips scheduled this year.

