

## ASMSA Parents Association Newsletter

### First Annual “Welcome Back” Event

Can you hear the song playing? *Scooby, Dooby Doo where are you? We’ve got some work to do now!*”

That was the theme for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Welcome Back” Event hosted by the Parents Association. The Event featured a special guest, some fun, food and fellowship and even some neat gifts!

As cars pulled into the driveway, our special guest, Scooby Doo, welcomed the students and their families at the entrance of the school.



Balloons and welcome signs greeted the “returners” at the double doors and in the Residence Life Office.

#### From Director Hugo

*I got a call from [Senator] Steve Faris asking me about the students who were outside welcoming everyone back from the holiday break. He thought it was great! What a nice thing to do for the students. Thank you for all the thoughtful things you do.*



The welcoming continued inside the building upstairs in the Red Room. Hot chocolate was served, complete with peppermint marshmallows! Then, each student was gifted a green toboggan with the school logo embroidered on it. Slogan pins were given next so they could embellish and individualize the toboggans. Students and parents alike enjoyed the reception.

(More photos of students and families on pages 3 & 4)



### PROM PREP

#### FRIDAY, April 20, 2012

The 2012 Prom will begin at 7:30 pm at the Arlington Hotel, just down the street from the school campus. Prom will end promptly at 11:15 pm but the fun doesn't stop there. Tradition carries that the fun moves to the bowling alley on Central Avenue with pizza, snacks and bowling until 3 am.

There is a junior class committee who plans Prom. We are looking forward to learning the theme and details from them.

This year is a first for a Friday Prom so planning is a must. Classes will be held in usual fashion that day. Get your appointments made early because time will be of the essence.

How can parents help? There are opportunities to help with decorating, transportation to and from the hotel, general clean up afterward at the hotel, and snack contributions for the After-Prom party.

There will be more details announced. Check out information on the parents Facebook page or in the email bulletin, ASMSA Today, closer to time. Or contact, Michelle Barnes at the school.

## Logo Items: New Way for Sales

Portability and security are two welcomed features of a new asset to the Parents Association. For several years now, logo sales have been offered in the Residential Life building lobby or in the Red Room during appointed days such as Move-In days or Friday's before extended weekends from tables. With a portable cabinet, the logo sales could be offered in different places with more flexible dates or times.

More than a year ago, a request went out to have such a portable cabinet. Finally, thanks to Carl Carlson, PA VP, the cabinet has arrived on campus!

Now, logo sales can be offered from a variety of places all around the campus. The cabinet will hold a sampling of logo items that will not have to be taken back and forth from the storage room. Carl's design combines quality craftsmanship with the flexibility of adding additional shelves or other features - - all on

wheels!  
We are very grateful to Carl for his donation of time, talent and materials for the cabinet - - and the special delivery!



*Carl Carlson, parent of Junior Garrett Carlson, stands beside the new PA cabinet he crafted.*

### Open House, March 3

Have you made plans to attend the Spring Open House? This is a time when families can learn more about ASMSA. Prospective students are invited to attend as well as members of the community. The day's agenda includes tours and a session with panelists for questions and answers. Panelists are parents of students and can include parents of current students as well as alum students.

*"This is a terrific opportunity because it gives potential students and parents a chance to interact with current students and parents. No one represents ASMSA better than our students and parents,"* explains Admissions Coordinator, Abijah Kratochvil.

*"We are in the midst of an exciting time at ASMSA, with the opening of the new residential life building this Fall along with the continued expansion and improvements that are going on. We are looking forward to being able to talk about this with potential students at the Spring Open House."*

If you would like to participate in the Open House, please contact Mr. Kratochvil at 501-622-5146 or email at [kratochvila@asmsa.org](mailto:kratochvila@asmsa.org).

### First Annual "Welcome Back" Event Photos (see more photos on page 4)



### WHAT'S NEXT? 2012 CALENDAR

- Feb 11** New Student Interviews
- March 3** Open House
- March 16 - 25** Residence Halls close for Spring Break,  
(Friday, 16th at 7 pm; re-open Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm)
- March 31** New Student Interviews
- April 20** Prom
- April 28** New Junior Orientation
- May 26** Graduation (Memorial Weekend)

## Photos of "Welcome Back" Event January 4, 2012



### Special Thanks



Students have been receiving birthday flyers from the Parents Association throughout the school year. It takes teamwork to make that happen. Special thanks to those who have diligently printed out the flyers and addressed them with students' names thus far in the school year. We are grateful. Good job!

*June, July, August  
October  
December*

**Karen Wood  
Nicole Styles  
Deana Neason**

*September  
November  
January*

**Sandra Gilmore  
Mary Beth Craddock  
Donna Lambis**

And special thanks to two ladies who have also sent flyers to the staff / faculty.

*Appreciation Flyers*

**Karla Monson**

*Birthdays*

**Nikki Mallaby**

This will be a project on our Annual Plan for next year as well. If you would like to participate, please contact Martha Carlson or make a post to the Facebook page.

