

## **Welcome Aboard**

Cargill Scholars is excited to welcome two new Scholars to the group. Both Scholars come highly recommended from their schools and teachers. They both have a wide range of interests including music, sports, and academics.

D'Karlos Craig	Marcel Dekoum
Central Middle School	Olson Middle School
Columbia Heights	Minneapolis

As you see D'Karlos and Marcel, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the group.

## **Parent Meeting**

Cargill Scholars and Destination 2010 had a very successful parent meeting on Thursday, January 22 at the Minneapolis Urban League. Attendance at the meeting was FANTASTIC! Over 40 parents were present and took great interest in the topic presented: Drug Use Among Kids.

Two staff members from Hazelden Center for Youth and Families provided parents with some very valuable information concerning the following: signs that your child might be using, how to talk to your child about drugs, what can parents do to lessen the chance of their child using drugs/alcohol, and where parents can go for help and education.

Unfortunately, kids are exposed to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco at an earlier and earlier age. The meeting served as an important reminder for parents to be on top of this issue.

## **Web Resources**

Following are three good websites which provide very useful information for parents regarding children and drug use:

[www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com)      [www.drugfreeamerica.org](http://www.drugfreeamerica.org)      [www.acde.org](http://www.acde.org)

## **Homework Help**

Many recreation centers and libraries have homework helper programs. These are free resources where students can walk in and get help with a specific subject whether it be math, social studies, science etc. Following is a list of recreation centers and libraries in Minneapolis that offer programs. Please call for times.

Fairview Recreation Center	609 29th Avenue North	612-370-4922
Painter Recreation Center	620 West 34th Street	612-370-4911
Matthews Recreation Center	2318 28th Avenue South	612-370-4950
Sibley Recreation Center	1900 East 40th Street	612-370-4954
Peavey Recreation Center	730 East 22nd Street	612-370-4967

East Lake Library	2727 East Lake Street	612-630-6550
Franklin Library	1308 East Franklin Avenue	612-630-6800
Hosmer Library	347 East 36th Street	612-630-6950
North Regional Library	1315 Lowry Avenue North	612-630-6600
Northeast Library	2200 Central Avenue Northeast	612-630-6900
Pierre Bottineau Library	55 Broadway Street Northeast	612-630-6890
Roosevelt Library	4026 28th Avenue South	612-630-6590
Webber Park Library	4310 Webber Parkway	612-630-6640

### **Give Kids A Smile**

Cargill Scholars would like to thank the Uptown Community Dental Clinic for taking part in "Give Kids A Smile Day." Eleven Scholars and four other children received dental services on Friday, February 6th. All services were provided free of charge, but the dental clinic estimated it performed \$2,700 worth of dental care. The day was a great success and Cargill Scholars would like to thank Jamee Rosell, dental hygienist and dental clinic manager, for coordinating this effort.

### **Scholars on the Roll**

Cargill Scholars is in the process of learning which Scholars are on the Honor Roll. Several Scholars have worked hard to earn this achievement. A full list will be printed in the March newsletter. Please make sure Terri and Sam know if your child made the Honor Roll.

### **Chaperones Needed**

Cargill Scholars is looking for chaperones for the following activities:

March 19-21 Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

April 18 Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony

June 18-21 Washington D.C.

Please call Renee if interested. 612-374-3125 x228

### **Happy Birthday!**

★February 21st Marcel

★February 22nd Matthew

★February 25th Thoua

## **Cargill Scholars Activity**

Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
March 19, 20, 21

Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center is an environmental school for people of all ages. It offers programs which directly involve students in the observation and participation of outdoor experiences. The programs focus on ecology and science, human culture and history, personal growth, group building and outdoor recreation.

While at Wolf Ridge, the Scholars will be focusing on group building activities and hands-on outdoor learning with a focus on this year's theme of zoology. The Scholars will also learn how to dog-sled which should be a new experience for everyone.

Parents/Guardians are receiving detailed information packets in the mail regarding this activity.

## **Free Time...Things to Do**

Library Book Sale

Feb. 14 10 am—2pm  
Augsburg Park Library  
7100 Nicollet Avenue, Richfield  
952-847-5300

Feb. 28 10 am—Noon  
Brooklyn Park Library  
8600 Zane Avenue North, Brooklyn Park  
952-847-3323

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre

1500 East Lake Street, Minneapolis  
612-721-2535

Free Performances for all ages

11 am

Feb. 14 On the Day You Were Born

Feb. 21 The Shopping Cart Show

Feb. 28 More Adventures of Tatterhood

Mar. 6 The Legend of the Lady Slipper

Faculty Recital at MacPhail

1128 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis  
612-321-9743

Free

Mar. 7 2 pm 4th Floor Auditorium

## **Adaptation of Cargill Scholars Incentive Plan**

As in past years, the Cargill Scholars Incentive Plan helps to determine individual Scholars' eligibility for our end-of-the-school-year trip. This year's trip will be to Washington DC. While the Incentive Plan has usually been based primarily on academic performance, our present plan has been adapted to include other things too. As such, Scholars will be credited for their activities in non-academic areas, as well as their academic performance.

The academic portion of the Incentive Plan (#1 below) has been used all school year. Parts #2 through #6 will be based on second semester of the 2003/2004 school year. It is likely that this expanded Incentive Plan will be used for the entire 2004/2005 school year.

The adapted Incentive Plan is based on the following areas. If you have questions, ask Terri and Sam for more details:

- #1 Up to 50 points for academic performance (using current incentives plan)
- #2 Up to 20 points for music lesson attendance
- #3 Up to 10 points for school attendance/not being tardy
- #4 Up to 10 points for active participation in at least one extra-curricular activity during school year.
- #5 Up to 10 points for participation in Scholars events
- #6 Extra Credit – Can earn up to five points for parent involvement. Can also earn up to 10 points for public service-approved by Terri and Sam.

## **Next Parent Meeting**

Tuesday, March 16th , 2004

6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

Minneapolis Urban League  
2100 Plymouth Avenue North  
Minneapolis, Mn 55411

Dinner will be served

Topic: Sexual Activity and Kids

Parents will be receiving more information soon.

Thanks to everyone, Scholars, parents, teachers, tutors, and all of our partners for working hard each day to help make Cargill Scholars a Success!

## Cargill Scholars Calendar

### March

16th	Parent Meeting Minneapolis Urban League	6:30 pm to 8:15 pm
19th-21st	Cargill Scholars Activity Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Ctr. Northern Minnesota	Overnight

### April

17th	Music Recital MacPhail Center for Music 1128 LaSalle Avenue Minneapolis, Mn 55403	2 pm to 3 pm
18th	Cargill Scholars Activity Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony Orchestra Hall	Afternoon

### May

6th	Hooray Day 2004 Nellie Stone Johnson School 807 27th Avenue North Minneapolis, Mn 55411	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
TBD	Parent Meeting Location to be determined	6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

### June

18th-21st	Trip to Washington D.C.	Overnight
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### August

9th-13th	Science Camp	Morning/Afternoon
16th-20th	University of Minnesota Minneapolis	

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