



# School News

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL



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## Happy Mardi Gras 2009!

I submitted my report 2 days late of deadline for the January Newsletter so I am sorry I was unable to report to you all. I am hoping everyone had a safe and Happy New Year celebration and wonderful winter break!

We are in the process of tallying up our PTA membership drive totals in the hopes of having lots of classes eligible for the class pizza parties! We plan on having the parties in the next month and will have the names of the class winners in next month's newsletter.

Thank you to Kyra Reed, Terri Colclough and Cathy Gravois for staying on top of this and keeping us updated with the status of new memberships!

We enter the second part of the year with still lots to do!

The PTA is in the planning phase of several new projects with hopes that we can make them all a reality.

The Edible School Yard Committee (Joffa Braymer, Stewart Gordon, Myra Broussard and Steve Babcock) is planning the locations for the gardening and spring planting.

Mr. Babcock is leading the Lab School Coastal Roots Project and will assist us as we integrate the programs and extend student participation throughout the elementary, middle and high schools, per Dr Camburns update 12/2008.

We met last month with administration to discuss a new fundraiser possibility along with the future versions of our Sally Foster Fundraiser. We would like to find a few other ways to raise funds for the PTA while encouraging student, parents and administration participation. We have some ideas in place and hope to revisit them in months to come.

We have also discussed the possibility of a PTA web page that would help us communicate much more effectively with parents, committees and administration. I hope to have some good news on this front in the coming months!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is also planning another awesome week of events coming this spring. If you are interested in helping out that week please contact our Chairperson Tani Bush.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of placing next year's Board. If you are interested in serving on the 2009-2010 Board please let Missi Richmond, Ashley Lawson or me know and we will place you on the list for consideration.

Thanks for all you do to help make the PTA so successful, and I look forward to a wonderful second half of our school year!

Chris Jackson, PTA President 2008-2009 🐾

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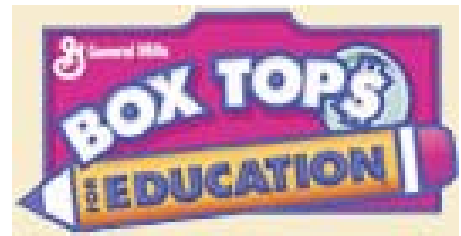
Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is  
February 13, 2009.

## Boxtops 4 Education

Once again you will find the collection bin for BoxsTops4Education and Community Coffee Labels in the main entrance hallway at school.

Please place your labels in an envelope or Ziploc bag and either drop them into the bin at school or mail them to:

Carolyn Rubino/Gregory Shaw  
1341 Lobdell Ave  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806



If you would like more information about the BoxTops4Education Program, please visit:  
<http://www.BoxTops4Education.com>. 🐾

## ELEMENTARY PLACEMENT POLICY 2009-2010

During the month of March, parents may choose to write a note or letter to the principal noting specific concerns about their children that should be considered in their placement. While it is preferable that parents refrain from requesting a specific teacher, it is certainly appropriate that the school be notified of any special needs a student may require during the placement process.

Current teachers will have input into placement decisions for next year, but the final decision regarding placement will be left to the principal of the elementary division.

We are very fortunate to have some of the state's most outstanding teachers on our staff. They will continue their efforts to meet the needs of your children. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me at 578-6543.

Mrs. Dot Rumfellow

## Art Department News

Congratulations to the following students for having their artwork selected to represent U-High in the Annual Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest. These students, along with art students from around the state, will compete for a flag design to represent our state. All students selected during this initial phase of the competition will have their designs displayed in the State Capitol during Arts in the Capitol Day in May.

### Art I

Marshall Berg  
Nolan Brown  
Jackie Champagne  
Hannah Padial  
Anna Reed  
Taylor Ward

### Art II

Storey Carver  
Haley Duke  
Eryn Short

### Art III

Wallace (Tripp) Heck 🐾

## HANNAH CROSBY WINS UHS GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Hannah Crosby, an eighth grader, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 8, 2009 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Geographic Bee. Participants in the Bee were: Camille Barlow, March Boutovnoan, Avery Canervari, Hannah Crosby, Alex Hadskey, Ben Harris, Philip Hindelang, Andrew Miller, William Nichols, Harry Noell, Kelsey Phares, Amanda Richey, Henry Robinson, Kassidy Voinche and Joseph Watts.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of November 10, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Hannah, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scores in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 3, 2009.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 19 and 20, 2009. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society. The winner will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands with "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek and the "Jeopardy!" Clue Crew. The winner will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the wildlife and landscape of Galapagos. Travel for the "Galapagos Adventure with Alex Trebek" provided by Lindblad Expeditions and the National Geographic Society.

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 20. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Anyone can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee), which poses ten new questions a day and allows players to email their score to friends and challenge them to do better.

The National Geographic Society is one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organizations. Founded in 1888 to "increase and diffuse geographic knowledge," the Society works to inspire people to care about the planet. It reaches more than 325 million people worldwide each month through its official journal, National Geographic, and other magazines; National Geographic Channel; television documentaries; music; radio; films; books; DVDs; maps; exhibitions; school publishing programs; interactive media; and merchandise. National Geographic has funded more than 9,000 scientific research projects and supports and educational program combating geographic illiteracy. For more information, visit [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com)

Sponsor: Hope Buras

Thank you to Ms. Kim Henley for participating in the Bee. 🐾

## PYP NEWSCORNER

# EXHIBITION on MAY 12 and 13.

In a PYP school, all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry that provides them with an opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for their own learning and culminates in the PYP Exhibition. Over the next four months, the students will explore multiple perspectives, apply their learning of previous years and reflect upon their journey through the PYP.

This year, the students have considered the following central idea: “Knowledge and understanding of global issues provide the impetus for responsible action in our global community”.

They brainstormed global issues, then selected their top three choices and were grouped according to their preferences. This guarantees that the students will inquire into a topic that is significant to them, which in turn will give them the opportunity to take action as a result of their learning.

We need your help recruiting GUEST SPEAKERS and SPECIALISTS....

We are specifically looking for guest speakers on the following topics:

- Natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, recovery efforts, etc.)
- Pollution (water, air, etc.)
- Child labor
- Endangered species
- Environmental issues
- Economic issues
- Conflicts/Wars
- Poverty
- Health issues (diabetes, obesity)

Contact me directly and I will forward the information to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team.  
Thank you

Christelle Thompson  
PYP coordinator  
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## HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

### REMINDER TO PARENTS OF SENIORS ABOUT TOPS

To apply for TOPS, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please remember that the priority deadline for TOPS is May 1.

The minimum grade point average to qualify for TOPS is 2.50 in the core courses required for TOPS. The minimum ACT composite score is 20.

The core courses needed for TOPS are as follows:

CREDIT	COURSES
4	English I, II, III, IV
1	Algebra I
1	Algebra II
1	Geometry, Calculus, or an approved advanced math substitute
1	Biology
1	Chemistry
1	Environmental Science, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, or Physics
1	American History
1	World History
1	Civics/Free Enterprise
1	Fine Arts (or substitute 2 credits of art or 2 credits of music or 1 additional credit from the other core courses)
2	Foreign Language ( 2 credits in the same language)
1/2	Computer Literacy (or substitute 1/2 credit from the other core courses)
1	Additional Math or Science

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17 1/2 credits required for TOPS

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Required for TOPS)

#### Time Saving Suggestions

1. Gather the documents you need.
2. Start with your child's Social Security Number, driver's license number, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records.

3. Print a FAFSA on the Web Worksheet.
4. Write in your answers and gather your information then transfer the data to FAFSA on the Web ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
5. Plan how to sign your FAFSA.
6. Sign electronically with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) or by mailing in a signature page.

Apply for a PIN now! ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))

Speed up the process by signing the FAFSA electronically with your PIN.

Seniors should have applied for a PIN prior to the semester break. Please check with your child about this.

### **TEST DATES FOR ACT/SAT**

Juniors who have not taken the ACT or SAT and seniors who may need a higher score should be aware of the final 2008-09 test dates for these tests.

The next test date for ACT is April 4. The deadline for registration is February 27.

The next test date for SAT is March 14. The deadline for registration is February 10. Another SAT is offered May 2. The deadline for registration is March 31.

Students may register on-line at [act.org](http://act.org) (for ACT) or at [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) (for SAT). Remember the University Laboratory School code is 190245.

If you have questions about these, please contact Mrs. McElwain. 🐾

### **5th grade DARE Contest.**

There was one winner from each class. The papers will now be entered in a city wide competition. Our DARE officer was Cpl. Scott Shavers.

The winners are:

Christopher Fields

Grace Gutierrez

Michael Kirshner

Morghan Brown. 🐾

## December 2008 Students of the Month

The **6<sup>th</sup> grade** student of the month is **Zoe Li**. Zoe is a very caring young lady. She is willing to work with and help anyone who needs it. She is always smiling and ready to take on a challenge. Zoe is also a very good student. She is very organized and always enthusiastic about what we do in class. She is always knowledgeable and ready to answer any question. Zoe is the student who will volunteer when other students are afraid to raise their hands. Overall, just a great student!

**Kirsten Stewart** is our **7<sup>th</sup> grade** student of the month. Kirsten's positive outlook in the classroom and her helpful attitude make her an outstanding class member. She is always willing to help others and follows directions with a smile on her face. Respectful to her teachers and her peers, Kirsten is not afraid to ask questions and clarify learning experiences. Kirsten is a joy to teach, and we are happy to select her as our December 2008-2009 Student of the Month!

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade** student of the month is **Cole Sullivan**. Cole is kind, polite, and strives to do his best in all of his endeavors, academic or other. Recently, when studying how man has affected Louisiana's environment, Cole spent innumerable hours trying to interpret data on levees, leading his group through difficult material without giving up. Cole possesses the academic curiosity that makes him truly a Cub. It is for these reasons that Cole should be congratulated for being the December student of the month.

**Ninth grade** has selected two distinguished students to represent us for Student of the Month in December. **Anna Leinweber and Aaron Bennett** are both outstanding students who excel in academics and understand the balance required to succeed personally, in school, and extracurricular activities. Both of these active students demonstrate high standards and a love of learning. Both think critically to solve problems and are able to communicate their understanding to their peers in cooperative activities. Aaron and Anna also show their appreciation for their school and community values. Their courage and independent spirits are the characteristics that make them great UHigh students

**Tenth Grade: Caroline Devlin** has a good mind and is willing to participate. She is cooperative, unassuming, and quite delightful when class is engaged in the lesson. Caroline is a member of the Slam Team and competed last May in the Citywide Tournament sponsored by Big Buddy. (Our team came in fourth in the parish) She is a creative writer and is not afraid to take a stand on issues she cares about, like education, war, and individualism.

**Eleventh Grade: Allyson Thomas** is a model student whose strong work ethic is noted by classmates and teachers alike. She is a positive presence in the classroom. She carries her positive influence beyond the class by helping others in need. Most noted is the work that she has done in helping one of our exchange students overcoming language and cultural barriers.

**Twelfth Grade: Michael Mann** is a conscientious student who is consistently accepts a challenge, stays open minded to new ideas, and takes his assignments seriously. As a student worker, Michael is always available to complete any task, and he does it with a positive attitude. Michael is polite and respectful both in and out of the classroom to both faculty and peers. Besides being an outstanding member of our student body, Michael is also an involved member of our larger community. 🐾

## January 2009 Student of the Month

**Bryan Saffell** is the **sixth grade** student of the month for January. Bryan is a very easy-going young man who is always willing to help a classmate. He is caring and very respectful both to his classmates and to his teachers. He has a great attitude, is always well-behaved and always brings a smile to class. Bryan is a very conscientious – a careful worker who always checks his work and asks his teachers for feedback before turning his work in. He participates daily in all his classes and is always prepared. He is always totally engaged in the learning process. Bryan is truly a model student.

**Sara Lewis** is our **7<sup>th</sup> grade** student of the month. Sara is a motivated class member who consistently works to the best of her abilities, and she has high expectations, not only for herself, but for others. Sara follows directions carefully and can be counted on to complete assignments in a timely fashion. She demonstrated extra school spirit this past month as she worked with others to design and construct the door decorations; she gave of her own time to help the group, often providing leadership. Sara is a bright and positive student, and we are happy to select her as our January 2008-2009 Student of the Month!

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade** student of the month for January is **Jacqueline Samson**. She embodies the characteristics that the Lab School teaches. She is kind, considerate, enthusiastic, academically responsible, and triumphs through the face of adversity. It is for these reasons and many more that Jacqueline was chosen as student of the month. Congratulations Jacqueline!

**Claire Albrecht**, **9<sup>th</sup> grade**, is a thoughtful, delightful young lady. Claire's good nature and commitment to academics make her an excellent choice for Student of the Month. Claire is a self-motivated independent learner, but is always willing to work cooperatively with her class mates. Her open-mindedness in combination with the high standards she sets for herself reveals her maturity and the balance she seems to have achieved.

The **Sophomore** student of the month is **Ryan Andrepont** is a conscientious student who is always prepared for class. He is a generous individual who willingly helps his classmates. He strives for excellence, plays tennis, and always is on task. Ryan is thoughtful, empathetic, creative, and interested in making the world a better place through architecture and design.

The **Junior** student of the month is **Matt Burland**. Matt is a hard worker who is respectful and genuinely kind to both his peers and teachers. A leader in both academic and athletic circles, he is always willing to go above and beyond what is expected setting a good example to all members of the school community. In the classroom, Matt is an attentive, inquisitive, creative, and courteous student who adds a positive dimension to the group with which he works.

**Alex Guendel** is a well-rounded individual and student. Focused and diligent in the classroom, Alex is a student who truly enjoys learning and who sets goals that he sees through to completion. Alex is also personable and witty; he is a leader who interacts well with faculty, peers, and younger students. Alex exemplifies the character, integrity, and dedication that make him an excellent choice for the **Senior** Student of the Month. 🐾

# February 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 B.Soccer @ McKinley (6pm) G.Soccer @ Dutchtown (6pm) Caps for Katrina (3pm)	3 GBB @ PCC (4pm/6pm) EBR MS Honors Jazz auditions @ Sherwood MS (4pm) BBB @ PCC (5pm) MS GBB (6pm)	4 EBR HS Honors Jazz auditions @ Tara HS (4-7pm) HS & MS Mid Quarter Progress Report MS Art Club Mtg. (3:15pm)	5 FB Banquet at 6:30p in the cafeteria	6 GBB vs. Episcopal (4pm/6pm) BBB vs. Episcopal (5pm) D-Day Trip in New Orleans	7 MS GBB (10am)
8	9 GEE (Sr. Only) Retest HS Band Concert/6:30p in the auditorium	10 Spring sports & Club pictures GBB Sr. Night vs. Jackson (6pm) BBB vs. Jackson (5pm) MS GBB (7pm)	11 MS GBB (6pm)	12 NJHS Induction (6-8pm) Hi-Y Youth Leg. MS GBB (6pm)	13 GBB @ Dunham (4/6pm) HS Dinner Theater (Gilbert & Sullivan) @ Univ. Meth. (6:30pm) Hi-Y Youth Leg. BBB @ Dunham (5pm) Artemis Mardi Gras Parade-downtown	14 Winter Formal @ 8pm Hi-Y Youth Leg.
15 HS Dinner Theater (Gilbert & Sullivan) @ Univ. Meth. (4pm)	16 EBR MS/HS Honors Jazz rehearsal @ Woodlawn HS (6-8pm) Caps for Katrina (3pm) Swim Banquet 6:30pm @ Faculty Club	17 EBR MS/HS Honor Jazz rehearsal @ Woodlawn (7:30am-3pm) BBB @ Clinton Softball v. Bethany (4pm)	18 EBR MS/HS Honors Jazz Concert @ Woodlawn HS (6:30PM) 8 <sup>TH</sup> gr. Field trip @ state museum & state capitol	19 GBB –BiDistrict Playoffs	20 BBB vs. PCC	21
22	23 MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY	24 MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY	25 MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY Softball TBA	26 MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY	27 MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY BBB BiDistrict State Playoffs	28

# February 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Menu subject to change without noticed				
2	3	4	5	6
Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya Cut Corn Pears Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Hamburger/Bun	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni/cheese Apples Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Enchiladas	Meatsauce/ Spaghetti Cut Broccoli Pineapple French Bread Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Corndog	Beef Taco Lettuce/cheese Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Pizza	Hotdog/Bun/Chili French Fries Orange Wedges Cake Squares Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Chicken Patty/Bun
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken/Sausage Gumbo/Rice Green Peas Applesauce Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Hamburger/Bun	Chicken Nuggets Cinnamon Apples Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Beef Stew/Rice	Meatsauce/ Spaghetti Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Ice Cream Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Corndog	Beef Taco Lettuce/cheese Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Pizza	<b>Brunch for Lunch</b> Scrambled Eggs Sausage Tator Tots Orange Wedges Biscuits Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Chicken Patty/Bun
16	17	18	19	20
Redbeans/Sausage /Rice Corn Pears Cornbread Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Hamburger/Bun	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Enchiladas	Meatsauce/ Spaghetti Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Apple Milk Soup/Salad Bar Corndog	Beef Taco Lettuce/cheese Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar <b>Pizza</b>	<b>CAFETERIA CHOICE</b>  Apple Juice Milk Soup/Salad Bar Chicken Patty/Bun
23	24	25	26	27
<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

# February 2008 K-2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Menu subject to change without noticed				
2	3	4	5	6
Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya Cut Corn Pears Dinner Roll Milk	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni/cheese Apples Dinner Roll Milk	Meatsauce/ Spaghetti Cut Broccoli Pineapple French Bread Milk	Beef Taco Lettuce/cheese Baby Carrots Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Milk	Hotdog/Chili/Bun French Fries Orange Wedges Cake Square Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Hamburger/Bun Lettuce/pickle Green Peas Applesauce Milk	Chicken Nuggets Cinnamon Apples Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	Meatsauce/ Spaghetti Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Ice Cream Milk	Pizza Lettuce/cheese Baby Carrots Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Milk	Brunch for Lunch Scrambled Eggs Sausage Tator Tots Orange Wedges Biscuits Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Redbeans/Sausage /Rice Corn Pears Cornbread Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	Corndog Broccoli Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Milk	Beef Taco Lettuce/cheese Baby Carrots Sl. Peaches Dinner Roll Milk	Cafeteria Choice Milk
23	24	25	26	27
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED



**Let your voice be heard  
and join the U-High PTA today!**  
What does the Lab School PTA fund?

- \*Academic Awards and Middle School and High School year end awards, trophies and plaques.
- \*Sponsors Polk Elementary service project.
- \*Sponsors Elementary Art Show
- \*Sponsors Career Day
- \*Faculty Party
- \*Gifts for retiring faculty
- \*Provides field trip t-shirts for all elementary students

- \*Student Service awards
- \*Publishes School Directory
- \*Darlene Lanier Volunteer Database
- \*Hospitality for school events
- \*Lunch parties each semester for middle and high school students with GPA of 4.0
- \*Sponsors and funds Teacher Appreciation Week
- \*Sponsor school supply project

**Help us by roaring in your reply today!!!  
Free Directory with paid PTA Membership!**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Children at U-High: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Grade
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Name	Grade
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**Family Membership U-High PTA                      \$35.00**  
**Make checks payable to Lab School PTA and return to:**  
**PTA Membership Chairman, Lab School Office**  
**\*Additional Teacher Appreciation Week Donations welcome.**  
**Thanks for your support and Cub Spirit!**



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