



# FRIDAY FALCON

September 12, 2008

## LAST CHANCE FOR INNISBROOK ORDERS!!!

The Innisbrook deadline has been extended! Last chance to get your order in will be next Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. After the 17<sup>th</sup> only the online orders will still be accepted. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's fundraiser! We couldn't have done it without your generous support!!

## GHE DIRECTORY ADS FOR SALE!

Do you have or know of a business that would like to be featured in our GHE 2008-2009 Student Directory? This is a very cost efficient way to advertise and you are guaranteed to reach the majority of GHE families! Plus, your ad is good for at least one whole school year! The pricing is as follows:

- Business Card (3  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5) - \$50
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Page (3  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 5) - \$75
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Page (7  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5) - \$100
- Full Page - \$150
- Back Page - \$250

If you want to place an ad and have a soft copy, please send it to [a4bis@nc.rr.com](mailto:a4bis@nc.rr.com). If you have a hard copy and need to have it scanned, place it in an envelope marked 'PTA Directory'. You will need to leave the envelope and a check made out to GHE PTA at the front office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address listed above. Thanks!

*Andrea Forbis, VP Membership & Services - GHE PTA*

## ATTENTION BOYS AGES 7-11!

Fall auditions for the Raleigh Boychoir is September 25th from 4pm-5pm @ the Raleigh Boychoir Centre (1329 Ridge Road, Raleigh). This is a GREAT opportunity to further develop singing skills outside of the school setting. To schedule an appointment, call the Raleigh Boychoir @ 881-9259. Someone at the organization will be able to state what your child should have prepared to sing. Further questions can be directed to Mrs. Small at [jsmall@wpcss.net](mailto:jsmall@wpcss.net).

*Joan Small, Music Specialist - GHE*

## CHARACTER REWARDS PROGRAM BEGINS...

Welcome to another school year of working in conjunction with Cary Towne Center mall to reward character development in our children! For any new Green Hope families, this is a program where a Character Rewards flyer will come home in your child's Friday folder near the beginning of each month. Read it over, review it with your child, and watch for your child to display that month's highlighted trait. Next, fill out the Character Rewards certificate at the bottom of the flyer and have your child turn it in to his/her teacher. The certificate will be stamped and returned, and then you can take your child to Cary Towne Center mall to redeem for one of the two available rewards each month!

The character trait for September is responsibility. Responsibility is being dependable, reliable, and accountable for your own actions. What a great trait to build up in our children that will help them now and in the future.

If you are tracked out and will not receive the flyer, you can print it at home by going to [http://www.shopcarytownecentermall.com/shop/carytowne.nsf/sales\\_events](http://www.shopcarytownecentermall.com/shop/carytowne.nsf/sales_events) and clicking on the link for the September Character Rewards Newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Maura Lever at [mauralever@yahoo.com](mailto:mauralever@yahoo.com) or 363-4730. Encouraging character development in our children is so important so please join in! Thanks again!

**Maura Lever - GHE**

## **Our School Improvement Team Continues to Implement Positive Changes at GHE**

Our 2008-2009 School Improvement Team has been hard at work since the beginning of the school year. Their focus has been primarily on three specific goals so far:

- To lead teachers in planning for our Reading Buddies Program that pairs upper grade and lower grade classes for motivating reading instruction that focuses on comprehension skills.
- To plan and lead our Professional Learning Teams through identification of key skills, data collection and analysis, and planning for the specific needs of our students.
- To study the book *Classroom Instruction that Works* by Robert J. Marzano, Debra J. Pickering, and Jane E. Pollock. This book highlights research-based strategies for increasing student achievement.

School Improvement members work many additional hours to provide GHE with the leadership it needs to continue as a School of Excellence. Please be sure to thank them for their dedication to our community the next time you see them. Members are listed below.

Stephanie Atwell  
Mary Buckley  
Serena Buckner  
Michelle Burdick  
Linda Cook  
Suzanne D'Amico  
Jackie Dempsey  
Lori Dubin

Sharon Fornaro  
Ashley Hall  
Deborah Hampton  
Carol Hansen  
Teresa Hardy  
April Hill  
David Lee  
Gina McMahon

Kristin Musgrave  
Linda Peele  
Joy Simuel  
Lisa Spalding  
Angela Tew  
Kris Tunley  
Lisa Turco  
Sherry Vaughn

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

Sept 16	I-Dent-A-Kid (T2,T3,T4)
Sept 17	Innisbrook Orders Due!
Sept 25	Early Release // Treats for Teachers (T4)
Sept 26	Ice Cream Social (Fall Family Night) 5:00-7:00
Sept 29	Track 4 Tracks Out
Oct 8	International Walk to School Day

### **CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!**

Hey Kids! This section is just for you. See how you do. The answer will be in next week's Friday Falcon. The answer to last week's (Sept. 5th) challenge: The President of the United States lives in the White House!

**Here is this week's challenge:**

There were two ducks in front of a duck and two ducks behind a duck, and one duck in the middle. How many ducks were there in total?