

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

WELCOME TO THE PARENTS' GROUP 2010-2011

We hope the Parents' Group meetings will encourage parent fellowship and participation in the Farragut community and support your school experience with relevant discussion topics. Meetings are typically on the **Thursdays** of selected months (see dates in blue, below) at 7 p.m. in the DeSeta Chapel unless otherwise noted. This schedule includes Parents' Group meetings as well as other important and fun school events. Mark your calendars!

SAVE THE DATES

Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Book Fair in the Library.

Aug. 31, 6:30 p.m. Elementary Back to School Night -- In your child's classroom. Teachers will review expectations, curriculum and other information pertinent to the class.

Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m. Middle and High Back to School Night -- Check in at the library to get your student's schedule, then follow it to visit teachers in their classrooms.

Sept. 23, 7 p.m. PG Meeting -- *State of Farragut 2010*, address by Capt. Fine, plus headlines by elementary, middle and high school heads and residential life director, with opportunity for Q & A.

Sept. 26, 1:40 p.m. Tampa Bay Rays Family Fun Night -- \$30 per ticket gets you an outfield seat, hotdog, Cracker Jack and Pepsi. Purchase tickets at the Ship's Store. AFA Color Guard to present at the game.

Special event Sept. 27 -- Gen. Charles Duke, Farragut alum and lunar astronaut, will be on campus. Look for further details.

Special event Oct. 20 or 27, morning or afternoon (tentative) -- As part of a lecture series on the Science, Technology and Math focus at Farragut, the Associate Director of STEM at West Point will be on campus one of these days and will be available to meet with parents.

Opportunity for parent participation Nov. 4 -- Career Day, when parents will be asked to speak about a variety of professions. Cdr. Gibbons will provide more information at the September meeting.

Nov. 5, 8 a.m. Parents' Group Golf Tournament -- Watch for more details about this fun day that benefits Admiral Farragut Academy.

Nov. 18, 7 p.m. PG Meeting -- *7 Habits for a Highly Effective Farragut Community*. Several high school teachers will share how they are incorporating into their classrooms the principles from the book read by all high school students this summer, and how they could be applied to middle and elementary schools as well. Maybe include a student panel?

November-December Parents' Group Poinsettia Sales -- Watch for details about this opportunity to buy many styles of beautiful holiday arrangements, to benefit the school.

Jan. 20, 7 p.m. PG Meeting -- *Your Mind: An Owner's Manual*. Drs. Shinitzky and Cortman, psychologists and authors of this book, met with teachers to great reviews. We will ask one of them to share useful information to parents about adolescent development and other survival tips.

March 12 Annual Parents' Group Auction -- Good food, good friends, lots of fun right on the beautiful AFA campus. (Have you ever looked up at the stars from the courtyard?) This event is a great time for a great cause: enriching our students' education.

April 21, 7 p.m. PG Meeting -- *Farragut Life, From Students' Perspectives*. Students from elementary, middle and high schools, including boarding students, will showcase their experiences at Admiral Farragut, including poetry, music, drama, forensics.

May 19, 7 p.m. PG Meeting -- *You've survived!* Celebrate with a social and PG wrap up of the year, including final auction report and the proposed projects to be funded.

For updates, check the calendar at: www.farragut.org