

News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Career Day**— Wednesday, 5/18 (What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress up and get a treat!)
- **No School**— Monday, 5/30
- **Pajama Day**— Wednesday, 6/1
- **Spring Graduation & Performance**— Thursday, 6/9 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Field Day**— Friday, 6/10 (last day of 2010-11 Academic Term)
- **Summer Term**— Monday, 6/27 thru Friday, 8/19
- **2011-12 Academic Term Begins**— Wednesday, 9/7



SUCCESS!

The results of our yearly standardized testing are in and we are excited to announce once again that **Columbia Academy students are averaging anywhere from 2 to 6 years above the norm in math, reading and language.**

This can be attributed to the power of our individualized programs, the Study Technology, an amazing curriculum, and a safe and ethical environment students enjoy.

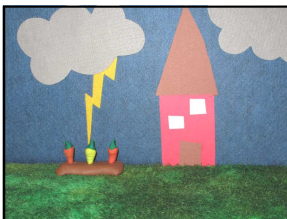
Thanks to all of you supportive parents that really believe in what we do here. You help make this happen!



Lights... Camera... Action!

animation, how cartoons are created, and how the same concept is used to bring clay to life in movies like *Chicken Run* and *Flushed Away*.

After watching movie shorts created in previous years, students worked independently or teamed up with classmates to hash out their own original ideas. Then we broke out the clay and started sculpting characters and props. Later, a foreground and background were decided upon. In some cases we used felt or other fabric, while other projects involved drawing the backdrop. With all clay-making and artwork complete, the stage and camera were set up. And that's when the work REALLY starts.



Clay figures are positioned for the first photo. Snap! Pieces are moved slightly for the next photo, and the next. Snap, snap, snap! Full-motion video uses 30 frames (photos) per second. For time and sanity sake, we reduce that to four. Still, that means moving clay pieces and taking a picture 40 times for every 10 seconds of finished video!

The photos go home with Michele where video-editing software is employed to complete each project with titles, music, and even a few sound effects. In the meantime, we take the opportunity to watch a little *Wallace & Gromit* between studies.

Finally, the day comes when we can all kick back and watch our own finished movie shorts with a bowl of popcorn!



BIRTHDAYS

- Maliah G.
5/20 — 9 years
- Anaya G.
5/21 — 8 years
- Doyle W.
5/22 — 4 years
- Kenny D.
5/27 — 7 years
- KJ J.
6/21 — 11 years
- Sameer T.
6/23 — 7 years
- Jaida R.
6/26 — 8 years



Notes from the Teachers



work
hard



play
hard



get
results

Pre-K—1st Grade

In honor of our mothers, all our students will be making special gifts for Mom. Our focus is on Mexico with some fun cultural activities. Then it's all about the bees and how honey is made. Our field trip this month is to the Plumper Pumpkin to see baby animals, and learn about those bees.



Karina, Jack and Logan making Cinco de Mayo enchiladas. Delicioso!



Jack and Anaya making Honey Corn Flake treats. Yummy!

2nd—3rd Grade

Our class has so much to do with such little time left in the school year! The students are currently learning songs and dances for our "Disco" themed spring performance and making great progress on their academic programs. We will also be finishing our unit on "Pond Life." Justine has several wonderful art projects

planned and the students have really enjoyed becoming budding new artists this year under her tutelage. After the spring performance, it's our annual field day on the last day of school. We have so many fun activities planned including races, water balloon and egg tosses, a pie-eating contest, and the annual water fight. Teachers included!

4th—7th Grade

Our class will be spending the last two months of the school year working on Presidential Fitness, wrapping up their academic programs, working on a sewing unit, learning a bit about Italy, and preparing for the spring performance. In between all of the hustle and bustle of the normal school days, we will be spending a few hours on the Willamette Jet Boats, taking a tour of the river. We will also be celebrating the end of a successful year with the much anticipated field day.



Chad stitches a seam on his Mother's Day pillow.

Cassidy, Nikki and Lucas show off their handmade Mother's Day pillows. Beautiful work, guys!



Technology Upgrade Update



Cathy and Micaela were the first to complete the Italy research assignment!

Thank you so very much to everyone who has contributed to our Technology Upgrade fundraising drive. We have raised enough money to replace some of our aging computers, but we haven't quite met our goal.

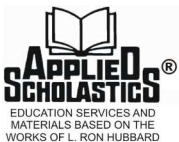
It's not too late to make a donation, and remember... every little bit helps. Many small donations add up to big money that we can put to good use for these dedicated students. **They are very excited about getting some new equipment!**



Justine's students learn all about plants.



Izzy and Anaya, hard at work on Math Facts.



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