



Holy Cross Lutheran Academy

## [PALS Meeting Minutes](#)

**Date:** February 3, 2012

**Place:** HCLA Cafeteria & Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**Time:** 8:30 am - 9:15 am.; 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm respectively

**In attendance:** Betty Hoyer, Rob Sinniger, Tessie Devore, Jennifer Wong, Gayle Paul, Sue Stark, Monica Gilas, Lisa Turner, Carrie Paulsen, Nelly Coleman, Carol Neal, Al Neal, Rodney Underwood, Lori Bessler, Michelle Lauria, Samantha Rollins, Maria Ramos, Kristin McAllan, Carol White, Audrey Jones, Kristina Nelson, Ron Fryer, Dave Fosburgh, Matt Martin, Amanda Eriksen, Maureen McNamara, Diane Reed, Cindy Haller, Jennifer Conrad, Edie Herota

### **Principal's Report:**

- Open House & Re-Enrollment: Open House went well with many interested families; re-registration going well and on track with where we should be; still openings available so if you wish to refer friends, now is a great time.
- Teacher's Continuing Education: Teachers attended the following:
  - FL Education Technology Conference (FETC) is the world's largest educational technology conference
  - Early Childhood Convention

- Kindergarten Workshop
- Education Strategies Conference
- Amanda Eriksen was introduced as the new Childcare Director
- School Picnic & Field Day
  - David Devore and Coach Fowler will handle organization. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this, they can contact Coach Fowler. Games and Races for the family
  - Wilson's Landing Park in Sanford
  - March 10th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and it's FREE
  - Bring your own food, drink and lawn chairs
  - Billy Devore will be pre-selling Brisket and Ribs and that day hamburgers and hot dogs
  - Orange Leaf Yogurt will sell frozen yogurt
- Crusaders Against Hunger:
  - February 10th at noon
  - Donation envelopes were sent home; can still be sent in all next week and there is a link on the website for donations online; Only \$.17 can feed a family
  - Goal is to make 35,000 meals
  - If you volunteer, bring a hat
  - Meals of Hope & Z88.3 will be there
- Princess & Her Knight Dance:
  - Nelly Coleman-Lopez and Carol Neal have volunteered to head committee. Volunteers are needed. More information to come.
- Crusader For Education Dinner & Silent Auction:

- Friday, April 20th at the Red Tail Country Club at 6:30 p.m. \$50/pp Adults only.
- Honoring Mayor David Meador with Crusader for Education Award
- Opportunity to raise money for our Endowment and Technology funds
- Mike Johnson will serve as DJ
- Silent Auction:
  - Committee Coordinator: Jennifer Wong. Her contact number is 630-400-7771
  - Volunteers are needed to help collect donations and to help run the event.
  - Donations for this event need to be collected. If you have any contacts with people or organizations that may want to donate to this great cause, please contact Jennifer Wong. Contribution forms need to be filled out. If you know anyone that may be able to make a donation, please contact Jen.
  - So far: Gift Certificates to Terra Mia, Gander Mountain, Swedish Massage, Golf Packages, Wonder Works, Aiguille Rock Climbing Passes, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Magic Seats, Park Jewelers, Ocean Front Beach Condo, Lake House, Vera Bradley bag, Publishing package
  - Suggestion to have kids make the centerpieces; will discuss further next meeting
  - Classroom baskets may be combined to make bigger & better baskets that give an "experience".
  - Items will be put on website for review prior to auction night
  - Corporate Sponsor Tables also available
- Science Fair
  - March 14th - projects due and judged
  - March 15th - parents invited to school to see the projects; at school 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm; still deciding if students are required to be there that evening

- HCLA's Got Talent:

- Event run by Student Council to raise funds for the 7th & 8th grade school trip to Washington, D.C.
- Will be held during Lutheran Schools Week on March 5th at 6:30 pm at the church; Pay at the Door
- 22 acts

- National Lutheran Schools Week

- March 4th - March 10th
- Joining 900 other Lutheran schools to celebrate!
- Student Council will be working on ways to celebrate and show spirit this week; more info to come.

- Science Fair:

- Week of March 12th
- Students have started working on their projects in the classrooms; more info will follow in the next weeks

- Art Auction Idea

- idea to work with Mrs. N to collect student's artwork throughout year
- items to be matted and framed and auctioned
- idea to combine this with the annual music show and have it be an "Arts Night".
- Diane Reed will head this committee

- Pre-school update at Lake Mary:

- excited to offer a new Kindergarten Preparatory Class that will include curriculum that compliments HCLA's K program
- 25 hours per week
- will allow specials to be brought to these children

**Next PALS Meeting:** March 1, 2012

HCLA cafeteria at 8:30 am.

All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:15 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. respectively