



NEWSLETTER

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RED CLAY SETS MAY 17 REFERENDUM DATE

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for more information!

The Red Clay Consolidated School District will hold a tax referendum Thursday, May 17, 2007 seeking \$17.5 million to support programs, supplies and materials for classrooms throughout the district.

Board of Education members approved asking voters to consider a tax rate increase to help cover the costs of new textbooks, computers and security equipment. Increased revenues will also fund new initiatives throughout the district such as Full-Day Kindergarten in all elementary schools, two K-8 programs and the new science-oriented magnet program, The Henry C. Conrad Schools of Science.

The funding will also be used to relieve budget pressures due to the rising and unanticipated costs of operating district schools, including increasing transportation

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Tiger Booster Spring Clean-up a Success!!!

Twenty seven volunteers- administrators, alumni, teachers, parents and students- braved the ice and snow, and then the rain on two weekends in early March to take part in the Tiger Boosters annual Spring Clean-Up.

Mulch was spread and weeds were pulled to beautify the school, the stadium concession stand was cleaned and stocked for the spring season, fertilizer and lime was spread on our game and practice fields, and sports equipment was repaired and organized for the spring season.



Tiger Booster Clean-Up days are a great way to meet fellow A.I. parents, coaches and teachers, and a great way to make a positive contribution to our school.

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NO-BAKE BAKE SALE UPDATE

WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT OUR A.I.H.S PTSA NO-BAKE BAKE SALE!

This is the best bake sale ever because you DO NOT have to:

- Go to the grocery stores to buy anything
- Mix and bake anything
- Deliver a baked good to the school
- Stand around all day trying to sell baked goods
- Buy some decadent goodies that will add an enormous amount of calories to your diet!

Simply Find your checkbook

- Make out a check to the A.I.H.S. PTSA as soon as possible and send it to the address below: *(any amount will be graciously accepted.)*

A.I. High School
 PTSA No-Bake Sale
 50 Hillside Road
 Wilmington, DE 19807

or visit the website

www.aiduponths.com/nobakebalesale.pdf
 and download a form as well!

If you missed the spring clean up, don't panic- be sure to pitch in during the Tiger Booster Annual Fall Clean-up in Late August!

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped to make the clean-up day a success:



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| Mark Alley | Mike Christopher |
| Natalie Bomberger | Tom Dewson |
| Dee and Steve Burnett | Sam Golder |
| Buckley Condie | Mark Hanna |
| Mark Donaldson | James Hoffmeyer |
| Jerry and Judy Grasso | Alisha Mulhern |
| Jan Harrison | Steve Vollendorf |
| Jack Legge | Frank Pullella |
| Mark Pruitt | Adam Smith |
| Sandie & Roger Reinicker | Shane Witt |
| Sharon Sedita | Craig Umstead |
| Kim Stevens | |
| Jim Woods | |

Newsletter Update

Many thanks to Cheryl Mongillo who has graciously volunteered to undertake the position of newsletter editor next year. The final issue of this year's newsletter will be mailed to homes in June. Our deadline for the June issue is May 25.

As always, your questions, comments, suggestions or ideas may be sent to Linda Natali, Editor, at: lnatali@comcast.net

Articles for publication should be submitted via e-mail or placed in the PTSA mailbox in the school office.

Don't forget to check out the websites at www.aiduponths.com www.aihigh.com

for the most up-to-date information, changes and sports schedules!

AP EXAM LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

5/7 MON A I High School
 5/8-11 Tue-Fri UD Wilcastle - Goodstay Ctr (Rt. 52)
 5/14-19 Mon-Fri UD Wilcastle - Arsht Hall (Rt.52)

2007 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1

	<u>Morning Session</u> 8 a.m.*	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 12 p.m.*
Monday, May 7	Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Comparative** French Language**
Tuesday, May 8	Computer Science A** Computer Science AB** Spanish Language**	Statistics
Wednesday, May 9	Calculus AB** Calculus BC**	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 10	English Literature** German Language**	Japanese Language and Culture** French Literature**
Friday, May 11	United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)

Week 2

	<u>Morning Session 8 a.m.*</u>	<u>Afternoon Session 12 p.m.*</u>	<u>Afternoon Session 2 p.m.</u>
Monday, May 14	Biology** Music Theory**	Physics B** Physics C: Mechanics**	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism***
Tuesday, May 15	Environmental Science** Chemistry**	Psychology	
Wednesday, May 16	Italian Language and Culture** English Language**	Art History	
Thursday, May 17	Macroeconomics** World History**	Microeconomics	
Friday, May 18	Human Geography** Spanish Literature**	Latin Literature** Latin: Vergil**	

AFTER PROM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The only way the After Prom can take place is with the help of volunteers and donations. 75% of the funds used to present the After Prom come from donations. We are 25% short of our goal. Not only do the Juniors and Seniors look forward to the fun and memories of the After Prom every year, but it also helps prevent tragedies linked to driving after the prom.

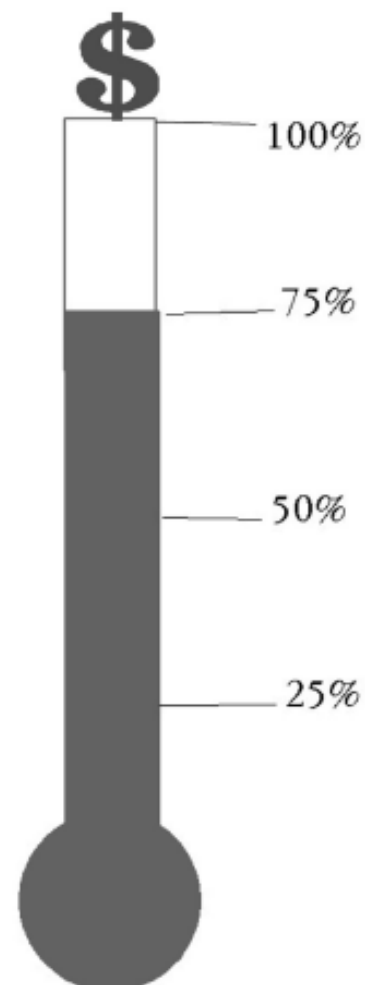
2 Ways to Help!

1. DONATE

Send checks payable to:
 A.I DuPont PTSA AfterProm
 c/o Julie Hazuda
 1626 Snuff Mill Road
 Hockessin, DE 19707

2. VOLUNTEER:

Help with decorations, setup or work the After Prom.
 Come to our weekly Decorating Workshops every
 Wednesday at 7pm in the art room at H.B. Dupont
 Middle School. Or contact Elaine Burg at
venusOnsaturday@aol.com or Stacey Hoppman at
hoppman6@comcast.net



Spring Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing Session to Begin

Our district is about to begin the third session of MAP testing for students in grades 2-10 for this school year. Students took these computerized tests in reading and math in September and January. The change from the fall to the spring score will indicate how much growth students have made during the 2006-2007 school year. In early June each family will receive a letter with their child's results.

Parents can support the teachers with preparing students for testing by understanding the design of the test and sharing this with their child. Each test, reading and math, is un-timed but usually takes each student about one hour to complete. Every student's test is unique in that questions presented are based on how previous questions have been answered. A child's score is NOT based on how many he or she got correct. It is based on the difficulty level of the questions correctly answered. The test is designed to determine what is too hard and what is just right for each student. Since this is unlike other tests students take, students who are often struggle with some tests find they are less frustrated. Likewise, students who are bored by some tests find MAP tests challenging for them.

Throughout the year test results were used by teachers to meet students' learning needs. As mentioned the spring results will show how much growth each child made as well as provide information for next year's teacher.

For more information on MAP testing, please contact your child's teacher or visit the Red Clay Internet site at <http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/NWEA/MAP.htm>. We have added a new section on Understanding Goal Areas for each subject tested.

Está por comenzar la Sesión de primavera de la Evaluación Mediciones de Progreso Académico (MAP)

Nuestro distrito está por comenzar a tomar la tercera sesión de la evaluación MAP a alumnos de 2° a 10° grado. Los alumnos rindieron estos exámenes computarizados de lectura y matemáticas en septiembre y enero. El cambio entre el puntaje de la primavera y el del otoño reflejará el progreso hecho por los alumnos durante el año escolar 2006-2007. Todas las familias recibirán una carta con los resultados de sus hijos a principios de junio.

Los padres pueden apoyar a los maestros en la preparación de los alumnos para la evaluación, comprendiendo el diseño de los exámenes y conversando con sus hijos al respecto. Los exámenes, lectura y matemáticas, no tienen una duración determinada pero generalmente requieren una hora para que los alumnos los completen. El examen de cada alumno es único ya que las preguntas formuladas se basan en cómo el alumno ha contestado preguntas previas. El puntaje NO se basa en la cantidad de preguntas respondidas correctamente. Se basa en el nivel de dificultad de las preguntas respondidas correctamente. El examen está diseñado para determinar qué es demasiado difícil y qué es justo lo adecuado para cada alumno. Dado que estos exámenes son diferentes a los que se rinden habitualmente, los alumnos que frecuentemente tienen dificultad con algunos exámenes se sienten menos frustrados al rendir estos. También muchos alumnos que se aburren con algunos exámenes ven a las evaluaciones MAP como un desafío.

Durante el transcurso del año los maestros usaron los resultados de los exámenes para satisfacer las necesidades de aprendizaje individuales de cada alumno. Como se mencionó anteriormente, los resultados de la primavera reflejarán el progreso logrado por cada alumno y también brindarán información a la maestra del grado siguiente.

Para obtener mayor información sobre las evaluaciones MAP, por favor comuníquense con la maestra de su hijo o visiten el sitio de Red Clay en Internet en <http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/NWEA/MAP.htm>. Hemos añadido una nueva sección sobre la Comprensión de las Áreas de Objetivos de cada materia evaluada.

Gerri Marshall

Coordinador del Distrito de las Evaluaciones NWEA MAP (302) 552.3781



AI High is one of 34 schools across the nation selected as a Grand Prize Winner in the Ultimate Vista Celebration Sweepstakes. AI will receive a laptop lab with the new Vista operating system and additional software. The approximate retail value is \$25,000.00. AI High was nominated by sophomore Michael Legg, who submitted the entry at the local Circuit City. Thanks to all who made this tech windfall possible.

WINNING THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GAME RESCHEDULED FOR WED MAY 9 - 7 PM

A.I. du Pont High School's Guidance Department will be hosting a guest speaker for interested 9th-11th graders and their parents/guardians to help in the College Admissions Process. It is never too early to begin exploring and planning for college!

On **Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7 p.m.**, Mr. Peter Van Buskirk, formerly of Franklin and Marshall College, will be presenting "Winning the College Admissions Game", a highly informative and interactive workshop where participants get an inside look into how admissions committees make their decisions. This program is highly requested each year by students and parents. The program will be held in the new Auditorium. Please plan to attend this outstanding program!

Spring...FINALLY !

If it's spring, that means it's time for music! Though I sit here looking out at a frozen snow pack as I write, I hope by the time you read this the sun is warming the buds and blooms of April. That means the Tiger Bands are preparing for two BIG events.

First, the bands and fronts will travel to compete in the Music Festivals event in New York April 20-22. The drum line will be premiering the new drums, and the fronts will have their new uniforms! All four indoor concert and jazz bands, as well as the parade and field-show marching bands and band fronts will face decidedly motivated competition. If any band wants to take home a trophy, they **MUST** get by the Tiger Bands and fronts! Good luck to all!

Secondly, the Spring Band Concert will occur on THU May 17th. The RCCSD referendum will be held on that date as well. So, be sure to come out to register an important vote...**YOURS!** And enjoy a great evening of entertainment. Always recorded live for CD, this is certainly an event **NOT** to be missed, and features all the concert, jazz and marching bands. Parents, be sure to have your student reserve a copy for purchase when available.

Friends, we still need your help. Many good people have not, as yet, joined the Band Boosters. *Please* take time to do it now. A small (or large) donation provides the basic financial cushion for all of the spring activities. The bands still count on your support. Thank you.

Finally, it's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since the Celebration of Music. We honored Mr. Paret's 30 years of inspired leadership, and filled the A.I. campus last May with music, tributes, friendship and food! We announced plans for the new Tiger Stadium Patio, and the installation of the patio along with the first group of *engraved* pavers is ready to begin. See our websites for the forms to purchase one for your student or family, and help support PTSA, Tiger and Band Boosters. And come over to the Stadium later this spring to see the beautiful tribute to **OUR** school!

The Band Booster organization will continue with dedicated and gifted leadership. We have *many* hardworking parents that create and sustain our success. Our mission has always been to provide the support to our directors and the band that helps propel them to local, national and international acclaim! I've traveled on many coach buses on band trips for about a dozen years, and enjoyed every one. It's been my pleasure and privilege to be a part of this band family. And like they say in the movies, I'm certain, that, on occasion, "I'll be back!"

Warmest regards,

Mike Hazuda
President, A.I. Band Boosters

Referendum continued from page 1

Referendum Goals

What?
Current Operating
Expense Referendum

When?
Thursday
May 17, 2007
Various Schools within
the district

How Much?
◆ An increase of 35 ¢
per \$100 of as-
sessed value,
phased in over the
next three years
◆ Cost to the average
homeowner will be
\$266 in the third
year

Who Can Vote?
U. S. citizens, 18 years
of age or older, who
are residents of Red
Clay

**For More
Information**
www.redclay.k12.de.us
or
302.552.3715

- ◆ Purchase new textbooks, classroom supplies and technology
- ◆ Continue & expand programs offered by the district including:
 - ◆ Performing arts,
 - ◆ Athletics
 - ◆ Advanced placement courses
- ◆ Keep class sizes to a minimum
- ◆ Implement full-day kindergarten

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costs, spiraling energy bills, more and the need for more local funds to compensate for the loss of State and Federal funding.

District Superintendent Dr. Robert Andrzejewski said the money is needed to prevent a series of proposed budget decreases including staff reductions and scaling back on some school activities such as music programs, after school activities and transportation for high school and middle school athletics.

"It is always difficult to ask our community to support a referendum, but without additional funding, we won't be able to purchase new textbooks for our students, install new safety measures in our schools, implement full-day kindergarten or support a variety of programs at the levels we have been," he said, "Staffing, building maintenance and after school transportation could be adversely affected for a number of schools."

The referendum will seek an increase of 35 cents per \$100 assessed value, to be phased in over the next three years. Approval would mean a tax rate increase of 20 cents the first year, an additional 10 cents the second year and an additional 5 cents the third year to total 35 cents. The proposed increases will cost the average district homeowner a total of \$266 in the third year. (\$152 in year one; an additional \$76 in year two and an additional \$38 the third and final year of the tax rate increase)

Voting "yes" on this referendum will mean the Red Clay School District can continue to provide a quality education for all of its students, contribute to the overall community and add property value to Red Clay homes.

RED CLAY GOALS FOR THIS REFERENDUM:

- ~ Eliminate Proposed Budget Cuts
- ~ Upgrade Safety and Security Equipment for Our Students and Buildings
- ~ Purchase New Textbooks and Classroom Supplies for Our Kids
- ~ Upgrade District Computers and Technology
- ~ Implement Full-Day Kindergarten

Calendar 2007

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July 2007						
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August 2007						
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4/20	Fri	A I Bands Trip to New York & The TODAY Show
5/4	Fri	Inservice PIP (no school)
5/7	Mon	AP Exams, A I High School
5/8-5/11	T-Fri	AP Exams, UD Wilcastle - Goodstay Center (Rt. 52)
5/14-18	M-Fri	AP Exams, UD Wilcastle - Arscht Hall (Rt. 52)
		Tiger Booster Meeting 7:00 PM Room 153
5/9	Wed	PTSA Meeting 6:00 PM Room 153
		Winning College Admission 7:00 PM Auditorium
5/12	Sat	Prom @ First USA Riverfront Arts Center - 7:00 PM - Midnight
		NOTE: prom tickets will not be sold to any student with an outstanding obligation such as a book, class dues, fundraiser money, trip money, etc.
	Sat	AfterProm @ A I High (Midnight - 3 AM)
5/15	Tue	Band Boosters Mtg. 7:30 PM Room 153
5/16	Wed	Honor Society Induction
5/17	Thur	Red Clay Consolidated School District Referendum
		A I Bands Spring Concert 7:30 PM
5/19	Sat	One-Act Festival 2 PM
5/21	Mon	SeniorPlay: 7 PM Auditorium with International Thespian Society and Banquet to follow
5/22	Tue	DSTP Testing (Science Grades 8 & 11)
		Awards Night 7:00 PM
5/23	Wed	DSTP Testing (Social Studies Grades 8 & 11)
		Senior Banquet - 6 PM - Hockessin Memorial Hall (Cost \$20)
5/24	Thur	Spring Chorus Concert 7:30 PM Auditorium
5/25	Fri	Newsletter Deadline (e-mail to Inatali@comcast.net)
5/28	Mon	Memorial Day (no school)
5/31	Thur	Graduation Rehearsal (Senior) A I Gym 9 AM
6/1	Fri	Inservice (no school)
6/2	Sat	High School Graduation @ Bob Carpenter Center 10 AM
6/4	Mon	High School Early Dismissal
6/5	Tue	High School Early Dismissal
6/6	Wed	High School Early Dismissal
6/7	Thur	Last Pupil Day - Early Dismissal
6/8	Fri	Last Teacher Day
6/11	Mon	Weather Contingency
6/12	Tue	Weather Contingency
6/19	Tue	Report Cards Mailed

June 11 and 12 are weather-related contingency days. In the event the district misses less than two days, the calendar will be shortened by the appropriate number of days. Approved 4/25/06

Attention Seniors!

You must do the following in order to participate in graduation:

- **MUST** attend graduation rehearsal on Thursday 5/31 at 9 AM.
- **MUST** have ordered a cap and gown from Josten's (it is different from last year's.)
- **PAY** class dues to Ms. Holly Franklin, Senior Class Advisor in room 190
Ms. Franklin's e-mail is holly.franklin@redclay.k12.de.us
Senior year \$20, Junior Year \$15, Sophomore Year \$10
DUES FROM ALL YEARS MUST BE PAID IN FULL!

*Note: If you are late to graduation rehearsal, you will be in **the back of the processional.***

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Red Clay's District Superintendent's Post Secondary Scholarship: (\$1000)

One senior from each Red Clay high school will be selected for this award. Eligible students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, involved in extra-curricular activities, community service activities, and a US citizen (or in process of becoming a US citizen). Seniors can get application form from their counselor or can download them from:

<http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/Scholarship/Scholarshippage1.htm>.

Deadline: 5/11/2007.

Laurie Merar Foundation Scholarship: Essay required about how your life has been affected by cancer. Deadline: 5/1/2007.

Rotary Club of Hockessin-Greenville: Open to seniors living in Hockessin, Pike Creek, Greenville, or Centreville area. Application deadline: 4/27/2007.

The Links, Inc.: Open to African-American seniors. Deadline: 4/30/07.

Visit the Red Clay Referendum Link

www.redclay.k12.de.us and click on "Referendum Date" for more information, polling places and a powerpoint presentation!



**YOUR VOTE
COUNTS ON 5/17!!**

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*www.k12.de.us/aiduponths - School Website
www.aihigh.com - Sports & Events Website*

