

Dear Parents,

The Magnet Schools of America Conference was a BIG success! Many of our families and teachers volunteered their time during that busy week. Everyone pulled together to do whatever it took to get the job done. During the school tour, we had 50 educators from all over the United States come to visit our innovative school. Our teachers, staff, and students worked hard to prepare our classrooms, hallways, and bulletin boards with evidence that displayed our theme of Leadership and Global Communication. We've received so many compliments about our school programs and how smart and articulate our students are. In addition, a few of our wonderful teachers here at Jo Mackey presented at the Magnet Conference on Leadership and our Foundations of Democracy social studies curriculum.

Our wonderful PTSO coordinated the 1st annual "World of Friends" Spring Fair. From the dunking booth to live music, a fun time was had by all. A special thank you to all the parents and staff members who helped make the Spring Fair a resounding success!

We also wanted to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the family members who allowed their children to attend the Washington D.C. trip. What a wonderful opportunity to see our nation's capital first hand and to make relevant connections to the social studies curriculum the 5th grade has studied all year. Take a look at all the exciting pictures on page 2. Our goal is to make the Washington D.C. trip a yearly tradition. If you have any ideas for fundraising or grant opportunities, please let us know as the cost of such a trip is beyond that of our regular school budget.

It is with such pleasure that we reflect back over the 2006-2007 school year. Our students have grown in so many ways - demonstrating leadership and learning to communicate in a variety of ways. Our families have actively participated in and supported various school functions. Our staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that our students achieve at a high level. The gains made by our students, as evidenced by our CRT results, demonstrate why we were named a School of Excellence. It has been a wonderful year and we feel lucky to be a part of the Jo Mackey Family.

Sincerely,

Kemala Washington, Principal

Maria Grajeda, Assistant Principal