

January 24, 2012

Quarter 3, Week 3

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director...

Dear Families,

The Durham City Council last week passed a resolution to improve the condition of the Old North Durham Park (ONDP), located just behind our school. City Council's new resolution marks a significant step forward. The improvements include creating a large multi-use field open for use year-round and open to the public (including pets) and repairing the storm water pipe that flows under the park. In addition to the improvements Council and Parks and Rec have moved to re-categorize ONDP as a "neighborhood park" and not a full sized league soccer field. CPSC along with Old North Durham and Five Points Neighborhood Associations supported the park plan that passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote at the Tuesday night City Council meeting.

Durham Parks and Recreation's (DPR) recommendation to City Council was based upon best practices in park planning, community input, and advice from Durham's Recreation Advisory Commission. In November, DPR sponsored a meeting outlining the city's plans for the park. The comprehensive presentation aligned ONDP with other contemporary neighborhood parks around the country. The presentation was impressive and can be viewed at:

<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Documents/Old%20North%20Durham%20Park%20Presentation.pdf>

The Council's resolution calls for an improved big field and the beginning of valuable storm water repairs, and, as the aforementioned DPR presentation supports, also opens the door for the city and community to move forward with developing additional features in the park in the years to come.

On another exciting note, I hope to see everyone at Motorco Music Hall this Saturday night for our annual school fundraiser, **SAVE OUR ARTS (SOA)**. While the arts are not in jeopardy at CPSC, we annually operate with a budget that is one-third less than our DPS neighbors and have had an additional 15% reduced from our budget over the last three years. Come out early at 6PM to support our student rock bands and the silent auction!

Yours,

John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday Jan. 28	SAVE OUR ARTS Benefit Concert and Silent Auction , held at Motorco Music Hall, begins at 6:00pm <i>**Child care available at CPSC 7-10pm, \$5.00 per child, pre-register with Tonya in the front office</i>
Wed., Feb. 1	Early Dismissal , After School Program begins at 1:30PM
Tue., Feb. 7	CPSC Elmo's Diner Day/Night
Tue., Feb. 14	Parent/Child Make It-Take-It Night 6:45-7:45pm