



Academy News & Accolades

PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP - SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

CAPs Corner

Tuesday, October 6, from 6:00 - 7:00 is the next C.A.P. meeting. All parents are welcome to attend.

Plan now to attend!



**A big THANKS
to all those who
helped make the
10th Anniversary
Birthday Bash
a huge success!**

Macy's Coupons

We are selling Macy's 25% off coupons for \$5 each. They are only good for two days - Oct. 16 and 17 - and they can only be used in the downtown store. You can also enter for a chance to win a \$500 gift card.

**100% of the proceeds
go to City Academy!**

Please see Kim if you need more information.

Thanks!

A message from our Science Specialist ...

The City Academy science program for the 2009-2010 school year is in full swing. This is only the second year of the program as it exists under my instruction as the science specialist.

Though the curriculum for science has room to adapt and change with the vision of our school, the major concepts are set up in such a way that students will revisit them throughout their time at City Academy. Let me share an example. The first grade is currently learning about the concepts of force, motion, and simple machines at an introductory level. They will return to these major physical science concepts in the third and fifth grades, but will examine them in greater depth and with more focus on student-guided exploration than on teacher-directed exercises.

All three major fields of scientific study – physical, earth, and life – are covered each year. All six grades, from first to sixth, are studying physical science and will then all move to new concepts in earth science by early November. Earth science will then be followed by life science in late winter.

Some exciting activities underway this fall include our school's field trips to Litzinger Road Ecology Center, our overnight field trips to the Shaw Nature

Reserve, our ecological studies for the third to sixth grades with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the new after-school ecology club, and the LEGO robotics club slated to begin in early October.



City Academy's dedication to science learning has been made possible by the generosity of private and corporate donors. I want to thank all those who recognize the need for a rich science education at the elementary school level. Many students' impressions of science – positive or negative – are formed at an early age. These impressions can greatly influence their level of enthusiasm about exploring science beyond the elementary school classroom. I hope our students will find science an exciting and worthy pursuit while here at City Academy—and beyond.

Erik Taylor, Science Specialist