

ASMSA Parents Association

Prom Night – A Great Success!

2012 CALENDAR

April 28th

New JR Orientation

May 26st

Graduation, 2 pm

A Special Note of Thanks

*Mrs. Gilmore,
Please extend my
sincere gratitude to
all of the parents
who helped out
Friday night. It
means a lot to have
parents support the
activities we provide
for our students. I
had parents with me
from the initial
decoration set-up
until the last kid left
the bowling alley.
All of you are truly
great!*

Thanks again.

*Michelle Barnes,
ASMSA Community
Developer*

Glamour, glitz and good times! ASMSA students enjoyed a terrific evening on Friday, April 20th. The evening began with an informal gathering for pictures in the main lobby of the RLO. Due to rain, the students were transported to the Arlington.



Prom Night – Arlington Hotel

At the Arlington, more pictures were taken. (see postings on the PA Facebook page) Then over 200 students gathered inside the ballroom for dinner, a prize-give-away, court crowning followed by dancing. When the last song played, the students still had a few moves left. Students were headed to some casual fun at the bowling alley. Whether students made strikes or gutter balls, all of them were treated to pizza and snacks provided by the Parents Association. In fact, more tables were set up just to serve it all. The response from parents was overwhelming. What wonderful memories as the 2011-2012 school year draws to a close!

Special thanks to all the parents who participated behind the scenes and at the Prom.

Parents. . .

- *helped transport items to the ballroom and then set up and decorate the ballroom.*
- *supported in multiple ways from extra snacks to corsages to fashion preparation and hair styling to taking pictures.*

There were well over 20 parents who supported the Prom. Just too many people and too many ways to list! The support was overwhelming.

In addition, an energetic, faithful bunch gathered again to chaperone the After-Prom party at the bowling alley. The fun and fellowship lasted way into Sunday morning! Parents were there to share in all the fun and festivities.

Prom

2012

Prom Coordinator Michelle Barnes Honored by PA and Students

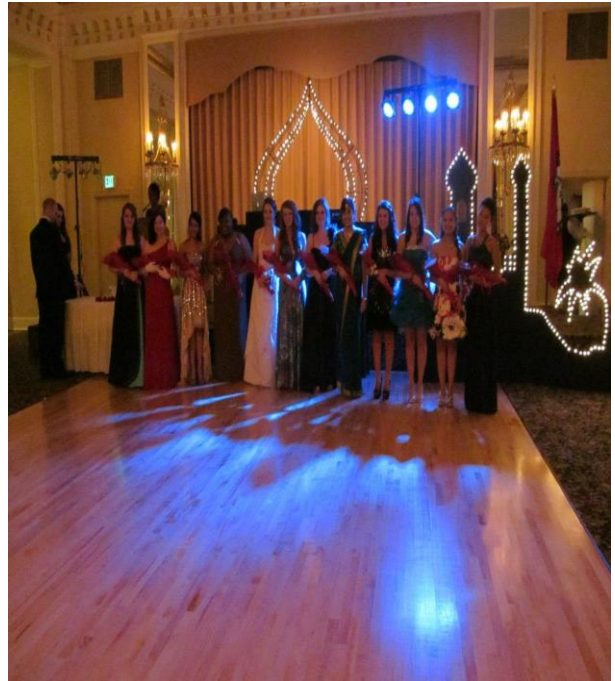


To hear that Community Developer Michelle Barnes is hard at work is no surprise. But to hear that she is speechless is quite a surprise! What made her so? She received special cards from the students attending 2012 Prom last Friday evening. As Michelle was busy with other duties of the evening, parents secretly mingled among the students with thank you cards for Michelle. Students shared their gratitude in written form with kind words and best wishes for our very own ASMSA Prom Coordinator. These cards were presented to Michelle during the evening's presentations just before the dancing began.

"Prom is a highlight of the year for students," explained Michelle. "I strive each year to make it special for them." Michelle is certainly special to us!

Photo Highlights from Prom 2012

See lots more photos on the Parents Association Facebook page - - indeed, there are over 300 of them!



Gratitude is a Powerful Thing: Saying Thank You, Giving Back

APPRECIATION SLIDESHOW PREP

Call for letters – Ever thought about how to say *thank you* in a special way to those who have made the ASMSA experience better?

In our last newsletter, an article described our Annual Appreciation Slideshow. Several of you have responded with submissions of written sentiments and accompanying photos. Thank you for those and *keep 'em coming!*

Have you heard about our annual Appreciation Slideshow? We'd like to include your testimonials and/or thank you notes. These will be compiled into a slide show, then sent to staff and faculty via email to convey our gratitude for the fine job the faculty and staff do at our school.

Wondering what to say or how to get started? First, select a photo of your family or your student. Then, just share your heart. For example, you could describe how your student has blossomed or matured during his/her stay at ASMSA.

This year, our target is to send it out to faculty and staff in conjunction with the national Teacher Appreciation Week, the first week in May. Please help us meet that target date by sending your submissions ASAP. If you would like to offer a few words of gratitude for the ASMSA teachers and staff, please forward your notes and/or pictures to PA President 2012-13, Martha Carlson at picksomedaisies@yahoo.com by May 1st.

Going Green with Cinderella

Have you heard how in the classic tale, Cinderella lost her slipper? Well, ASMSA has re-written the age old classic. Cinderellas at ASMSA have *found* their slippers - - and ball gowns too!

Residential Mentor, Stacey Perry, championed this year's Cinderella Project just in time for Prom. Several ASMSA girls were able to "go green" this year by participating in this project. Shopping from donations from parents and other students, girls were able to choose from a selection of Prom dresses to suit their tastes. The Cinderella Project operates on a rotation basis with the dresses being returned for use next year.

In fact, the call for dresses has created an unusual problem. Stacey explains, "This year's Cinderella Project has been very successful. While I have been thrilled with the selection we have accumulated, we are now faced with a storage dilemma."

Sometimes, there are *good* problems to have!

Special Thanks, RM's

RM stands for "Residential Mentor" and that's just what the RM's did at Prom. They exemplified skills and character that our students would do well to follow. They pitched in to help with anything to make the event a success. Transporting items, setting up, status checks and even a few strikes and/or gutter balls at the After-Prom Party showed students how leadership skills and caring about community can impact a single event. We are indebted to our RM's for contributing to another successful Prom!

Invitation to Parents



TO: ASMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION
FROM: SANDRA GILMORE, PA PRESIDENT 2011-12
RE: PUBLIC PRESENTATION FOR CANDIDATES
DATE: APRIL 18, 2012

I have been asked to extend an invitation to ASMSA parents on behalf of the Search Committee. As you know, Dr. Hugo will be retiring at the end of June. The Search Committee for the Director's position has met, narrowed the field to two final candidates and has invited those two candidates for on-campus interviews on the dates indicated below:

Tuesday, April 24 th	Marcella Dalla Rosa, EdD	3:30 – 4:15
Monday, April 30 th	Corey Alderdice	3:30 – 4:15

As a member of the Parents Association, you are cordially invited to attend the public presentation on the candidate's vision for ASMSA. These public presentations will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 3:30 to 4:15 on each of the days listed above.

For background information prior to the public presentations, application information and interview schedules are posted on the ASMSA website under the "About" tab on the home page. There will be a press release ready later this week and we will also post it on the website as soon as it is available.

The Search Committee hopes you will be able to meet the candidates and help us determine the best leader for ASMSA's future.