

The LS and MS Parents of Children of Color  
Committees (POCOCs) Book Club:

Last Spring the LS and MS POCOCs launched a very successful book club for the children of color in the lower and middle schools. We are excited to announce that we are now ready follow up with our Winter Book Club session! We would like to invite all families with children of color in the lower school to participate fully and again help us make this a wonderful, successful event. We look forward to another fun evening of books, camaraderie, community building and of course, food!

A few notes:

- \* If you are the parent of a child of color of the lower school, we invite you to read the attachment, commit to participate and invite at least one other family with a child of color in your classroom.
- \* If you are A NEW FAMILY with a child of color we particularly invite you to come and meet other families with children of color and expand your network of friendship and support within the school.
- \* You do not have to be a member of the POCOC to participate... the book club is open to all families with children of color in the lower school.
- \* If you have younger children please feel free to bring them to the Book Club BUT they must be carefully supervised to enable the older children to fully participate in the book discussions. We will be reading books to the younger ones and doing an art project with them as well.

Important dates:

- \* RSVP December 1st
- \* Book Club meeting date: December 5th 2008 6-8pm

If you have questions please email Shindy Johnson at [shindy@kenduuwa.com](mailto:shindy@kenduuwa.com)

Lower School  
Parents of Children of Color Committee  
(LS POCOC)

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

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### **THE LS and MS POCOC BOOK CLUB:**

Last Spring we launched the Book Club as a great way to get the children together in a social setting where they can get to know each other better and bond more as a community. It was a resounding success! We are excited to announce that we are now ready to present our **2<sup>nd</sup> BOOK CLUB MEETING** and we hope that you will all participate fully. Here are the details for **lower school** families:

#### **Grades 4's - 1<sup>st</sup>**

**BOOK:** To Be Decided... (Contact Shindy to RSVP and the book title and questions will be sent to you by email as soon as we have it.)

#### **Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

**BOOK:** Title: "**Amy Hodgepodge - All Mixed Up**", by Kim Waynans and Kevin Knotts

- ◆ Website <http://www.amyhodgepodge.com/>
- ◆ Places to buy:
  - **Online:** Amazon.com; Barnes and Noble.com
  - **In Store:** Barnes and Noble Stores - (Tribeca, 97 Warren St, 212-587-5389); (Union Sq. 33 East 17th Street, 212-253-0810)

**DATE:** Our Book Club will meet immediately after the Thanksgiving Break on **Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**TIME: 6:00 - 8:00pm**

**LOCATION:** Papas Room (The Big Room)

**REFRESHMENTS: Change:** Potluck Dinner including Pizza for the kids. Sign-up sheet will be placed on the PA Board in the lobby

**RSVP: December 1<sup>st</sup>** [shindy@kenduwa.com](mailto:shindy@kenduwa.com)

**FORMAT:** It will be a fun evening of books, camaraderie and food. Before the book is read (either by parent or child) we will present you (PARENT) with a few questions for you to discuss with your child/children after the book is read. These questions will be discussed at the book club meeting. Here's our proposed format:

- **Introductions/Read-Aloud**
- **Break-Out Sessions (30-45 minutes)**
  - There will be three break-out sessions by grade:- 4's - 1st; 2nd - 4th; middle school
  - Each group will have a facilitator that will lead the breakout session and art activity. (We

have a wonderful group of volunteer facilitators ranging from high school students to a teacher and a specialist)

- During the break-out sessions children will share their responses to the stories and any personal connections they may have made.
- Art Activity: Children will participate in an art activities related to the book.
- If your child wishes to respond to the book with a creative art piece prior to the meeting of our Book Club, please support her/him as needed. Children's work can then be shared with the group.
- **Family Style Dinner Change to POTLUCK**
  - Sign Up Sheet will be placed in the lobby.
  - Please bring along your favorite dish/beverage/dessert
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### WHAT YOU CAN DO/NEXT STEPS:

- Commit to participating! Please **RSVP by December 1st, 2008**
- **Volunteer** to help with planning or facilitation of the event
- **Invite** at least 1 family with a child/children of color that you know in the school!
- **Email** Shindy if you have questions
- Obtain and **read** the book with your child/have your child read the book
- **Discuss** the questions which will be posted on [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LREI\\_LowerSchool\\_POCC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LREI_LowerSchool_POCC/)
- Choose questions that you feel are appropriate for your child's age level and maturity.
- Record/have your child record her/his responses.
- Let's work together to make this another huge success!

**Looking forward to a wonderful event!**

Rhonda and Shindy