



25 YEARS AND GROWING! **Big NEWS**

A COMMUNITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL PUBLICATION

SPRING 2009

126 SOMERSET STREET, PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02907 • 401.521.9697 • FAX 401.751.1072 • www.communityprep.org

PEACE ONE DAY at Community Prep

On May 1st filmmaker Jeremy Gilley came to Community Prep to share his Peace One Day program. In 1999 Jeremy Gilley decided to try to establish the first-ever Day of Peace with a fixed calendar date. In September 2001 the Member States of the United Nations unanimously adopted the first-ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence – Peace Day, the 21st of September.



Peace One Day now works to create global awareness of the day and manifest life-saving activity and individual action throughout the world every September 21.

They are working towards an annual day of global unity; a day of intercultural cooperation on a scale that humanity has never known. The next stepping stone on this journey is to reach 3 billion people with the message of Peace Day by 2012, and they are working with governments, the UN system, non-governmental organizations, schools and corporations to achieve that.

Jeremy Gilley's Peace One Day visit to Community Prep was coordinated by Ginny Fox, a guiding force in Rhode Island's

peace movement. Senator Lincoln Chafee also was present to show his support of the program. Mr. Gilley's visit to Community Prep included a showing of his film, *The Day After Peace*, featuring Jude Law, Angelina Jolie, the Dalai Lama, Annie Lennox, Kofi Annan and Jonny Lee Miller. The film has been so successful that it has inspired others like Lenny Kravitz, Alanis Morissette, Duffy, and Paul McCartney to make their own films as part of the "My Take On Peace" project.

"It is cool to know there are ways that I can help spread peace in the world."

Mr. Gilley's visit was described by those who attended as "life changing" and "incredibly inspiring." He spoke of how one person can make a difference. "Peace One Day merges perfectly with our mission at Community Prep," explains founding head of school Dan Corley. "When we started the school twenty-five years ago, our goal was to give low-income students not only the tools to succeed in college-prep high schools, but also the grounding to become community leaders."

"I really liked what he had to say," said an 8th grader after the presentation. "It is cool to know there are ways that I can help spread peace in the world."



Remember to start your **Amazon.com** shopping trip at
www.communityprep.org
The school will get up to 8% of your purchase!

Trustee Profile: Sarah and Charley Denby

In 2006 one of the school's trustees invited Dr. Charley Denby to the Aurora Club for a "Meet Community Prep" reception.

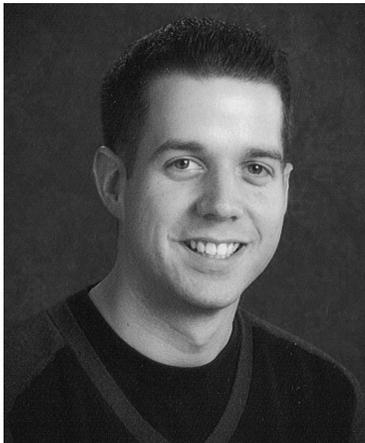
After hearing the experiences of a student, a faculty member and a graduate, he decided he wanted to get more involved. His workload, however, was increasing. He suggested that Dana, the Director of Development, call his wife, Sarah, to see if she would have some time for Community Prep. In the meantime, he decided to include Community Prep in his estate plans.

Dana invited Sarah to visit the school, where she was wowed by the students who gave her a tour and by the infamous calculator club. She decided to get involved and started tutoring a third-grade student. Sarah also agreed to join the Special Events Committee.



The Denbys quickly became part of the Community Prep family. Charley was a Chair for the The Three Doctors event, and Sarah now chairs the Special Events Committee. Community Prep was the first Board that Sarah has served on, but now she is on four. The Denbys are firm believers that everyone should have the opportunity to be educated. They see Community Prep as an important vehicle for this mission, and for the future. "We wanted to be actively involved in making a change. Community Prep is successful with so many students, their recipe is working," says Sarah.

In addition to their community outreach, the Denbys can be found skiing, playing golf, squash, and tennis. They travel frequently and enjoy entertaining friends and family, as well as their dog, the ever-friendly papillon, Apollo.



Fourth-Grade Teacher Michael Coppola wins Klingenstein Fellowship and Abraham Lincoln Fellowship

This has been a proud spring for Community Prep Fourth-Grade Teacher Michael Coppola, who has won not one but two prestigious fellowships.

The Klingenstein Summer Institute Fellowship gathers 75 teachers in the beginning years of their careers from across the country and the world for an exploration of teaching styles, educational philosophies, educational issues and personal development. Meeting for two weeks in late June, the Institute challenges participants to embrace the complexities of

the classroom and to explore the art of teaching and the delicate balance of subject mastery, judgment, intuition and creativity. This intensive program offered in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, is especially designed to make teachers more effective leaders in the classroom and throughout the school. Winners are selected from among hundreds of applicants.

"I learn so much from my students – they inspire me to become a better teacher."

The Horace Mann Lincoln Fellowship provides a five-day, all-expense paid program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Illinois. Only one teacher from each state is selected. Representatives from the Horace Mann Insurance Company came to Community Prep to award the Fellowship.

Michael takes the fellowships in stride. "I am incredibly blessed to work at Community Prep. I learn so much from my students – they inspire me to become a better teacher, which is why I applied for these fellowships. There is no other school where I'd rather be teaching. CP allows me to grow personally and professionally."

Creative Giving

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS BENEFIT STUDENTS AND SPONSOR



Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar has partnered with Community Prep to benefit its students. Fleming's is a major sponsor of the 2009 Community Prep Golf Classic. In addition, they hosted a "Wine Down Wednesday" in May and will host the annual Founders' Society Dinner in August. Corporate partnerships not only benefit Community Prep's students, they also provide an opportunity for companies to showcase their products and services to potential customers. And most importantly, they form an important link between companies and the community.

If you'd like more information about Corporate Partnerships, contact Dana DiMarco at 401-521-9697, ext. 2.

COMMUNITY PREP'S E-NEWS

Want to know more about what's going on at Community Prep?

Sign up to receive our E-NEWSLETTER!

Just email jrich@communityprep.org with "subscribe" in the heading.

CONGRATULATIONS to 7th grader Sayda Moran, who was named a state semi-finalist in the RI Center for the Book's "Letters about Literature" contest. Her letter was about *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros, and talks about her experiences growing up bilingual. The national competition drew nearly 60,000 entries.

Graduates of the Community Prep Class of 2005 will be enrolling at the following colleges:

Boston College
Boston University
Carleton College
CCRI
Connecticut College
Gettysburg College
Hampton University
Howard University
Lake Forest College
Medaille College

Rhode Island College
Roger Williams University
Salve Regina University
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
University of Delaware
University of Texas
Wheelock College

ALUMNI UPDATES

AMBER JOHNSON '07 won the Rhode Island state championship in the Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition sponsored by the National



Endowment of the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. As state champion, she was invited to the national competition in Washington D.C. Of the 300,000 who competed nation-wide, Amber placed in the top eight for the New England Region. Amber was one of five students selected by Charles Osgood to appear in a story about the competition on his *CBS Sunday Morning* show. She also attended a congressional luncheon where she met the RI congressional delegation. "Thinking back on how I earned this title, I would, without question, give thanks to my teachers at Community Prep. They truly nurtured my ability to not only put myself confidently in the forefront, but also to encourage my peers to do the same."

LISA OK '05 and **LUCEY OK '06** are both winners of the prestigious Gates Scholarship. They were both eligible to graduate from high school at the end of their junior year, and will receive a full college scholarship. Lisa is attending Connecticut College and Lucey will attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Currently, Lucey is doing an internship at Community Prep, working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

The large Ok family has a long history at Community Prep. Rosey Ok graduated in 2004 and younger brothers, Alex and Fellyx, currently attend the school.

Check out the new
Community Prep
page on **Facebook!**

Become a fan to get all the latest updates.

Thinking Green and Saving Green!

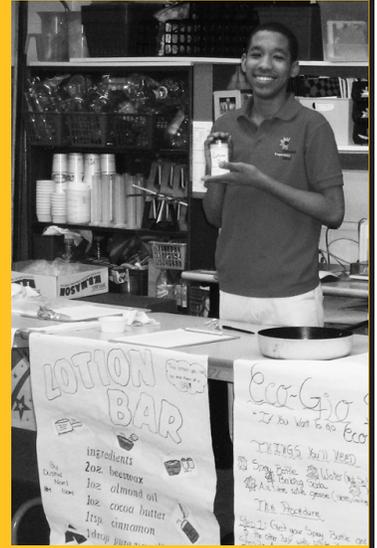
This has been an exciting year for Community Prep's environmental efforts. A grant from the Morning Glory Foundation enabled the school to install energy-efficient light fixtures and switches, insulate windows and air conditioners, and install energy-saving devices on various machines. Not only do these improvements

**"In a recession,
it is important to
save money."**

save energy, they save money, which leaves more available to fund scholarships for students in need.

Eighth-grade students learned first-hand about the benefits of environmental upgrades when they used spreadsheets and graphs to calculate energy savings. They compared "before and after" electric and gas bills for the school and determined that the school saved 22% on electricity, equivalent to \$3,200 per year, and 18% saving on gas, equivalent to \$2,600 per year, thanks to the upgrades. "Making the graph was the best part of the project," says eighth grader Jonathan Ibanez. "In a recession, it is important to save money."

In other curricular areas, students are learning various ways to minimize their environmental impact. Seventh graders conducted surveys of school-wide energy use and made recommendations of how students and families can become more efficient. Eighth graders made and presented their own "Eco-Solutions" – environmentally-friendly cleaning and health and beauty products made from ingredients found in the home. Students in the after-school program learned to make fun and useful things from recycled materials. And, we recently held a school-wide environmental poster contest. The posters are still up on display, so feel free to drop by the school to see all the ways our students encourage us to be good to the planet.



printed on 100%
post-consumer recycled paper

**Community Prep has a new
Facebook page!
Check it out for photos,
links and events!**

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PROVIDENCE, RI
PERMIT #1104

Community Preparatory School
126 Somerset Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02907
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

