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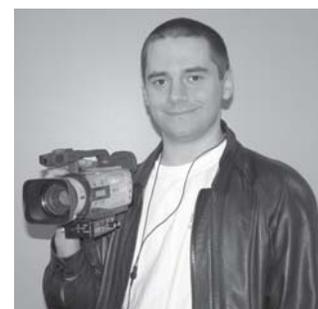
## **Varsity Cross Country Continues Their Winning Ways**

The Carolina Day School girls cross country team met another of their big goals on October 11<sup>th</sup>, winning the elite Championship Division of the 4 Runners Only Invitational (aka Tanglewood) in decisive fashion. Led by Senior Brenna Burns' second place finish, the girls defeated 16 other teams with a score of 79 points, while runner-up Providence Day was a distant second with 103. Other scorers for the Wildcats were Taylor Barr, Laura Kaplan, Cate McLean and Megan Saunders. Marley Burns and Valerie Kuehne rounded out the varsity seven. The win places the girls as the top cross country team in the state, large or small, public or private.

In maybe the biggest surprise of the day, the boys won the Open (small school) division behind the second place finish of Senior Chris Saenger. The rest of the varsity team—all freshmen and sophomores—ran most of the race as a tight pack and finished with 55 points, beating ten other teams from the ranks of 1A and 2A public schools, plus a number of independents. This meet is specifically meant to be a warm-up for the public school state meet, run every year at Tanglewood Park outside Winston Salem, but the meet organizers welcome all teams from within North Carolina. In that sense it becomes an unofficial all-comers state championship, with over fifty schools from throughout the state participating in this year's meet.

## **Asheville Film Festival Features Ted Van Duyn**

Ted Van Duyn, a senior, has had a film selected for showing at the first-ever Asheville Film Festival. Ted's short documentary grew out of a Modern European History project from Joe Mouer's class. Ted's film, "Deliberate Un-involvement," will be screened at the Diana Wortham Theatre on November 7 during the 12 to 2 P.M. time slot. Ted's competition was mostly with university film students from around the country, including the NC School of the Arts, University of Southern California, New York Film Academy, and more.



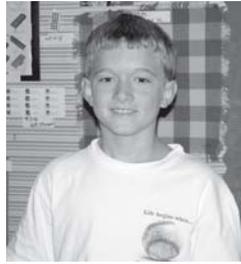
## **Roots and Shoots Chapter Grows**

The Upper School now boasts of having one of the newest chapters of "Roots and Shoots," an environmental organization sponsored by the Jane Goodall Institute. Chase Pickering, president, and Ginna Curry, vice president, lead monthly meetings of the CDS chapter of over 30 students. Dora Nelson is the adviser to the organization which hopes to raise awareness and concern for the human community, wildlife, and the environment. The CDS chapter will be helping to build a flight cage for "Wild for Life," a local wildlife rehabilitation center which specializes in birds of prey. This spring "Roots and Shoots" plans a clean-up float trip down the French Broad River. The CDS chapter is working closely with the chapter at Warren Wilson College. Chase has been a wildlife rehabilitator for several years and was inspired to help form this chapter after meeting Jane Goodall last year.



## Did You Know?

**Lawson McDonald** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) ran the *Asheville Citizen-Times* Half Marathon on September 20. He covered the 13.1 mile course in two hours and nine minutes, winning a bronze medal in the nineteen and under division. He was also recognized as the youngest runner in the race.



**Will Newman** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) ran away with several photography awards at the NC Mountain State Fair including some blue ribbons. Will's photos are on display right now outside of Dr. Sgro's office.

**Josh Carter** (11<sup>th</sup> grade) was one of only ten players to make the all-tournament team at the Ravenscroft Soccer Invitational. This tournament is the most prestigious independent school tourney in North Carolina. He was the only "keeper" to make the team.



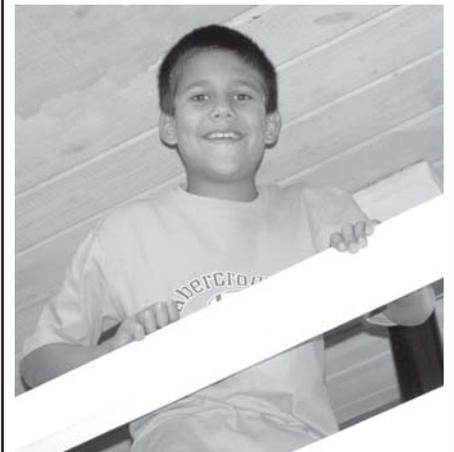
**Matt Melton**, Facilities Manager, competed in the United States Ju-Jitsu National Championships placing first. He also placed first in the U.S. Open Championships. Matt competed in the heavyweight division. These championships are qualifying events for the JJIF International Championships to be held in Spain later this year.



**Rachel Newman** (12th grade) and **Charlotte Hageman** (9th grade) volunteered their photography services to the YWCA "Mother Love" program. They photographed the unwed teenage moms and their babies and presented them with the photographs as part of their service projects.

## A Lesson in Compassion

There was a very special "character moment" that occurred on the day of the pre-kindergarten's Annual Monarch Migration. It was a long journey for our little "monarchs" as they migrated to Mexico (across the field to the Upper School, then to the Middle School, and finally through the Lower School). Their last stop was the fourth grade classrooms, where they walked through and then returned to their own classrooms. There was one last straggler, and he became worried when he realized he had lost his mom and his class. Fourth grader **Ben Groh** put his arm around him and said, "Are you all right? I can help you. I'm your friend." The child sniffled, "I don't know where my mommy is." Ben responded, "I will take care of you. Your mommy may be in your classroom. I will take you there." Ben then walked the little lost butterfly back to the PK. When Ben returned to the fourth grade, his classmates spontaneously applauded him. What a wonderful example of what matters most!



*Ben Groh*

## Around the Campus

Lidia Lopez, a Mayan weaver, visits with the lower school students. Lidia spent the day sharing Guatemalan culture, food, and the traditional weaving techniques that she is striving to keep alive.



Internationally known painter and architect Bennett Strahan visited Laurie Cousseau's class in the Key School on Friday, October 10. Close friend of CDS parents Joni and Tim Newell, Strahan says his dyslexia is a gift that has helped his art more than anything.

*Seventh grader Griff Dowdy shows Debby Wolcott a few dance steps.*



**Daniel DeBrecht** (11<sup>th</sup> grade) demonstrates the ceremonial headwear he constructed to relate the folklore of the Lakota Sioux tribe. Daniel's presentation was one of four in U.S. History in Joel Underwood's fourth-period class.



**Le Vent du Nord**, a traditional folk band from Quebec, provided a lively afternoon of entertainment. The quartet performs on a variety of instruments including fiddle, guitar, percussion, accordion, and even a hurdy-gurdy. The band rounded out the program with vocals and step-dancing. CDS French students were invited to participate in a workshop after the program.

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## CSI—Asheville Key School Style

It was only a matter of time before the producers of CSI decided to start a show based in Asheville. "Who killed Felix?" is the question six students must ponder during the first criminology class taught at the Key School. As part of the new "Talents" program at Key, the criminology class is centered on solving a murder. The murder was staged and roped off as if it were real. The students' job is to sort through a myriad of clues and suspects to solve the crime. Along the way they will learn about fingerprinting and chromatography techniques.

The class began with a bang when two disguised and unnamed staff members (Becky Davis and Mark Levin) burst into the criminology classroom squirting everyone with water guns, whooping and/or blowing bubbles. Following the instant commotion that resulted, the students were asked to accurately describe the pranksters as if for a police report. Since then, the students have had a visit from Chief Ray of the Biltmore Forest Police and gone on a field trip to the crime lab of Asheville's Police Department.

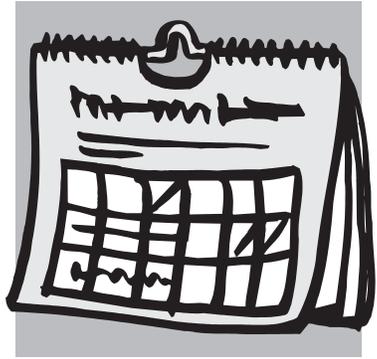
Student enthusiasm has run high as the students work through inferences and facts. Critical thinking is stressed throughout the class. All responses have been positive and everyone has their own theory about who killed Felix. Or, is he really dead since his body disappeared...



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## November 2003

|             |       |                                                                          |
|-------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday    | 1     | SAT I & II                                                               |
| Saturday    | 1     | Key School Saturday Seminar                                              |
| Tuesday     | 4     | No School—Michael Thompson Workshop for Teachers                         |
| Tuesday     | 4     | Parent Session with Michael Thompson—7 P.M.                              |
| Wednesday   | 5     | Upper School PAC Meeting—8:30 A.M.                                       |
| Thursday    | 6     | Lower School Musical-Student Performance—9:00 A.M.                       |
| Friday      | 7     | Lower School Musical-Evening Performance—7:00 P.M.                       |
| Friday      | 7     | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester—Lower School, Key School, Middle School |
| Monday      | 10    | No School for Lower School/Key School/Middle School—Teacher Workday      |
| Monday      | 10    | Bell Notes Deadline                                                      |
| Tuesday     | 11    | Blood Drive in the US Student Center sponsored by the Highlander Society |
| Thursday    | 13    | Upper School Fall One-Act Plays—7 P.M. in the Lower Gym                  |
| Friday      | 14    | Upper School Interim                                                     |
| Tuesday     | 18    | Key School PAC Meeting—8:30 A.M.                                         |
| Tuesday     | 18    | Single-Gender Education Forums for Middle School Parents—7:00 P.M.       |
| Wednesday   | 19    | Parent Council Meeting—8:30 A.M.                                         |
| Friday      | 21    | Lower School Character Education Assembly—8:45 A.M.                      |
| Tuesday     | 25    | No Middle School/Key School—Parent Conferences                           |
| Wed. – Fri. | 26-28 | Thanksgiving Holidays—School Closed                                      |



Please check the CDS Website for updated events at: [www.cdschool.org](http://www.cdschool.org).

### Calendar Highlights

**November 4**—Michael Thompson, nationally known child psychologist and author of several best-selling parenting and education books including *Best Friends, Worst Enemies* and *Raising Cain*, is presenting an evening session for parents and visitors on November 4. Tickets are on sale now. The program will be held in the CDS Lower Gym starting at 7 P.M. More information can be found on the website at: [www.cdschool.org](http://www.cdschool.org). School will be closed that day so that teachers can attend workshops led by Dr. Thompson.

**November 7**—The curtain rises at 7 P.M. for the Lower School's production of the musical *Abracadabra Alladin*. Over 60 children in grades two through five are involved in this very lively production.

**November 13**—The Upper School Theatre Department presents two one-act plays prior to their presentation in the N.C. Theatre Contest. These two period pieces, suitable for all audiences, include *She Stoops to Conquer*, a comedy dealing with mistaken identity and romance, and *Bernice Bobs Her Hair*, which deals with teenagers in the 1920's. The curtain will rise at 7 P.M. in the lower gym.



### Annual Fund Fun Fact

Did you know that \$1 of every \$25 of the School's annual budget is paid for by the CDS Annual Fund?

Support the Annual Fund early and generously when contacted.

*Elizabeth Tindall and  
Mallory Fuller,  
Annual Fund Co-chairs*

**Memories in the making**—Reserve your 2003-2004 Carolina Day School Yearbook by the Holiday Breakfast and save \$35.

Order forms are available from each division's administrative assistant.

## Sports News—Middle School Cross Country



**The Girls Team:** Rachael Maddox, Erin Gallagher, and Lauren Caery. **The Boys Team:** Benjamin Birdsong, Cameron Moubray, Andrew Bradshaw, John Campbell, Robert Saenger, Perry Bartsch, and Graham Gallagher. Not pictured—Wynn Barringer.

The middle school cross country team ran nine meets this season against area public schools. Finishing the season in fine fashion, each team member lowered their individual times by one and a half minutes or more. The boys team really poured it on at the end of the season, consistently placing fourth out of the area teams. The girls were only three strong, two short of a full team—but what they lacked in numbers, they made up for in quality. The team ran well and were the best cheerleaders around!

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“It was such an amazing experience— high school students from so many different schools coming together to discuss the issues that affect our lives. The opinions and ideas expressed created an atmosphere of excitement. I am so glad to be a part of something so meaningful to high schoolers.”



**Leanna Hall, 11th Grader,** on the recent WNC Leadership Conference sponsored by CDS.

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## Library News

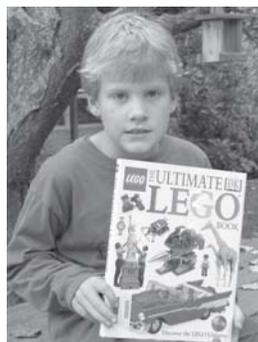
**Info to go!** Now students (and faculty) working on research for papers and projects can access helpful library information resources at any time of day or night and from anywhere in the world at the CDS Library website.

The library website (**available at: [www.cdschool.org/Library/Libraryhome.htm](http://www.cdschool.org/Library/Libraryhome.htm)**, or link from the CDS main page) has a wealth of helpful information. Among the most frequently used:

- **Library Helpsheets**  
Information for specific class assignments, ideas for searching for library books in the online catalogue, and hints and tips for research, and more.
- **The Library’s Web Catalogue**
- **Magazine Databases**  
Several databases with access to thousands of articles from magazines, newspapers, reference books, photographs, audio and video clips, statistics, and more.
- **Government Information**
- **Quick Reference**  
Links to sites that can give a quick answer from dictionaries, thesauruses, and a wealth of information, including how to cite a paper in the proper MLA format

- **Homework help sites**
- **Cool Stuff**  
See your house from space, read book reviews by teenagers, find out how everything works, and experience the powers of ten!
- And more!

The library website is maintained by upper school librarian Kay St. Clair who says, “It’s designed to load fast and get you where you need to go for quality information, even if you’re at home and it’s 2 A.M. (though we don’t recommend that!).”



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### Birthday Books

Jackson Krupnick, who was 9 on October 16 donated *The Ultimate LEGO Book*. For a list of all the recent birthday books—visit the website at: [www.cdschool.org/Birthdaybooks.htm](http://www.cdschool.org/Birthdaybooks.htm).