

Dear Vikings & Vixens:

It disappeared as mysteriously as it touched down right in front of Thornton-Donovan's campus. The folks across the street looked out early Thursday morning and saw a giraffe with a baby on the roof of T-D and a Viking ship moored on the green right in front of their eyes. Things may never be the same again as our neighbors began to re-read Dan Brown's DaVinci Code for some kind of explanation. Helen of Troy would have loved T-D's launch party. Maybe it was the malt in our stars. Thank God alternate street parking was suspended for everyone called Leif. Oh what a "Opus Dayo" the first day of school was!

On Tuesday, September 16 three new Thornton-Donovan faculty members will be welcomed outside the Lions Art Studio at 3:15 pm. Parents and their progeny are invited to the gathering. Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Pugliese and Mrs. Arbisi will be toasted by the Parent-Teacher Partnership. You can count on refreshments.

On Monday, September 22, International Peace Day, T-D's sixth to 12 graders will participate in a Peace Program outside the White House at 2:15 pm. I'll be looking for a few speakers. Any parent who wants to give peace a chance can contact me right now. K-5 will be invited to listen in and become engaged.

FLC's kick in on September 23 and 24. The Campbell youngsters from Belize will be front and center and the Faculty Luncheon Conference will be a shiner primer as both Jordan and Quincy have so much to offer. Any parent looking for a model teen should meet them personally.

Before T-D's world turns to month #10, our soccer team will have played its first away game in Lancaster, PA. Steven Schlitten has promised a fun filled day and I hope many parents join the caravan of cars to support our hungry Lions. More specs will follow later on. Saturday, September 27 is the day.

The Parent-Teacher Partnership is back in action once again with a Wine & Cheese party on Tuesday, September 30th. It will be held at the White House at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited and it is on the house so to speak.

For October, the following dates should be noted:

10/9 – Leif Erikson Day at Coney Island – Grades 6-12

10/10-10/14 – Here Come the Irish (Chicago-St. Louis – Hemmingway-Dred Scot, Notre Dame-UNC-the 49ers-Rams

10 Benjamins or so gets you there. Please call T-D ASAP

10/19 – The PSAT exam at T-D – 9:00 am

10/21 – SAT Prep course begins

10/23 – Here Come the Italians from Arezzo. Host families needed

10/30 – T-D visits BAM Brooklyn Academy of Music – Grades 9-12 Program – "The Salt of the Earth"

Check it out on BAM's website <http://www.bam.org/>

In the interim grades K-6 can accommodate any bright and curious whipper snapper. In grades 7-12 there is no room for snapping whippers.

Please enjoy the happiness of these pursuits. They are better than the pursuit of happiness.

Very truly yours,

Douglas E. Fleming, Jr.

Headmaster

N.B. On October 11 – T-D celebrates Halloween. Grades K-5