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John Dues (effective

June 1)

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Thank you to the volunteers from Fairmount Presbyterian Church for providing lunch to the Zealous Schools Teachers during professional development on Friday afternoons. Teachers and staff are very grateful for the generous gifts of time and talent!

1. GRADUATION JUNE 11

On Friday, June 11 the class of 2018 will graduate from E Prep's 8th grade. This year, the graduation ceremony will take place at the Cleveland Playhouse's Bolton Theater! We are grateful that the Playhouse has generously invited our school to their magnificent venue. There are a limited number of extra tickets available for the graduation at 1 pm. Former Cleveland Browns running back, Jason Wright, will be our featured speaker. Plus, you will hear from several E Prep graduates and get to meet our new Head of School. If you are interested in attending, please call Shannon at 216-373-2795.

2. 8TH GRADERS ACCEPTED TO HIGH SCHOOLS

E Prep students to college-prep high schools! Our E Prep to High School Department has been hard at work helping our students find the right schools. As of the date this is written, over 85% of our graduates have been accepted to college prep high schools such as St. Martin de Porres, Horizon Science Academy, John Hay Campus, Western Reserve Academy, and Andrews Osborne. Last year's grads report that they were well-prepared for high school and the schools report that they are representing E Prep very well.

3. ANNUAL FUND NEEDS

As fiscal 2010 draws to a close in about one month, it is critical that we ask all of our friends to consider a final generous gift before June 30th. 2009 was a little behind 2008, and 2010 is a little behind 2009, yet the number of children served has increased. Please respond when you receive a letter from one of our 8th graders or go to www.eprepschool.org today to make an on-line donation. Thanks.

4. VILLAGE PREP ACADEMIC RESULTS

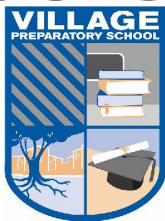
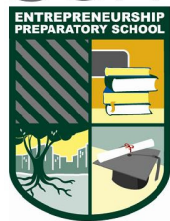
Have you seen the little scholars yet? Village Prep's kindergarteners are excelling! Please make a point to visit before school ends on June 10. Every Friday morning at 8 am: Unity Circle – always inspiring and guests are welcome! Over 2/3 of our K scholars are now reading at or above 1st grade level! Congratulations to our hard-working, mission-driven Village Prep teaching team. Unbelievable results!

5. NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL ARRIVES

John Dues started as a Teach for America teacher in 2001. He served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at one of the highest rated urban charter schools in Denver, West Denver Prep, from 2005-2008. From there, he moved back to his home state of Ohio to serve for 2 years as Co-Director of a start up school, Columbus Collegiate Academy. CCA, patterned after the highly acclaimed Building Excellent Schools model (E Prep's model), was the top rated middle school in Columbus as measured by the State's performance index. We are extremely fortunate to have John join us during this critical growth phase as we continue to improve E Prep, grow Village Prep, and make plans for our next school: Cleveland Collegiate Preparatory School to open in 2011. On June 1, John joined our Zealous Schools team as Head of Schools. Welcome, John!!

6. BREAKTHROUGH CHARTER SCHOOLS

The formal collaboration between Citizens' Academy, The Intergenerational School, E Prep and Village Prep is rapidly moving forward. We expect to have Breakthrough providing some services to all schools on July 1! The Breakthrough CMO (Charter Management Organization) is patterned after the very successful Uncommon Schools model on the east coast. Alan Rosskamm leads this initiative.



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