

From the Association president...

This space highlights current issues and meetings as well as upcoming events, decisions, and volunteer “opportunities”.

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January 20, 2008: Last Saturday’s January Board meeting marked a milestone in the Association’s efforts to use technology to increase the participation in the workings of the Board by parents living outside of a comfortable drive radius from Flint. In the past, participation has been limited to parents living close to Kettering. These parents have never failed to meet the challenge by volunteering when needed. New web technology gives us the ability to reach beyond this group. We hope that this will help us better fulfill our mission to improve the communication between our many parents and the university.

The new (for us) Blackboard application is currently used by all Kettering students for tracking their grades, participating in discussions, and many other academic-related tasks. It provides an interface for on-line collaboration as well as a convenient location for holding discussions, highlighting issues, archiving meeting minutes. We hope to determine whether it can do the same for us.

In the meantime I will be contacting a small group of parents who expressed an interest to help us try out this new communications tool and determine how we might best use it in the future when we open it up to all the parents.

The annual “Prep for Success” events start in February (2nd). If you would like to participate in the Parents Forum or the evening social with the parents of prospective students, please contact me. I’ve enjoyed doing this since last year and encourage everyone to consider joining us. The dinner and social are free for volunteers. (Note that the February 18th event does not include a Parents Social in the evening.) Use this link for the Parents Volunteer form used to volunteer for these events:
<http://www.kettering.edu/parents/docs/ParentVolunteerRegistrationForm.doc>.

Prep for Success Dates

February 2, 2008	(Saturday)	Institute of Arts
February 9	(Saturday)	Institute of Arts
February 18	(Monday)	
March 1	(Saturday)	Institute of Arts
March 14	(Friday)	Sloan Museum
April 19	(Saturday)	Sloan Museum

Finally, if you think of anything that would have been helpful to a new parent that we could have done, please let me know via the email link below.

Cordially,

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