

From the Head of School

New Year Brings Enthusiasm and Renewal as Students Grow Academically

Happy New Year! Yikes, we got off to a cold start on Wednesday, but at least a very cool Tuesday gave us some forewarning.

Please make sure your children come to school appropriately dressed as we like for them to get outside for recess and PE if at all possible. Children not dressed warm enough have to stay inside during those times. Please remember a variety of heavy winter jackets are allowed but sweatshirts and fleece jackets must be BES dress code. Check the website if you have any other questions about dress code.

The sixth graders, along with help from Michelle Curtis, Ann Bauwens, Kristin Whitmire, Carla del Campo-Whalen, and their parents, did a great job of preparing us for Christmas at the Lessons and Carols service. Thanks to all of them and Rev. Penny, Jim Wood and Marty Blackburn for their usual support of our chapel services. After the busy weeks before Christmas, it is hard to believe that the next few weeks are so quiet that I have NOTHING to write about. The good news is that this a

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We hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday season and are ready for an exciting and successful 2012. Happy New Year to all of our BES families!

PSO CORNER

Welcome Back! I know each of you enjoyed a wonderful few weeks off to enjoy the Christmas holiday.

I am sad to report that Laurie Warner will be stepping down as the Hot Lunch Coordinator and the PSO Treasurer. The PSO Board has replaced her position as Hot Lunch Coordinator with Elizabeth Peck and her Treasurer position with Ann Waryold. Thank you, Laurie, for all the time and energy you have invested in these positions to make the run so smoothly. Thank you, Elizabeth and Ann, for stepping in when needed! There is no doubt that you ladies will do a fantastic job!

Becky Harkness
PSO President

Last Call for Christmas Program DVD Orders

If you are interested in ordering Christmas program DVDs, please turn in your order forms by tomorrow, January 6th to the school office. Forms can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter or on the School Forms page of the school website.

ChurchChat

*News from St. Paul's by-the-Sea
Episcopal Church*

SPBTS to Celebrate the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

St. Paul's by-the-Sea and St. Andrew AME invite you to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 15th at 4pm at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. The keynote speaker will be our own Assistant Rector, The Rev. Deborah Jackson. The UNF Chamber Singers will be among the guest musicians. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service.



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tremendous learning time for the students. By this time of the school year, most of the concepts covered in the classroom are new to the students so they are working hard and challenged. We always see especially impressive academic growth in the kindergarten and first grade students so be prepared to witness great things.

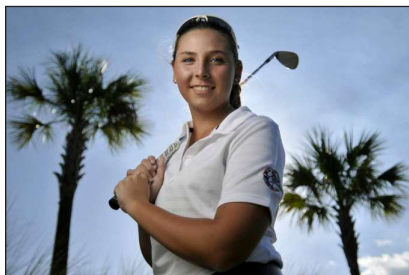
I hope you had a wonderful and safe Christmas break and wish you many blessings in the New Year.

Jackie

ALUMNI UPDATE

BES Alum Recognized as All-First Coast Girls Golfer of the Year

BES congratulates alum Mia Zanghetti, junior at The Bolles School, for being recognized as the All-First Coast Girls Golfer of the Year. After tying for third in the district tournament, she shot 72 at the UF Mark Bostick Golf Course to win the



Mia Zanghetti (photograph courtesy of Will Dickey, Florida Times-Union)

regional title and advance to the Class 1A state tournament as an individual. She was only three shots off the lead after the first

round of the state tournament and finished tied for 13th, the highest finish for an area players in the Class 1A tournament. You can read the entire article about her accomplishments in the Florida Times-Union [here](#).

Denim Day to Benefit BEAM on Jan. 27th

BES is happy to announce that proceeds from Denim Day on Friday, Jan. 27th will go towards BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry). BEAM's mission is to keep families in their homes and help them become self-sufficient. Students may bring in \$1 or more and wear jeans with dress code tops.

Sibling Applications Being Accepted for 2012-2013 School Year!

Parents, please make plans to register your child's siblings for the 2012-2013 school year. You may download an application on our website, BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org, or you can pick one up directly from our Admissions Director, Heather Galloway. Please call her at (904) 246-2466 ext. 133 for more information.



Development Corner

Happy New Year from the Development Office!



"Pave the Way" Brick Sale

What a rewarding way to start the New Year and a wonderful way to honor your child, family, grandchild and our school, by purchasing a "Pave the Way" brick that will be a part of the school

forever. Your personalized brick(s) will be placed in the center of McCormick Hall for everyone to enjoy for years to come. The brick order form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter and on the BES website, BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org. Please contact either Michelle Leemis or Lisa Allen if you have any questions. Order deadline is Friday, January 27th.

Denim & Diamonds Social

Are you ready for the Social event of the year? Come join us wearing your *Denim & Diamonds* on Friday, March 2nd at the Ponte Vedra Club for a fantastic evening out. Get the baby sitter lined up, put on your dancing shoes, and get ready to dance the night away.

If you know anyone that would like to donate an auction item



for the Social please contact either Michelle Leemis or Lisa Allen. Anything and everything is greatly appreciated. We have many exciting donations already but would love more.

Grandma Says

"Grandma Says" is a feature of
Growing Child Magazine

BOOK OF THE MONTH: A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCGEE

By Philip Stead, *Roaring Brook Press, 2011*

This year's Caldecott Medal winner for the most distinguished picture book for children is a true gem. The lovely pencil drawings and wood block prints beautifully illustrate the quiet little tale of true friendship.

Amos the zookeeper goes off to work at the City Zoo every day, and he always makes time for his friends, playing patient chess with the elephant, running races with the tortoise (who never ever loses), and reading stories to the owl—who is afraid of the dark—at dusk.

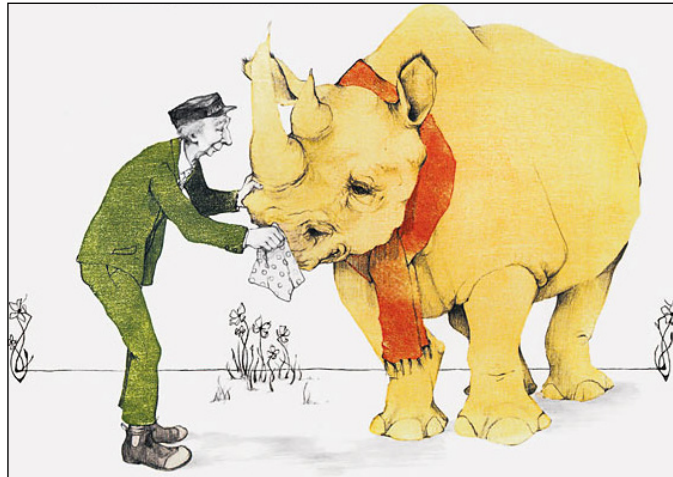
But when Amos gets sick and doesn't arrive for work, his friends all wonder what to do, and then they go to see him. (The wordless pictures of them all waiting for the bus and then overloading it are priceless.)

At Amos' house, they care for him tenderly, by doing just the same activities that he had so lovingly taught each of them.

Some of the important learning we offer our children as they grow relates to the concern and caring that are part of true friendship. In the beginning, children's relationships tend to be quite one-sided, as they relate to others in terms of their personal needs and wants.

It's all about what they can get out of the friendship, without any particular disquiet when the other has needs or difficulties. This is the nature of the human child, to be quite egocentric.

How, then, can parents support movement from this state of centering on self to an ability to empathize, to realize how others feel and what they might need?



Parents can act as narrators and interpreters of others' responses, stating aloud the reactions of others, as in "Sandy isn't feeling well today, so she told you she doesn't want to play just now."

As children are introduced to others' feelings and needs, they slowly come to widen their perspective beyond themselves.

As they understand that the outlooks and wishes of others are important to their parents, they adopt new behaviors. They do this first in imitation of the beloved parent, and later because they realize that helping and caring for others achieves something for them as well.

Coaching children in compassionate behaviors gives them demonstrable actions to take, as in "Maybe you could share your book with Sandy, to help cheer her up."

Children who have received such suggestions, and also have seen their parents

behave kindly to others, soon learn that specific caring actions win gratitude and returned friendship.

Perhaps the biggest mistake parents make is in assuming that egocentric young children have to remain that way, that time alone will help them learn to be caring individuals.

This is just not so.

Children need example, direct instruction, coaching, and support so they can discover how to become fully involved in the world of others.

Without it, they are liable to remain as egocentric adults, alone in their own world. My guess is that you and I have all met such unhappy and undeveloped individuals.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee is a lovely book that can help you explore the idea of caring friendship with your youngsters.

Pave the Way For Future Generations

Support BES by purchasing a brick!

What a wonderful way to honor your child, grandchild, your family and our school. All personalized bricks are located in the center of McCormick Hall for all the children to enjoy. This is a perfect location for the kids to look down and see their name in a brick, along with the names of their friends and classmates.

Each brick can consist of up to 3 lines. There are 20 characters per line which may consist of letters and spaces.

Bricks are \$75.00 and will create a memory that will last forever. Please make checks payable to "Beaches Episcopal School."

Order deadline is Friday, January 27, 2012.



Brick Order #1:

Brick Order #2:

Your donation to the courtyard is appreciated!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

LESSON & CAROLS



***DON'T
MISS
OUT ON THE
MEMORIES***

PURCHASE YOUR DVD FOR \$20

DVD Order Form

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Quantity: _____ Payment: Check # _____

Make checks payable to BES



PK & K

Christmas Program

Tues. Dec. 13th @ 10 a.m.

Don't miss out on the memories.

**Purchase your child's performance
on a DVD for only \$20.**



Order Form

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Make checks payable to BES