

From the Head of School

Emphasis on Global Citizenship as New Year Begins; Monthly Denim Days Coming

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a safe and fun-filled holiday break. It was good to have all the children back on Tuesday, and I hope the break was long enough that you did not miss having them at home too much.

This Thursday and Friday, our kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade students will be participating in the *Good Touch, Bad Touch* program, so if you have a child in that grade, please read the email sent to you by your child's classroom teacher. This is a quality program that addresses the personal safety of your child in an age-appropriate way.

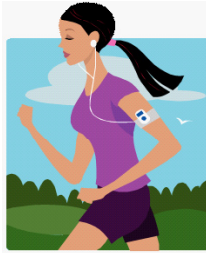
Our January Eucharist took place on Wednesday and it was a great way to start the school year. We were pleased that Father Jernagan, a priest at Christ Church and a BES Board member, could be with us for the service. Reverend Penny and her husband are on a two week vacation to Vietnam.

Next Wednesday, the Chinese Acrobats will be here to entertain our students. We hear they are fabulous and would love to have you join us in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. that morning.

This is a busy time for year for admissions and we will be having our final Admissions Open Houses on Thursday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who may be in search of a quality education for their children. If you have a sibling that will be joining us at BES next year, please be sure to get the application in to us as soon as possible.

As a part of our *Global Citizenship Awareness* program,
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Girls on the Run Added as New After School Program!



A new program is coming to BES called *Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida* (GOTR). The mission of GOTR is to provide a life-changing experience for all girls ages 8-11 years old (3rd – 5th grade only). Each meeting will combine running and training for a non-competitive 5K race with life lessons along the way to encourage healthy habits, self-esteem, positive thinking and an active lifestyle. A complete list of after school activities at BES is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Consider a Gift to the Annual Giving Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Annual Giving Campaign. Currently, our parent participation is 40%. Help us to hit our goal of 100% by donating today. Our Phone-A-Thon is fast approaching, so get your donations in before the phone calls begin!



FLAG FOOTBALL GAME RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19TH



The Gr. 6 Flag Football Game has been re-scheduled. It has been moved from Thursday, January 21st to Friday, March 19th at 2 p.m. on Hixon Field.

SIBLING APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2010-2011

Classes are filling up for next year, so don't wait to turn in your sibling application(s). Positions are held for siblings and parish members until Feb. 1st. After this date, admission will be open to individuals outside of the school and the church. You may download an application on our website or you can pick up one directly from our Admissions Director, Heather Wainright in the school office.

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during the second half of the school year each of our grade levels will be learning about a variety of global issues and what they might do to make a difference. The grade level teachers will keep you informed about what issue is being discussed and what project the students have decided on to raise money. Our children are regularly donating items and money to specific local organizations, and I am frequently approached by parents about the possibility of fundraising for a "favorite" local non-profit organization. We have decided to choose one non-profit organization a month to highlight and raise money for by allowing students to wear denim on a specified day for \$1.00. Information will be given to the students so they can talk about how the organization benefits the community during their morning meetings. We have selected the non-profits for January through May of this year, but if you have a suggestion for next year, let me know and we will start over next year. We are excited about using these opportunities to make our children even more aware of their importance to their community and the world. January 29th is our first Denim Day and the donations will be going to Wolfson Children's Hospital.

You should have received your child's re-enrollment contract by now. Please read the cover letter carefully because it contains some important information that I want to make sure you are aware of. We are looking forward to the return of all our students next year, except for our sixth graders, of course!

The students will have Martin Luther King's birthday off on Monday, January 18th and we will resume classes on Tuesday, January 19th. It seems too soon to be talking about the next day off!

Enjoy the weekend and stay close to the fireplace!
Jackie

Parent Social News!

If you are interested in volunteering for the our Annual Parent Social and Silent Auction, please join us for our first meeting of 2010! The meeting will be held on Friday, January 8th at 8:05 a.m. in Christopher Lobby (at St. Paul's by-the-Sea). The entrance is directly across the street from the entrance to McCormick Hall.

There are plenty of opportunities to help both before and during the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Leigh Palmer in the Development Office at 246-2466 x112.

Time to Unscramble to Win!

Hopefully, you've been unscrambling words for the past weeks! If so, do you know the theme of the social by now? If not, you can look for the insert in this newsletter to solve the puzzle!



Children's Choir Starts Up Soon!

The Children's Choir practice resumes on January 12th. All 2nd - 6th graders are invited to join. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and are learning some great music! For more information, please call Jonathan Easter at 249-4091 x102.

Grandma Says

"Grandma Says" is a feature of Growing Child Magazine

Food for thought
Yes, I'm a grandma, and have therefore I've been around a while. Yes, I know the world has changed and is constantly changing, and it behooves us all to adapt along with it.

My career spent in early education also convinces me that some truths are unchanging, and today's parents would do well to ponder them. So, with that understanding, let's consider--with love and support--some important places that parenting today may err in some directions that are not best for children.

1. It is not a parent's job to create children's academic curriculum vita from infancy on. Families are often in a frenzy of lessons and activities, all designed to give their children the necessary credentials to look good when applying for admission to Harvard.

It is important that parents understand that their real task is to provide an environment that stimulates children's interest in the world, and then offer some opportunities for children to explore and develop their interests and abilities, in whatever direction they choose.

This can be a leisurely process, not necessarily involving enrichment activities every day of the week. This should surely take some of the pressure off family time and finances. P.S. Every child does not need to have Harvard as a goal.

2. Parents are not always obliged to explain themselves or their decisions to children. From some of the manifestos I hear being offered to kids, many parents have clearly misunderstood the idea that children need explanations.

YES, they need to understand why some actions are right and others wrong,

but NO they do not have to approve of, or even understand, every parental judgment. Parents are the big people, and they do have a more all-encompassing viewpoint than do young children.

3. There is actually no on-going public contest to see who can be the most perfect parent, although many parents behave as though they believed that such a contest exists.

Recently we sat behind a family at a children's theater, where the father talked (quite loudly and with self-conscious awareness) with his daughter. The child, seeming to understand that this was for public view, kept looking at him with a puzzled expression.

Children deserve adults who behave authentically with

them, treating them with respect, not parents who are using them as foils to demonstrate the parent's wonderfulness.

The discovery of just how interesting their children are rewards parents who interact as genuine persons.

Sometime in our recent past, parents seemed to get the false impression that they had to devote every waking minute to the care, protection, and entertainment of their youngsters.

In fact, children thrive when parents are busy developing their own lives and interests, as well as carrying out the responsibilities of parenthood. Children need time on their own, to explore, experiment, think, take a few risks, and hang around with others their own age.

When kids name parents as their best friends, something has gone off-track in the parent-child relationship. Both parents and kids need to have separate, as well as interconnected, lives.

Maybe these ideas offer you something to think about.



BES After-School Programs 2009-2010

Group	Coordinator/Phone#	
<i>Act It Out</i> (Gr. 2-6)	Kristin Whitmire 246-2466 ext.164 kwhitmire@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays & Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm Art Room
<i>Artoga</i> (Gr. K-6)	Bridget Carlidge 477-0400 bridget@artoga.org	Mondays 3:15-4:30pm Common Room
<i>BES Extended Day</i> (PK-6)	Nicole Hines 887-3776 246-2466 ext.170 nhines@beacheseπισcopschool.org	3-6pm in Parish Hall and Playground
<i>Brownies</i> (Girls Gr. 2 and 3)	Becky Harkness 992-9123 brharkness@comcast.net	Mondays 3:15-4:30pm Library
<i>Cheerleading</i>	Donna Dawson 246-2466 ext. 135 ddawson@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays & Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm Hixon Field
<i>F.A.C.E.</i> (K-6)	Kirk Farber 838-2086 cell 241-8044 work kirk@theworkingwarrior.com	Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm Common Room
<i>Flag Football</i>	Donna Dawson 246-2466 ext. 135 ddawson@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Fridays 3:15-4:30pm Hixon Field
<i>Fun & Funky Art</i> (Girls Gr. 2-6)	Cindy Corritore 246-2466 ext. 128 ccorritore@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Fridays 3:15-4:15pm Art Room
<i>Girls on the Run</i> (Girls Gr. 3-5)	Heather Wainright 246-2466 ext. 133 hwainright@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays & Thursday starting in Feb.2010 Hixon Field
<i>Kidzspeed</i> (Ages 7-11)	Lonnie Marts 803-9991 lonnie@godspeedsp.com	Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm Hixon Field
<i>Lego Robotics</i> (Gr. 4-6)	Melissa Devers 246-2466 ext. 134 mdevers@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays 3:15-4:15pm in Computer Room
<i>Math Enhancement</i> (Gr. 5 and 6)	Stephanie Doran 246-2466 ext.163 sdoran@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays 3:10-4:10pm in SD's Room
<i>Math in Art & Games</i> (Gr.1-3)	Lee Ann Mattos 246-2466 ext. 189 lmattos@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm LAM's Room
<i>Shurley English</i>	Allison Vermillion 246-2466 ext.183 avermillion@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays 3:10-4:10pm in AV's Room
<i>Stretch & Grow</i> (K-Gr.2)	Sandy Applegate 273-9598 sakidsgrow@bellsouth.net	Wednesdays 3:05-3:50pm Common Room
<i>Suzuki Violin</i>	Jamie Angichiodo 246-2466 ext. 166 jangichiodo@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays, Tuesday, & Thursdays in Music Room
<i>Young Einsteins</i> (Gr. K-2)	Melody Harding 246-2466 ext.180 mharding@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mondays 3:15-4:15pm in MH's Room
<i>Young Rembrandt's The Power of Drawing</i> (Gr.K-6)	Amanda Orbich Sharon Murawski 230-4714 smurawski@bellsouth.net www.youngrembrandts.com	Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm Library
<i>Youth Choir</i> (Gr. 2-6)	John Easter 249-4091 jeaster@spbts.net	Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm in church



January 2010 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 CHRISTMAS BREAK	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Planning Day	5 Classes resume	6 8:10AM Eucharist Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	7 Good Touch/Bad Touch for Gr. K,1,3 & 5	8 Good Touch/Bad Touch for Gr. K,1,3 & 5 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	9
10	11 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel 7:00PM BES Board Meeting	12 8:05AM PSO Board Mtg in McCormick Conf.Rm.	13 8:10AM Chapel for PK-Gr.6 9:45AM Chinese Acrobats in PH!	14 Admissions Open House 9am & 7pm in Library	15 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 9:00AM - 12:00PM Gr. 3 goes to FL.Theatre	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL! MLK Day	19	20 8:10AM CE & Spirit Day Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	21 Interimsgo home!	22 6:45AM - 7:00PM Gr. 4 goes to Tallahassee 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	23
24	25 C 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	26 9:00AM The Zoo visits Gr. 3 in PH	27 8:10AM Birthday Book Chapel for PK-Gr.6	28 8:30AM Brent McCoy/Blunder Construction Program in PH	29 WOLFSON \$1 DENIM DAY 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



Enrichment News

January 2010

Spanish: Sra. Carla del Campo-Whalen

I hope everybody had a great Holiday break. I want to say thank you very much for all the wonderful presents I received from our students! The themes for this month are the days of the week and the months of the year. Pre-k will listen to a story, learn a song about the days of the week and play few games. Kindergarten and first grade will also listen to a few stories, learn the days of the week and the month of the year. The second grade story is "El Pirata sin rumbo" and the third grade story is "La Rana Renata". Also, the second graders will learn about Peru. The fourth grade will learn the name of the capital and language of each country in South America. The fifth graders will learn about Spain and sixth grade about Chile. Kindergarten to third grade will continue working with the series "Hola ninos", fourth to fifth grade with the series "Cuentame" and sixth grade with the series "Cuentame mas".

Christian Education (6th Grade): Mr. Skornia

We will start the new year with a study of the book of James, and more specifically about how we can have a more complete faith in Christ. Faith in action and faith through trials will be the focus of our classes in January.

Christian Education and School Counseling: Mrs. Bowlus

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52)

I hope your family's Christmas was filled with love and joy. Thank you so much for your gifts and wonderful cards and letters. This school is a wonderful place for your children to learn and grow, and I am privileged to be a part of that.

With the New Year also comes exciting Bible studies for the students of BES. Pre-kindergarten will continue with Bible heroes and Kindergarten will finish up their creation coloring books. Second grade students have memorized some ABC Scriptures and are putting them in to practice. Third graders are concluding their studies of the Fruits of the Spirit. Fourth grade will continue with their study of the Old Testament Patriarchs. Fifth grade will continue studying the entire Gospel of John. Our Character Education word this month is REVERENCE. We will be learning how to appreciate and respect all of life in the world God gave us.

Christian Ed (First Grade): Ms. Losco

In January, the first graders will be learning about Jesus' early life and relating to Jesus as a young boy. We will also be starting a lesson on John the Baptist.

Physical Education: Coach Dawson

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a fabulous winter break. It is cold outside, so please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate warm clothing. Also, double check your sweatshirts and jackets to see if their name is still readable and to make sure that your child doesn't have someone else's sweatshirt.

This month we will be learning how to play volleyball. We will also try to finish the month with a modified game so they can practice their serving and passing skills. The 6th grade flag football game has been rescheduled for Friday, March 15th at 2 p.m. on Hixon Field. The cheerleaders are ready to cheer for Ms. Vermillion and Mrs. Doran's class. Let's see if Mrs. Doran's class can break the four year-in-a-row winning streak.



Enrichment News

January 2010 (*continued*)

Movement and Kines: Mrs. Lilly

In Kines this month, 5th and 6th grades will work on creating their own games, in addition to cooperative games. In Movement, we will be working on winter activities, cooperative activities, and fitness games.

Library: Mrs. Workman

Happy New Year! It's good to see all the children well-rested and happy to be back in their old routines again. The lower school classes will be hearing stories about winter and its holidays. 2nd grade will be exploring Fairy and Folk tales this month. 3rd grade will begin reading an imaginative book, The Slippery Map (N. E. Bode) and learn about library tools. 4th grade will read some fun, yet informative books about the Founding Fathers, 5th grade will be reading Civil War, Immigration and Industrial Revolution stories, and 6th grade will explore classics from Ancient Greece this month.

Computer: Mrs. Devers

The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students will be using the computers to support what is learned in the classroom. Second grade will continue working with keyboarding in the text book Basic Computer Skills. Third graders will continue word processing and working on the poetry project. They will also begin working with spreadsheets using the OpenOffice.org. Fourth grade will begin their research project. They will also work with spreadsheets using the OpenOffice.org. Fifth grade will begin their research papers. Sixth grade will begin typing their outlines and bibliographies.

Art: Mrs. Whitmire

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year is filled with joy. We have some wonderful snowflakes hanging in the hallways of the lower school building. Perhaps we'll see some real-life snowflakes in the near future!

Pre-kindergarteners will be focusing on art related to the ocean. Kindergarteners will discuss the primary colors and create art to reinforce this concept. First graders will learn about the Chinese New Year and create art related to the year of the Ox. Second graders will create tea cups out of clay and learn about Japanese tea ceremonies. Third graders will create carousel pictures and learn a little bit about the history of these first roller coasters. Fourth graders will begin a lesson on bead making. Fifth graders will finish their radial design pictures and then begin a lesson on water coloring. Sixth graders will finally get to print their linoleums using various colors and papers.

Music: Mrs. Angichiodo

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday. All grades will get back to the swing of playing the wonderful Orff instruments found in the music room. 2nd graders will be introduced to recorders this month. It will be a month filled with music making!

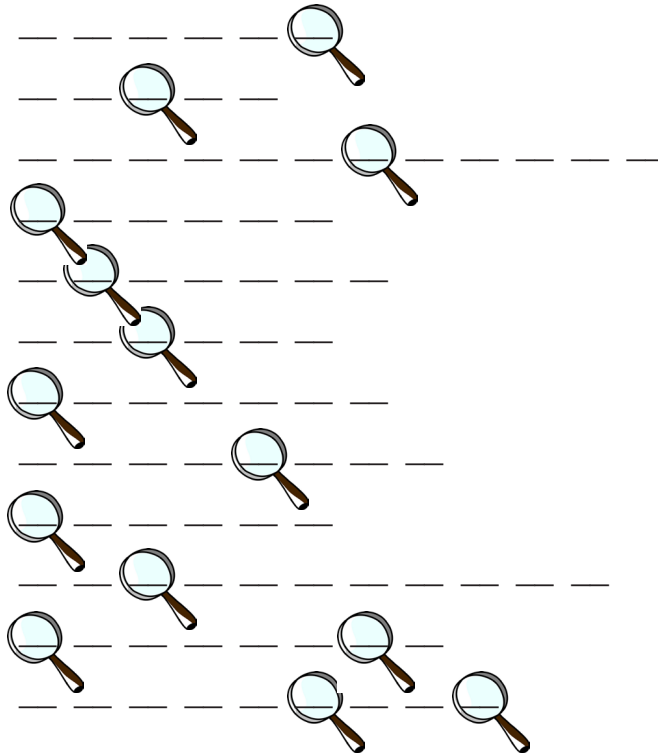
UNSCRAMBLE THE CLUES, WIN BIG!

Did you unscramble the theme of the 2010 Annual Social and Silent Auction?

If you did not follow the weekly clues in the BES newsletter, don't worry. All the clues are listed below for you to solve. Once you have solved the jumble, fill out the information below and hand in to the front offices. The winning family will be drawn from the group of correct answers and wins a Regal Movie, Food and Candy Package AND One Free Ticket to the Social for their parents (Value: \$100.00)!

Answers must be received by Friday, January 15th
and the winner will be announced in the following newsletter.

- LOFREW
- HULNC
- RDNASTERNGPA
- WLEOYL
- AYBIRLR
- RCTSPI
- ECCENIS
- VONTEEMM
- YEKRUT
- DAREGGBINER
- EYELUDIT
- TELMEOSIT



Please detach and return to the school no later than Friday, January 15th to be entered in the drawing to win!

The 2010 Theme of the BES Social is: _____ (3 words)

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____