

From the Head of School

Denim Day Tomorrow; Pasta for Pennies Continues, Eucharist Chapel on Wednesday

GET WELL SOON, MRS. BUSSE!

Mrs. Busse made it successfully through her gall bladder surgery, and is very thankful for everyone's prayers and for the wonderful cards the children made. She is hoping to be well enough to return to school next week, and I cannot imagine her missing our big Parent Social. I hope you all have made plans to attend!

Our penny jars are filling up with coins, currency, and checks as we come to the close of our *Pasta for Pennies* campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We always do a terrific job, and the children really get excited about the FREE Olive Garden lunch for the homebase who collects the most money per student! This year, anyone who brings in or has brought in a dollar or more total for the *Pasta for Pennies* also earns the right to wear denim tomorrow! Please make sure they wear BES uniform shirts and proper Dress Code footwear, and thanks parents

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\$1 MILLION DOLLAR CELEBRATION



Beaches Episcopal School is throwing a party and you're invited! Join your children, faculty and staff

as we celebrate reaching the \$1 million milestone for the Capital Campaign on **Wednesday, March 10th at 1:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** There will be free smoothies for everyone, and your children will even play a role in the event. We'd love if you would come and support us as we celebrate!

Social News

Many of our families will be in attendance at the Annual Parent Social and Silent Auction next Friday, March 5th at the TPC Sawgrass, and we hope yours will be as well. Our committee has spent countless hours on the event, and their hard work will certainly show. If you are still thinking of attending, please RSVP as soon as possible.



We are offering childcare at nearby Marriot Sawgrass. Please see the form in this newsletter explaining how to RSVP.

Please see the insert in today's newsletter with all of our items, to date, that will be available. We always receive last minute items, so be sure to check back the next week as well as the night of the event!



Denim Day Tomorrow, Feb. 26th

Our monthly Denim Day takes place tomorrow as students may wear jeans if they have brought in in a \$1 donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Proper dress code attire (uniform tops and footwear), please.

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for helping us make sure the denim items are appropriate length and not too worn to wear to school.

Remember there are no classes on Monday, March 1st because it is a Teacher Planning Day!

I hope everyone is planning to attend our Eucharist Chapel next Wednesday and of course our exciting Parent Social a week from tomorrow on March 5th at the TPC Sawgrass. Thanks again for all of your support and prayers, and hopefully Mrs. Busse will be back with us next week.

Take care,

Bill Stewart
Assistant Head of School

“It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.”

Somerset Maugham

ChurchChat

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

St. Johns Cathedral Choir Singing at SPBTS Evensong Service

On Sunday, March 7th, at 5:00 p.m., the St. John's Cathedral Choir will be singing at Evensong service at St. Paul's By-The-Sea. This special visit is in preparation for their choir tour to Ely Cathedral in England from July 12th through 18th. We hope you will join us.



PSO CORNER

PASTA FOR PENNIES: The Pasta for Pennies drive ends tomorrow February 26th. All proceeds go the *Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*. Don't forget to send your loose change!



HONEY BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES: The PSO will be selling Honey Baked Ham gift certificates for the Easter holiday season. Check your child's backpack for more information. A percentage of the sales will be donated back to the school.

FISH TANK: The fish tank in Stormes Hall is a wonderful part of our school that every student, parent and visitor enjoys daily. To keep them swimming and new fish added, we are seeking monthly fish tank sponsors. The cost is \$90 and it covers all food and tank cleaning for the month. All monthly sponsors are featured with a photo near the tank. If you are interested in sponsoring our "fish friends" please contact Laurie Warner at 247-9194 or warner01@comcast.net. We still need sponsors for the months of **APRIL & MAY**.

SCHOOL STORE OPEN EVERY THURSDAY

MORNING: Our sixth grade students will have the School Store open every Thursday morning with cases full of fun and favorite things to purchase. Come and visit the School Store from 7:45-8:00 a.m. every Thursday in either Stormes or McCormick Hall.

BES FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES YEAR - ROUND:

Target offers a Take Charge of Education program which allows you to use your Target Visa or Target Guest Card to raise money for BES. Target donates an amount equal to 1% of your card purchases made at Target and Target.com, and 1/2 % of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere.

Box Tops for Education runs year round and allows you to support BES by clipping Box Tops and turning them into the school. Keep clipping and save your Box Tops for the next Box Top drive!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: There are plenty of opportunities for volunteering in at our school. We are also looking for people to volunteer for Board Positions on the PSO for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Komaroksi at 249-4360 or komarosj@bellsouth.com.

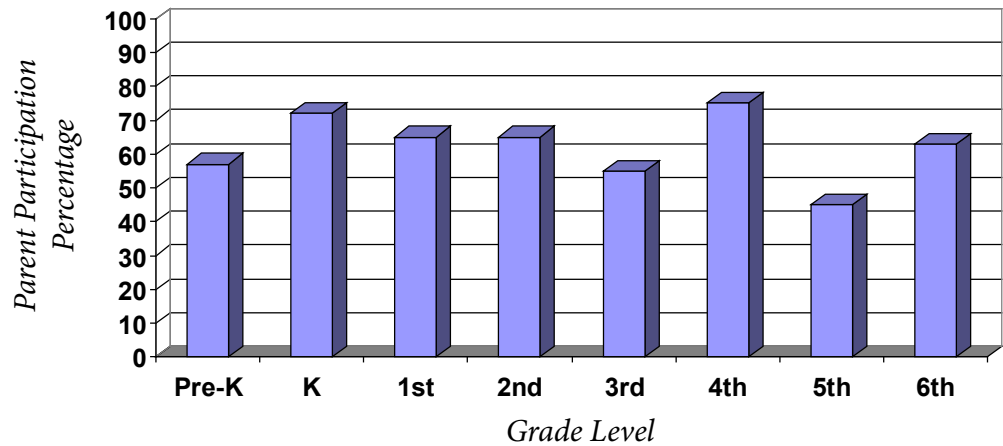
Annual Giving Campaign Update

A HUGE thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time to make Annual Giving calls. Their efforts were clearly a success! During last week's campaign, they helped up raise an additional \$5,500 and parent participation went up from 45% to 60%! That is awesome and we truly appreciate your generosity. Please continue to help so we reach that 100% parent participation. Below is a chart that shows grade level participation. Thanks again to everyone who has given of their time and financial support!

Current Snapshot of Parent Participation by Grade Level for the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign

Giving by Grade Level

- Pre-k – 57%
- K – 72%
- 1 – 65%
- 2 – 65%
- 3 – 55%
- 4 – 75%
- 5 – 45%
- 6 – 63%



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Meeting Tomorrow!

The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon initial planning meeting is Tomorrow, February 26th at 2 p.m. in

the Common Room. This special luncheon, scheduled for May 6th, is just one way to give back for all our teachers efforts. We need volunteers for all areas to make this lunch a success- cooks, servers, flowers, decorating, gifts etc. Please come and sign up to volunteer.



Open Enrollment Has Now Begun for the 2010-2011 School Year!

Positions were held for siblings and parish members until February 1st. Now we are accepting students outside of the school and the church. **If you have not returned your re-enrollment contract or sibling application for next school year, please send it in now to guarantee your position!** You may download an application on our website or you can pick up one directly from our Admissions Director, Heather Galloway.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT BES

Event	Date and time	Location
Parent Social	Friday, Mar. 5th at 6:30 p.m.	TPC Sawgrass
Million Dollar Celebration	Wed., March 10th at 1:45 p.m.	Parish Hall
Class Pictures	Friday, Mar. 12th	Common Room
March Denim Day	Friday, March 19th	
5th Grade Trip	Wed., Mar. 24-Fri, Mar. 26	Camp Montgomery
Spring Break	Mon, Mar. 29-Fri., Apr. 2	
Easter Holiday	Monday, April 5th	
Challenge Day	Friday, April 9th at 12:30 p.m.	Whole campus
BES FUNd RUN	Thursday, April 22nd	Hixon Field





March 2010 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1 NO SCHOOL! Teacher Planning Day	2 C 9:00AM - 11:00AM PK goes to Kilwin's!	3 D 8:10AM Eucharist Chapel for PK-Gr.6	4 E 8:30AM Ronald McDonald Program for PK-Gr.2 in PH	5 F 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 6:30PM BES Parent Social at TPC Sawgrass!	6
7	8 G 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel 8:30AM - 12:00PM K goes to Cummer Museum 7:00PM BES Board Meeting	9 H 7:05AM PSO Board Mtg in McCormick Conf.Rm. 2:00PM Gr. 6 Catapults on Hixon Field	10 A 7:05AM Chapel for PK-Gr.6 1:45PM Million Dollar Celebration in PH!	11 B Report Cards go home! 6:30PM Gr. 2 Potluck Dinner in PH	12 C 7:15AM Class Pictures in Uniform in CR 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	13
14 Daylight Saving Time begins!	15 D 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel 8:45AM Gr. 2 to Zoo	16 E 8:45AM - 12:30PM Gr. 4 visits Challenger Learning Center	17 F 8:10AM CE & Spirit Day Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	18 G 10:00AM David Grover Concert for PK-Gr. 6 in Church 6:30PM Gr. 4 Potluck Dinner in PH	19 H MARCH of DIMES \$1 DENIM DAY 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 2:00PM Gr. 6 Flag Football Game on Hixon Field	20
21	22 A 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	23 B 2:15PM Act It Out in PH	24 C 6:30AM Gr. 5 leaves for Camp Montgomery 8:10AM Birthday Book Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	25 D	26 E 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 2:45PM Gr. 5 returns from Camp Montgomery!	27
28	29 SPRING BREAK	30 SPRING BREAK	31 SPRING BREAK	1	2	3

KIDS NIGHT OUT!

...WHILE MOM AND DAD SOLVE THE SOCIAL MYSTERY!

While your parents enjoy the Social, come and have fun with your friends at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach! There will be pizza, movies, Wii, games and more! Tell your parents it's your turn for a night out!

Activities include: 2 craft tables, Football Game, Wii Games, Ping Pong Table, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss, Twister, and a Putting Green!

When: Friday, March 5th

Time: 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per child

Where: Sawgrass Marriott Resort

Deadline for Sign-Up: February 26th

Additional Details: Please make checks payable to BES. Return checks with this sign-up sheet to the front office no later than Friday, February 26th.



Family Name: _____

Child #1: _____

Child #2: _____

Child #3: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____