



From the Head of School

Make Plans to Attend the Parent Social; Re-Enrollments Were Due February 1st

We are enjoying this relatively quiet time of the school year. This is an important learning time as many new concepts are being introduced at all grade levels and the children are making tremendous academic strides. They have the classroom routines down and many of the beginning of the year struggles are way behind them.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma fundraiser will take place on Feb. 22-26, so it is time to have your children bring in all the pennies and other change they have been saving all year. Thank you in advance for the awesome support you always give, and I am sure once again we will raise more money than any other school in northeast Florida. As long as the children bring in at least \$1 worth of pennies, they are good to go for Denim Day at the end of the month on Feb. 26th.

On Wednesday morning, the chapel service was the monthly Eucharist. Tuesday was the 100th Day of school, so it is official that we are closer to the end than the beginning of the school year.

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Social News

Who will you solve the mystery with?

If you've never been to a social before, this is the one to attend! Over 60 parents, faculty and staff members have already RSVP'd for the social! We have hired a troop from Mystery Players, Inc. to entertain us with a "Who Dunit?" show throughout the evening. As a table you will listen, laugh and interview the players and will be asked to solve the mystery of "Death by Decaf." There will be prizes given to the table who correctly guesses "who dunit." So who will you solve the mystery with? **RSVP's are due no later than February 19th!**



Most Creative and Personalized Social Favor Ever!

By now, most of your children have come home with a sticker saying "I just got my picture taken for an AWESOME party favor for the BES Social. Don't forget to RSVP!" We know the mystery favor and we are certain you will love it. These awesome favors take time to create, so if you are planning on joining us the night of the social, please RSVP as soon as possible. **RSVP's are due no later than February 19th!**

Teacher Outings, Destination Packages, Classroom Art and More are up for Bids!

Our donations are coming in daily! Here are just a few of the great items up for bids on Friday, March 5th!

Teacher Outings:

- Peterbrook Party for 8 with Mrs. Flynn
- Baking with Mrs. Lott
- Dinner for 4 in your home with Michelle Leemis and Bill Stewart!



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Next Friday is the day of love at BES, and the students are already looking forward to their Valentine's Day parties at 2:00 p.m. Please be certain that your children are sending valentines to ALL the students in their class, or if they prefer, grade level. We want to make sure this day of love does not result in any hurt feelings!

The re-enrollment deadline was January 29th, and available spaces are now being filled by new applicants. We have been making calls to the few parents that have not turned a re-enrollment in as we do not want to give your child's space away because you forgot to send the contract back to us. If you get a voice message from us, please be sure to return our calls!

I see all sorts of interesting items arriving daily for the Parent Social on Friday, March 5th. Thank you so much for your generous support and enthusiasm. It is sure to be a really fun event, as always, so get your RSVPs turned in. I am hearing from those in the know that the TPC ballroom is "to die for," so please join us for an evening of great fun!

Happy weekend; it can only get warmer!
Jackie

ChurchChat

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

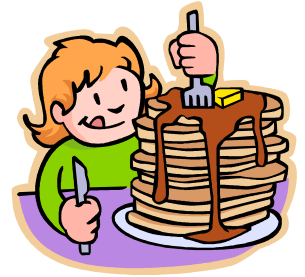
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come one, come all to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16th. We will have pancakes with all the fixings in a Mardi Gras atmosphere.

The first seating is at 6 p.m.. Tickets are

\$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Ages three and under eat free.

Reservations are required, but you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Anne Wiggins at awiggins@beacheseiscopalsschool.org.



PSO CORNER

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.

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

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 0.5 % 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 volunteer 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.

Alumni News

BES alum and current 8th grader Alex Wulbern made the President's List for the Bolles School for the 2nd quarter. We congratulate him on this achievement.



BES FUNd RUN Logo Winner Announced

We are excited to share that Sen Valeski, sixth grader, has won the logo contest for the annual FUNd RUN event. His logo will appear on the t-shirts that will be worn at the event and in publications leading up to it. Many thanks to all of our students who submitted their artwork. It was a very difficult decision to choose a winner.

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- Plate Making and Decorating with Mrs. Whitmire and Mrs. Howe
- Hiking at Guana with Mrs. Lily
- Lunch at Big T's and Afternoon at the Cummer Art Gallery with Mrs. Cory
- Half Day of Surf Fishing with Mr. Grinstead
- Movie and Ice Cream Party with Mrs. Angichiodo and Ms. Hauser

Destination Packages to...

- Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, FL
- The Mansion on Forsyth in Savannah, GA
- Hampton Club at the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort in St. Simons Island, GA
- City Loft Hotel in Beaufort, SC



Restaurant Gift

Certificates from...

- Brucci's
- Stonewood Grille
- Salt Life Food Shack
- Ruth Chris
- Bonefish
- Roy's Hawaiian Fusion
- Restaurant Medure
- Ragtime Tavern
- And More!



Want Free Tuition for the 2010-2011 School Year?

This year's reverse raffle is bigger and better than ever! With only 200 tickets for sale and a maximum of 99 promotional tickets available, your chances of winning full or partial tuition credit have never been better! Buying One Ticket,

your odds are 1 in 75 that you could win...

- \$500 Registration Fee Reimbursement
- \$425 Book, Supplies and Activity Fee
- \$250 Technology Fee Reimbursement



And the biggest prize of all...

AT LEAST \$7,000 in Tuition Credit!

At the time of press, only 79 tickets are available for sale before the Social. Hurry, once they're gone, they're gone!

Social Trivia

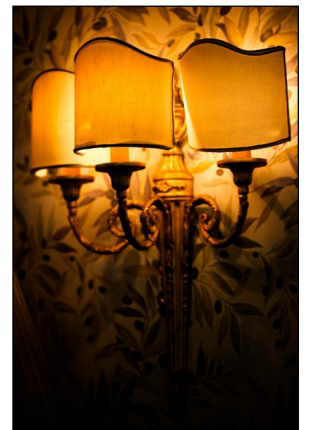
Last week's trivia question answer was Sherlock Holmes. Did you know that there were 60 Sherlock Holmes stories published between 1887 and 1927? Here is this week's Detective Trivia Question. Remember, no prizes are awarded!



The following Mystery books are solved by a famous female detective. Do some sleuthing to find out who!

- The Hidden Staircase
- The Babysitter Burglaries
- The Hidden Window Mystery

Hint! All three books can be found in the BES library!



BOOK OF THE MONTH: SWIMMY

By Leo Lionni, Alfred A. Knopf, 1993

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This classic by Leo Lionni helps children and adults understand the benefits of community, of working together for a common goal.

Swimmy, a little black fish, was the only fish left when a swift, fierce tuna fish gulped down a big school of little red fish with whom Swimmy lived.

Despite living in a sea world of wonders, Swimmy was all alone, and very scared.

After a time, he found another school of little red fish, and he encouraged them to go and swim and play and SEE things. But the little red fish said, "We can't, the big fish will eat us all."

"But," Swimmy said, "You can't just lie there, we must THINK of something." Then Swimmy got an idea.

He taught all the fish to swim close together, each in his own place, like the biggest fish in the sea, and he was the eye. "And so they swam in the cool morning water and in the midday sun and chased the big fish away."

Together we are stronger. What a fine lesson for children to learn. Yes, we value independence and individual accomplishment. We are, after all, a nation of unique entities, and we spend a good deal of time helping our children develop a sense of their own being.

But it is all too easy to neglect teaching children that we are all members of communities, and that these communities thrive when we all work together, sharing both ideas and effort on goals that better life for us all.

How do parents help children encounter this notion

of community? Here are several thoughts to get you started:

1. Make sure that your children are introduced to, and interact with, the neighbors around you. When children come to learn something about the lives and needs of others who live near them, they begin to understand the realities of loving your neighbor.

They can find small ways to be helpful or kind to others, such as sharing the Christmas cookies you bake with a busy working neighbor, or taking the garbage cans back in for the older woman who lives alone.

2. Have your children make cards for friends and neighbors who are sick or having hard times. Learning to care about others' problems is an important beginning to creating a caring community.

3. Talk to your children about your own community involvement: volunteering to help with the school book fair; canvassing to collect funds

for the March of Dimes; or attending meetings for community action. Your example lets them know that being a part of the community is important to you.

4. Help your children move beyond the age limits of only peer group interaction to include children of different ages in a neighborhood activity focused on a common goal, such as putting on a skit or puppet show whose admission price will be donated to a local cause.

5. Discuss with your children's teachers (at school or religious school) the idea of providing real experiences for the class by helping others in your community, such as going to sing in a nursing or retirement home, or helping gather outgrown clothing for families at a homeless shelter. Your local United Way may have good, specific ideas that are appropriate.

Learning to work together for a common goal is important for fish--and for kids.





February Newsletter

Movement Education and Kines: Mrs. Lilly

February is heart month, so all of our activities focus on the heart. We will be jumping many different ways. Single jump rope, double, long jump rope, Chinese, Matrix jumping, jump and turn, as well as jumping and landing safely. We will also do activities that focus on keeping our hearts healthy. Remember, exercise is the best medicine.

Coach Dawson: Physical Education

Brrr, it is still windy and cold outside. Please send your child in layers and double check that their names are legible on tag. Fourth through sixth graders have learned the basic skills in volleyball. Now we will play a game of volleyball. Second and third graders are learning different ways to measure. They will have an opportunity to be creative and create games with their teammates. They will also use a stop watch to measure their times on different events.

Towards the middle of the month, fourth through sixth graders will begin learning the basics of Tennis. We will play a mini tennis match and learn how to keep score. Second and third graders will play fun integrated games with different types of balls.

February is also a great time to talk about the heart since Valentine's Day is coming up. We will focus on cardiovascular exercises. It is also "Die" month. The children will have an opportunity to roll a die which will determine how many laps they will run. This is yearly tradition for the month of February. The kids love it.

Library: Mrs. Workman

This month **sixth graders** will continue to explore classic literature of the ancient world. **Fifth graders** will be hearing stories about Industrialization (Bobbin Girl) and the World Wars (The Bracelet). **Fourth graders** will be looking at Biographies and Civil Rights stories. In **third grade**, students will be joining Fribble Mouse in exploring the main sections of a library and its system of organization, the Dewey Decimal System. They will also be using dictionaries, thesauri, and other reference tools to play some fun games. **Second graders** will read folk and fairy tales, such as Bre'r Rabbit and Rumpelstiltskin. **First grade, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten** will be reading stories about sled dogs, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Friendship.



Art: Mrs. Whitmire

The students have been busy decorating and creating designs on various furniture pieces that will be auctioned off at the Parent Social on March 5th. Don't miss out on an opportunity to acquire one of these precious items. The pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners will create artwork inspired by things that fly. The first graders will study the author and illustrator Eric Carle and create a picture like his books. The second graders will be inspired by Henri Matisse's artwork and create a paper cut collage. The third graders will create artwork inspired by the book Tar Beach written and illustrated by Faith Ringgold. The fourth graders will continue working on and finish stringing their bead project. The fifth and sixth graders will be seeing an IMAX experience film on Vincent van Gogh toward the end of the month so we will be focusing on his artwork and even making art inspired by van Gogh's style.



SPANISH: **“Feliz mes del amor y la amistad”.**

The theme for this month is numbers and colors. Pre-kindergarten will learn few rhymes and a song with numbers and colors. Kindergarten, first, second and third graders will start making a book. Kindergarten through third graders will continue working with the series “Hola ninos”. Fourth and fifth graders will continue with the series “Cuentame” and sixth grade with the series “Cuentame mas”. Congratulations to the fifth grade students for their hard work on their recipes and cooking videos. Third graders will learn about Argentina, second graders will continue their studies of Peru, fifth graders will explore the country of Spain, and sixth graders will discover Chile.

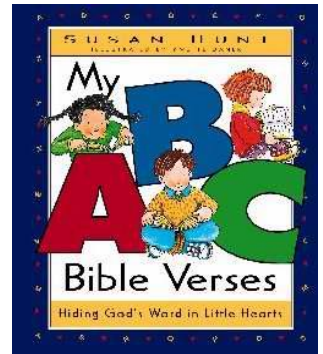
Music: Mrs. Angichiodo

In the music classroom, we will be continuing to learn more about rhythm and new chapel songs. We will also be starting the topics of melody and harmony using instruments from our classroom. Second graders will be getting their recorders. Third and fifth graders will start practicing their Spring musical plays. It will be a fun month in the music room!

Christian Education: Vivian Bowlus

**“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”
(Colossians 3:1a)**

What a great opportunity I have every day to tell the children of God’s great love for them. The pre-kindergarten students are learning about Jesus’ life and other heroes of the Bible. Kindergarten has just completed their creation coloring books. They have worked so hard to do their best so that you will be proud of them. Second graders are learning the meaning of their memorization scriptures. Ask them to tell you their A through K scriptures. Third graders are leaning about the fruit of the Spirit. We have just finished a study on PEACE. Fifth graders are studying the gospel of John. It has been a great school year and just seems to be flying by. God bless all of you!



Christian Ed (Sixth Grade): Mr. Skornia

Our class will continue to explore the book of James and discover what God has to say about the issue of prejudice and how to train our tongue to lift up others.

Christian Ed (First Grade): Ms. Losco

The 1st grade class will be studying John the Baptist and Jesus’ early teachings.

Computer– Mrs. Devers

The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students will be using the computers to support what is learned in the classroom. We will begin using the open source program *TuxPaint* and exploring its possibilities.

Second graders will continue working with keyboarding in the text book *Basic Computer Skills*.

Third graders will continue word processing and working on the poetry project. We will begin the introduction of spreadsheets using *OpenOffice.org Calc*.

Fourth graders will continue the unit on spreadsheets using *OpenOffice.org Calc*.

Fifth graders will continue their research papers.

Sixth graders will begin using MS Paint and MS MovieMaker to create their own movies.

We've Added An Additional 1,000 Reasons to Purchase a Tuition Raffle Ticket

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Win a ~~\$8,000~~
Tuition Credit! (at least)



Purchase A Tuition Raffle Ticket Today!

1 ticket purchase -- 1 in 75 chance of winning a
\$7,000 Tuition Credit,
\$500 Registration Reimbursement,
\$475 Book, Supplies and Activity Fee Reimbursement
or a \$250 Technology Fee Reimbursement

3 ticket purchase -- 1 in 25 chance of winning.

And with the purchase of a 4th ticket, your odds improve to better than 1 in 19 chance.

**Tickets will be sold throughout the month of February, while tickets available.
Remember only 200 tickets are sold!**

**February 5th is the last day to take advantage of the
Buy 2 tickets, GET 3 promotion!**



Yes! I want to reduce my tuition expense!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

I want to purchase _____ **tickets at \$75 each.**

Complete this form with your name, phone number, and the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Return it along with a check in your child's backpack. Tickets can also be purchased through the BES Development Office in Stormes Hall.

Checks should be made payable to *Beaches Episcopal School*. For your convenience, MasterCard/Visa are also accepted. Contact the Development Office at 246-2466, ext. 112 for credit card purchases.

The tuition raffle will be conducted at the Parent's Social. Winner need not be present to win.