

*From the Head of School*

## Challenge Day, FUNd RUN on the Horizon; Enjoy Spring Break With Your Families!

**I**t appears that spring has finally decided to arrive in time for Spring Break! If you are planning a trip, I hope the weather will be perfect for whatever you plan to do.

We celebrated March birthdays in chapel on Wednesday and the first Wednesday we get back from our break will be a Eucharistic service. We are always so pleased to have parents join us in all of our chapel services.

Please pay close attention to the April calendar because there is a lot going on very quickly. The Friday we return is our annual Challenge Day which is an event that all parents love to be a part of in some capacity. The annual Volunteer luncheon takes place on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at my home and is a small gesture of thanks to all of our parents who support BES with their many talents. In the two weeks that follow there will be the Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten Spring Musical, the FUNd RUN, Portfolio Conferences and the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bike Rodeo. Even with all this fun, we promise lots of learning will be going on!

The fifth graders will be arriving back at school on Friday afternoon after spending three days and two nights at Camp Montgomery. The Outdoor Pathfinder Program is filled with fun team building activities and interactive learning experiences. This is always the favorite event of their school year! We want to especially thank Mrs. Romano, Mrs. Angichiodo and Ms. Dawson for chaperoning the fifth graders.

I am certain many of you have read the article in the Times-Union about decreasing enrollment in private schools due to the economy, and I know there is a lot

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## Register Today for the 2010 BES Summer Camp!



BES is once again proud to offer a Summer Camp program this year for our rising kindergarten through sixth grade students. This year's offerings include an exciting mix of new choices (Robotics, Jedi Training Academy, Little Einsteins, Fun with Nature, Let's Get Buggy, Bath and Clayworks, Superhero Cartoon Camp, Dr. Seuss Camp and others ) and established favorites (American Girl, Top Chef, Scrapbooking, Crafty Campers, Sports 2 the Max, Movin' and Groovin', Math Fun and Games, Builders Camp, Crazy Machines, and more).

As in previous years, most of the course offerings have space limitations, so you will want to register early to guarantee your child's spot. The camp brochure can be viewed on the school's website, [www.BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org](http://www.BeachesEpiscopalSchool.org), anytime or you can see Dallas Skornia, Director of Communications, for additional copies. **For more camp details or to register, please contact him at 246-2466 x121 or email him at [dskornia@beacheseπισcopschool.org](mailto:dskornia@beacheseπισcopschool.org).**

## Alums Return to BES for 4th Grade Potluck Dinner

BES was thrilled to have many of our alums return to campus at the 4th Grade Potluck Dinner on Thursday, March 18th to answer questions from our current students about how BES has helped them academically and socially. We have heard wonderful comments from parents and students alike who benefited greatly from hearing firsthand of how BES prepared them for their Middle School years. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially those alums who took time out of their schedule to share their experiences with our children.



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of discussion going on about enrollment at BES and the other private schools. While enrollment has decreased somewhat for all of us, I can assure you BES is in good financial position for the upcoming school year.

Currently, we plan to run only one pre-kindergarten and two kindergartens, but that might change as we move into summer. Because of out-of-state moves, the transfer of students to Episcopal High to be with siblings, and moves into the public school magnet programs, I am still trying to determine whether we will run one or two sixth grade classes next year. One part time teacher will probably not be returning and all other faculty and staff members are assured of a position at the school. I will send out a letter with more specifics regarding some of these changes at the beginning of May. We continue to get many parents touring the school each week so I am not ready to commit final decisions to paper yet.

When we return after the spring break you will see a new face in the Assistant Development Director's office. Leigh Palmer has accepted a position in the College of Arts and Sciences at University of North Florida and will not be returning after spring break. She is very excited and we wish her the very best in this new challenge. I am delighted that Lisa Allen has accepted the position and is already hard at work learning the ropes. Her background is in marketing and her prior work experience was setting up events for Pepsico, so she is already good to go.

I wish you a blessed Easter and hope it is a time of renewal for everyone,

Jackie

### BES FUND RUN Insert in Today's Newsletter



Please see the insert in today's newsletter for important information regarding this year's FUND RUN on **Thurs., April 22nd.**

### Correction to Honor Roll

Our apologies are extended to fourth graders **Chris Young** and **Ken Sweder** who made the Head of School's List for 2nd Trimester but were listed on the Honor Roll in last week's newsletter. We also apologize to fourth graders **Sarah Allen**, **Jeffrey Czyzewski** and **Thea Tutor** who were left off of the Honor Roll list. We congratulate them on their academic accomplishments.



## PSO CORNER

**PSO ANNOUNCEMENT: Great News!** Ann Campbell-Hays has accepted the position of President of the PSO and Laurie Warner has accepted the position of Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year. We thank them both for volunteering for these positions. There are still plenty of opportunities for volunteering in at our school. We are still 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](mailto:komarosj@bellsouth.com), Michelle Leemis ([mleemis@beacheseπισcopschool.org](mailto:mleemis@beacheseπισcopschool.org)) or Lisa Allen ([lallen@beacheseπισcopschool.org](mailto:lallen@beacheseπισcopschool.org)).

**EASTER BASKETS:** A **BIG** thank you to all of you who contributed donations towards the Easter baskets. With your help we will be able to make this Easter a special time for the less fortunate children in our community.

**Challenge Day Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to volunteer to help with Challenge Day on Friday, April 9th, please contact Beth Grant at 616-9596 or [bgrant14@comcast.net](mailto:bgrant14@comcast.net).

### 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 school. Keep clipping and save your Box Tops for the next Box Top drive!

## ChurchChat

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

### Special Services Coming Soon at St. Paul's by-the-Sea

St. Paul's by-the-Sea warmly invites you to the following Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Services:

March 28th	Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.*
March 31st	Service of Tenebrae, 7 p.m.*
April 1st	Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7 p.m.
April 2nd	Good Friday Liturgy, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.*
April 4th	Easter Vigil, 6:45 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast, 8 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.
	Festival Eucharist, 10 a.m.

\*Childcare available

### BES Alums Make Episcopal High Honor Roll for 2nd Trimester

The following BES alums have made the Episcopal High honor roll lists for 2nd Trimester. We congratulate them.

**Head of School's List:** *9th Grade:* Elizabeth Brownell, Ciara Orsi, Madison Williams; *11th Grade:* Harris Pharr; *12th Grade:* Margaret Austin.

**Honor Roll:** *9th Grade:* James Austin, Abigail Gist, Ryan Gober, Thomas Goodrich V, Troy Haas, Hanna Pitcairn, Matthew Wolfsen; *10th Grade:* Shelby Ernest, Hannah Flack, Lisa Grovenstein, John Wilbur III; *11th Grade:* Austin Corritore, Taylor Frank, Maxwell Mayes, Savannah Neuman, Garrett Peterson, Tanner Roick, Michael Ruth, Thomas Schifanella; *12th Grade:* Anna Burgin, Alana Merry, Erin Nicholson, Jeffery Stowers.



## April 2010 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 SPRING BREAK	2 SPRING BREAK	3
4 Easter	5 NO SCHOOL! Easter Monday	6 <b>F</b>	7 <b>G</b> 8:10AM Eucharist Chapel for PK-Gr.6 8:55AM FUNd RUN Pep Rally! (immediately after Chapel)	8 <b>H</b>	9 <b>A</b> CHALLENGE DAY! (PK=10-11am/ K-Gr.6 games=12:30-3pm) 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	10
11	12 <b>B</b> Gates MacGinitie Testing for Gr. 1 & 2 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel 10:00AM Choir of New College Concert for Gr. 3-6 in Church 7:00PM BES Board Meeting	13 <b>C</b> Gates MacGinitie Testing for Gr. 1 & 2 7:05AM PSO Meeting in CR 8:30AM The Zoo visits Kindergarten!	14 <b>D</b> 8:10AM Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	15 <b>E</b> 12:00PM Volunteer Luncheon at Mrs. Busse's	16 <b>F</b> 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 10:00AM Science of Music Program for PK-Gr.6 in PH 12:30PM - 2:30PM Gr.6 goes to build Pyramids at the beach!	17
18	19 <b>G</b> 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	20 <b>H</b> 10:00AM PK/K Spring Program in Church	21 <b>A</b> 7:10AM CE & Spirit Day Chapel for PK-Gr.6 10:15AM - 1:30PM Gr. 1 goes to MOSH	22 <b>B</b> BES FUNd RUN on Hixon Field!	23 <b>C</b> PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES! No classes	24
25	26 <b>C</b> 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	27 <b>D</b> 8:30AM Gr.1 Bike Rodeo (in front of Stormes Hall)	28 <b>E</b> 8:10AM Birthday Book Chapel for PK-Gr.6 10:15AM - 1:15PM Gr. 2 & 3 go to Symphony/Jacoby Hall	29 <b>F</b> Interims go home! 9:00AM Kid Power program in PH	30 <b>G</b> HEALS \$1 DENIM DAY 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 9:30AM - 10:30AM Gr.4 Play in PH	1