

From the Head of School

Parent Social is Tomorrow Night; \$1 Million Celebration on Wed., March 10th

We all welcomed the four day week in the hope for some warmer weather. As of right now, I am not feeling it! It is good to have Mrs. Busse up and around, and she will be back on campus next week. We are all glad everything went so well, and know all of the cards and prayers helped!

The pre-kindergarten through second grades welcomed Ronald McDonald back to the BES campus this morning. He is always good for a laugh and teaches good life's lessons. Thanks to Bud Kuthan and our local McDonald's for once again sponsoring this visit!

I am so excited about our Parent Social on Friday at the TPC Sawgrass! We have well over 200 reservations and the auction items look great! Thanks to everyone involved ahead of time for working so hard to make it special!

There is a lot coming up on the BES calendar so please make sure to visit our website and read your newsletters so you

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Parent Social is Here!

The big event is finally here! We have over 200 parents attending this year's Parent Social and Silent Auction. The Social Committee has been working tirelessly as will be evident when you arrive tomorrow night. Remember the Social will take place at the TPC Sawgrass and the attire is casual. You can dress up as fancy as you like or come casual and comfortable. Please make sure you arrive on time. We have a show planned and you will not want to miss out! The childcare offered by the Marriot Sawgrass has been very successful and your children are guaranteed to have a fun night out as well.

Please take a few moments to look over the insert in today's newsletter with all auction items to date so you will have a head start and on Friday evening you will know what items you cannot live without! We are *DYING* to seeing you all tomorrow night!

\$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 would love if you would come and support us as we celebrate!



BES Students Raise Over \$1,700 for Pasta for Pennies Campaign!



BES students raised over **\$1,700** this year for Pasta for Pennies and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! The competition was really tough this year with especially strong showings by Mrs. Flynn's class (over \$12 per student) and Ms. Howe's class (over \$16 per student), but the winner once again and recipient of an *Olive Garden* lunch (date TBA) is Ms. Vermillion's class with over \$22 per student contributed! Ms. Vermillion's class must really love their breadsticks and salad! Congrats again to all who gave!

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do not miss out. The Million Dollar Celebration is next Wednesday, March 10th at 1:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall! I hope to see you there!

Finally, it is with great sadness that I pass along that Lynn Glidden passed away this week after her long battle with cancer. Lynn worked at BES for many years prior to her retirement, and our prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.

"I know it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, but looking back in memory may help comfort you tomorrow."

Anonymous

Peace,

Bill Stewart
Assistant Head of School

ChurchChat

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

St. John's Cathedral Choir Singing at Evensong Service at SPBTS

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, July 12th through 18th.

On Sunday, March 14th, we will have the pleasure of hearing Jamie Barton sing at our 10 a.m. service. Jamie is an up-and-coming star in the opera world. She was a National Met Competition winner in 2007, and debuted at the Metropolitan Opera in September. She gave a recital for the Marilyn Horne Foundation which Horne called "possibly one of the greatest ones I've ever heard." For more info, visit her website, www.jamiebartonmezzo.com.

Please plan to be here and bring all your music-loving friends.



Students Should Wear Red Shirts for Class Picture Day on Friday, March 12th

Remember that Class Picture Day is Friday, March 12th. **Please send your student in red shirts for your picture so that we can be consistent.**

PSO CORNER

PASTA FOR PENNIES: Thank you to everybody who supported this very important fundraising drive.

HONEY BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES: The PSO will be selling Honey Baked Ham gift certificates for the Easter holiday season. You should, by now, have received the order form. All orders are due by **March 12th, 2010**. If you have any questions, or need an order form, please contact Julie Komaroksi at 249-4360 or komarosj@bellsouth.net.

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 to volunteer 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Pediatric Associates of Jacksonville presents:

*Michael Sisbarro, Ph.D
Licensed School Psychologist*

**“UNDERSTANDING READING DISORDERS IN
CHILDREN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT”**

Tuesday, March 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Palm Valley Gardens
4975 Palm Valley Road
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida*

**Seating is limited, so please RSVP to
Erin Lepley at Pediatric Associates of Jacksonville
273-6533**

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.



BES Families Run in 26.2 with Donna Marathons

We would like to congratulate the following students, teachers, and parents who ran the 26.2 with Donna during the weekend of February 20-21. BES students Wilson and Amelia Haynes ran

in the 1st Annual Family Fun Run on Saturday, while BES parents Tricia Novak, Sara Cissel, Laura Leigh Haynes, Rushton Callaghan, Belinda Berrier, Patti Phillips, Ken and Shelley DeVault, Sandy Harman, Ingrid McCawley, and Jodi Pharr participated in the marathon. We apologize if we have left any students or parents off the list and applaud the cause and the efforts of those who ran.



BOOK OF THE MONTH: PRINCESS PENELOPE'S PARROT

By Helen Lester, Houghton Mifflin
Company, 1996

Helen Lester (and her clever illustrator Lynn Munsinger) have obviously met their share of obnoxious kids, as their books always portray some of the less attractive habits of the species.

In this one, Princess Penelope, an overindulged princess of the worst sort, receives some exotic birthday gifts, of which the most exotic is a parrot in a golden cage atop her birthday cake ("GIMME, GIMME," she yells).

Rudely she demands that the parrot speak--"Talk, Big Beak!"

When the parrot says nothing, she adds heaps of abuse:

"SPEAK, OR I'LL RATTLE YOUR CAGE," then "ALL RIGHTY THEN, I'LL PUT YOU ON A BALL AND CHAIN," followed by "WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET LOST, KNOTHEAD?" "STUPID BUZZARD." But all of this comes back to haunt her when Prince Percival stops by her palace. Princess Penelope had long ago decided she would marry Prince Percival when she grew up, since he was the richest prince in the land.

When the prince arrives, she hides the useless parrot behind the curtains,

And so, of course, during their encounter, the parrot shows that he can indeed talk, repeating all the phrases with which Penelope had showered him.

As Prince Percival left in horror at what he was being called, the parrot joined him and they lived happily together ever after, leaving Princess Penelope to practice her sweetest smile, just in case the second richest prince in the land should come

her way one day.

After you and your children laugh your way through this story, you won't even have to point out the obvious-that actions have consequences, and that treating others in disrespectful ways has a nasty way of coming back to haunt you. The most universal standard for conduct in most of the world's religions and philosophies is what we call the Golden Rule: teaching us that we should treat others only as we ourselves would want to be treated. This, however, is a difficult concept for preschool children, caught up as they are in egocentric thinking.

It is nearly futile for parents to ask children, "How would you like it if someone said that to you?" Such a consideration requires the well-nigh impossible feat of mentally putting yourself

in the position of another, a very abstract concept indeed. The only thing that has meaning to young children is this kind of concrete tale, where the real results of being rude and selfish to others are made manifest.

Other real-life experiences, such as being rejected by a playmate that a child has treated badly, can be verbally linked, so the child understands cause and effect. ("It is sad that Julia said she didn't want to play with you, I know, but I think it was because you kept grabbing the shovel from her.")

Kids are smart, so you won't have to extend this into a small morality play; they are also fairly pragmatic, and will do what is in their own best interest, until the higher order of morality, of doing good because it is the right thing to do, kicks in. So, check out Helen Lester and her humorous morality tales-she doesn't like mean, selfish kids any more than you or I do.

