



*From the Head of School*

## Spring is in the Air! Challenge Day Tomorrow; FUNd RUN on Thurs., April 22nd

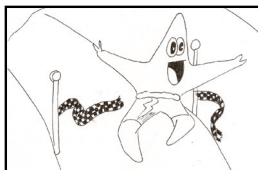
**A**s the zany comedian Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" I hope everyone enjoyed a rejuvenating Spring/Easter Break, and are ready for an exciting finish to our year! Please make sure you read all newsletters and stay current with our website calendar, so you don't miss out!

Our official kick-off Pep Rally for the BES FUNd RUN on April 22<sup>nd</sup> took place after Eucharist Chapel yesterday. Thanks to our cheerleaders, parent volunteers, and of course Kristin "K-Diddy" Walker for getting everyone revved up to make our goal of \$15,000. If the entire school reaches this goal collectively, everyone will be rewarded with a Popcorn & Movie Time one day before the end of school! Packets should be in your child's backpack today, so thanks for familiarizing yourself with it.

Challenge Day is tomorrow! The Pre-k's Junior Challenge Day goes from 10-11 a.m. on the Stormes Playground, and we would love to have you come and watch. It is a hoot! The children will be provided with a pizza lunch at 11:45 a.m., and then the traditional kick-off in front of the church by Mrs. Busse will take place at 12:15 p.m. The K-Gr. 6 games will then commence at 12:30 p.m. Thanks in advance to Midge Lilly, Donna Dawson, and the many parent volunteers who make this such a special BES tradition.

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## BES FUNd RUN Coming Soon



PACKETS COMING HOME TODAY!  
We hope you heard a little about the creative kickoff of our *Second Annual FUNd RUN from our Pep Rally* from yesterday. We are very excited about this event and though you are not invited

to run, we hope you can join us to cheer the children on as they run on Thurs., April 22nd! Please check your child/children's backpacks today for all of the important information you need regarding the *FUNd RUN*.

**\*\*NOTE FOR YOUR CALENDAR \*\***

*\*Schedule for the BES FUNd RUN!\**

**8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten**  
**9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**  
**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades**  
**11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades**

*Remember, Parents are NOT running, but are encouraged to come and cheer on their kids!*

## BES SECOND GRADERS RAISE MONEY FOR CHINESE SCHOOL

The second grade Computer-Thon was a huge success! Our second graders raised a grand total of \$1,681 to be used to buy two computers for a Chinese school that a child named Jin Mei attends. You may remember that Jin Mei came to Jacksonville in 2007 for emergency heart surgery and some local doctors took care of the expense of her travel and surgery. In addition to the computers, some of the funds will be used for shoes and school supplies for children in a nearby village. BES parent Shelley DeVault is leaving on Friday for China and will be taking letters and drawings that the second graders have created for them. We are very proud of our second graders as they strive to make a difference not just here in Jacksonville, but across the world.



*Jin Mei at BES in 2007*

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Our Gr. 1 and 2 students will be taking the Gates MacGinitie testing on Monday morning, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday morning, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure the children are well-rested, well-fed, and on time those days. Gr. 1 and 2 parents will receive results from this testing with their end-of-the-year report cards. Also on Monday morning, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Gr.3-6 will be attending the Beaches Fine Arts sponsored program by the Choir of New College at 10 a.m. in the church. The Beaches Fine Arts student outreach programs are always informative and fun for our students, not to mention convenient.

AND if you see a *new* Head of School wandering around campus on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, fear not, nothing is wrong with Mrs. Busse. It will be our BES auction winning Head of School for the Day, Lexi Riley! I always look forward to trying to vie for a raise that day, and love to see what edicts are handed down by the Head and her cabinet!

I hope to see all BES parent volunteers at Mrs. Busse's house for the Volunteer Luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP if you have not already.

Take care,

Bill Stewart  
Assistant Head of School

### **Beaches Fine Arts Series Has Final Concert**

The last concert of the 2009-2010 Beaches Fine Arts Series is the Choir of New College, Oxford Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. **Admission is free to the public.**

### **BES Fifth Grader Receives Pop Warner Award**

Thomas Bosley, BES fifth grader, earned the Pop Warner All-American Scholar award for his academic excellence in the classroom. Thomas received this recognition after being in the top 2% of the approximately 400,000 children that take part in Pop Warner programs across the nation. We congratulate him on this achievement.

## **CHALLENGE DAY TOMORROW!**

The annual Challenge Day will be held tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pre-kindergarten students will have activities at 10 a.m. in the Stormes playground and kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will have games at 12:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend, and you may want to arrive at 12:15 p.m. to get a good parking spot. Get the games begin!



## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

Thank you to all who returned the survey feedback for the Social. We had a lot of good feedback from the event and many useful suggestions for next year. Congratulations to the Burke family for winning a free ticket to next year's social.



Ice Cream Party Update: If 100% of the class contributed towards the Annual Giving Campaign, the class will be awarded a delicious ice cream party with all the toppings. Many classes are so close! Please consider a donation today.

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please be looking in the mail for your "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" invitation. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Jackie Busse's house. We hope each of you can make this special event that is planned for you.

FUND RUN excitement has begun. Please look in your child's backpack for important information regarding this fun-filled event. If the students raise \$15,000, a popcorn and movie afternoon will be awarded to the children.



## **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 and established favorites.



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 [dsbornia@beachesepiscopalchool.org](mailto:dsbornia@beachesepiscopalchool.org).**

# Grandma Says

*"Grandma Says" is a feature of Growing Child Magazine*

## **T**HE FINE ART OF IGNORING

Recently I had an e-mail from a parent of a 13-month-old, asking for advice on what to do when the child insisted on pulling off her bib or swatting away the mother's hand when she was feeding her.

The mother's final sentence was, "It seems the attention I give to any of these behaviors just causes her to want to do it more." And therein lies the truth about a powerful tool that parents have to use: the fine art of ignoring. Before we get to the strategies of ignoring, first a word about young toddlers. The name of the game for children at this age is autonomy and independence. When she "gets" the words, she will say, repeatedly, "Me do it!" That is the process being demonstrated here.



Rather than thwart such attempts at independence, parents are far better to work with them, or at least do no more than redirect the child from the really annoying behaviors.

So, the attempts to pull off the bib are best met with a change of interest, something else to do or think about.

The swatting of the parental feeding hand will cease when the toddler is given her own spoon to try to manipulate during meal-time, the work at practicing manual dexterity will be far more absorbing.

In addition, parents of toddlers do well to remember that these youngsters are one-track-mind scientists, deliberately experimenting to check out their effects on others, so that annoying behaviors are used as a tool to check out whether the parental response will always be the same.

This makes happy co-existence challenging, but

not impossible, especially when we consider the importance of targeted ignoring. When children get a response to behaviors, desirable or not, those behaviors are reinforced and strengthened, increasing the likelihood of the actions being repeated.

If the behaviors are annoying but not dangerous, a parent's most helpful response is none at all, a deliberate ignoring of the events.

If children are using the actions to get attention, they are getting none for those particular activities. If they are using them to exert power and control over a parent, they discover that they can't manipulate the parent into an exchange. And what with so many things to explore and so little time, actions that don't receive the desired response, or even any response, will

likely soon drop away.

Now ignoring means just that—no attention at all, either verbal or non-verbal. It means the adult fixes attention on something else entirely.

One caution: ignoring for just so long, and then breaking down and paying attention to the behavior works very hard against the parent's goals: this is what psychologists call "intermittent reinforcement." And unfortunately, that is the one sure-fire way to keep and strengthen behaviors.

So, parents who are ignoring need to be resolute and focused on their goals. Ignoring is only fair when used to target specific behaviors, and when the adult is careful to show positive attention to the times when children are behaving well, or doing desirable things. Ignoring the less desirable and paying attention to the desirable need to go hand in hand. One more inelegant phrase: don't sweat the small stuff. Parents of toddlers will have many more important issues to deal with in the years to come.



# Let's SAVE WATER!

- Report drippy faucets to an adult.
- Turn faucets off while brushing your teeth.
- Take Shorter Showers.
- Catch rain water in watering cans to water plants

What will you promise to do? Let us know by emailing Becky Harkness at [brharkness@comcast.net](mailto:brharkness@comcast.net).

*A friendly reminder from Brownie Troop #160*



## 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 F	7 G 8:10AM Eucharist Chapel for PK-Gr.6 8:55AM FUNd RUN Pep Rally! (immediately after Chapel)	8 H	9 A CHALLENGE DAY! (PK=10-11am/ K-Gr.6 games=12:30-3pm) 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel	10
11	12 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 C Gates MacGinitie Testing for Gr. 1 & 2 7:05AM PSO Meeting in CR 8:30AM The Zoo visits Kindergarten!	14 D 8:10AM Chapel for PK-Gr. 6	15 E 12:00PM Volunteer Luncheon at Mrs. Busse's	16 F 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 G 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	20 H 10:00AM PK/K Spring Program in Church	21 A 7:10AM CE & Spirit Day Chapel for PK-Gr.6 10:15AM - 1:30PM Gr. 1 goes to MOSH	22 B BES FUNd RUN on Hixon Field!	23 PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES! No classes	24
25	26 C 8:10AM PK-Gr. 2 Chapel	27 D 8:30AM Gr.1 Bike Rodeo (in front of Stormes Hall)	28 E 8:10AM Birthday Book Chapel for PK-Gr.6 10:15AM - 1:15PM Gr. 2 & 3 go to Symphony/Jacoby Hall	29 F Interims go home! 9:00AM Kid Power program in PH	30 G HEALS \$1 DENIM DAY 8:10AM Gr. 3-6 Chapel 9:30AM - 10:30AM Gr.4 Play in PH	1

# April Enrichment News



## Physical Education: Coach Dawson

We have completed two events for the Pentathlon, tennis ball bounce and critter toss. With only three events left, it is still anyone's game. Who will win the overall trophy for the boys and girls. Check out the enrichment's blog and go to Physical Education for some highlight details.

This month we will focus on Basketball. The students will learn the basics in dribbling, passing and pivoting. We will play some fun modified games that will incorporate basketball drills.

The weather is finally getting warm. If your child burns easily, please make sure to apply sun block on your child's face. They are outside for PE for 45 minutes and Recess for 30 minutes. Just enough time to get sunburn.

Don't forget about Challenge Day. Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be a day filled with fun and messy activities. Thank you to those parents who volunteered and especially Beth Grant who is the volunteer coordinator.



## Christian Education: Mrs. Bowlus

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV*

Christian education is an exciting, ongoing journey throughout life. We do not know all the answers, but we know someone who does! God continues to guide and direct us by His Spirit. We are learning in Pre-k stories about exciting Bible Heroes. In second grade we continue to memorize and understand our ABC Scripture Verses,, and are up to memorizing the 'S' Scripture, "Seek the Lord while He may be found. (Isaiah 55:9). Third graders have learned all the books of the New Testament, and continue their study of the Fruits of the Spirit. The fourth graders are studying the Patriarchs of the Old Testament. Joseph is about to reunite with his family in Egypt! The fifth graders are continuing the study of the Gospel of John learning from Christ's example.

## Christian Ed (1<sup>st</sup> grade): Mrs. Losco

First grade will be learning about the Beatitudes for the month of April.

## Christian Ed (6<sup>th</sup> Grade): Mr. Skornia

Our sixth grade classes will delve further into the Book of Acts as we learn about the first apostles and the rapid spread of Christianity.

## Art: Mrs. Whitmire

Your entire child's artwork will be returned to you at the portfolio conferences on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with your home base teacher. They all have quite an impressive folder of artwork. This month, **pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners** will have a springtime focus, creating works of art with new growth and springtime fun as the themes. **First graders** will be learning about Claude Monet and create a work of art in his style. **Second graders** will learn about Georgia O'Keefe and create beautiful flowers in her style. **Third graders** will continue a food study with some pop art style artwork. **Fourth graders** will finish their clay coil pots and work on a special glaze technique called sgraffito. **Fifth graders** will work on glazing their clay boxes they created last month. **Sixth graders** will study a famous American artist named Alexander Calder and his mobiles.

### **Computer: Mrs. Devers**

The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students will be using the computers to support what is learned in the classroom.

The second graders will continue with keyboarding skills, begin learning about word processing and visit web-sites which support the classroom curriculum.

Third grade students will continue working on current projects.

The fourth grade students will continue working on their research papers, storyboard, and presentations.

Fifth grade will work with spreadsheets with *OpenOffice.org Calc*.

The students in sixth grade will continue their movie project.

Melissa Devers

### **Library: Mrs. Workman**

**Sixth grade** will be reading one of the most popular legends of all time, King Arthur, and reviewing how to find books they will love.

**Fifth grade** is reading stories about the Great Depression and working on library skills.

**Fourth grade** will explore page-turning biographies this month. **Third and second grade** will be practicing how to find books using the catalog and how to find what they are really interested in reading. **First grade, Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten** will read books about Earth Day, families, and getting along with others. They have made a lot of progress and have graduated to longer and more complicated stories as the year moves along!

### **Movement: Mrs. Lilly**

In Kines. for April and May , we are selecting our very favorite activities that we have done this year and revisit them. We have done a different activity every class, so we have a lot to choose from. For Movement, we will be working on rhythms, dance and educational gymnastics, which include animal walks, rolls and stunts. We will also work with the parachute.

### **Spanish: Mrs. del Campo-Whalen**

We will continue with the animal theme. Pre-k, kindergarten and first grade will learn a song, listen to few stories and play exciting games. First through third grade will continue with the series "Hola ninos", fourth and fifth grade with the series "Cuentame," and sixth grade with the series "Cuentame mas". Sixth graders will present their creative and fun Spanish commercials. Fourth grade students will investigate and tell fun facts about Spanish countries.

I want to thank second grade parents for making the "Peruvian Tea Fiesta" delicious!

### **Music: Mrs. Angichiodo**

Spring Musical Time! The children are busy memorizing lines and songs for the Spring Musicals. Pre-k and Kindergarten are doing a play with Mother Goose Songs. The first through third grade play is called "Spaced Out". Fourth and fifth grade musical is the "Granny Awards". The sixth graders are performing solos and in groups. The dates are: April 20th at 10am, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, May 4 at 6:30 first through third grade, May 11th at 6:30 fourth through sixth grade. I look forward to see you there.

