



From the Head of School

New School Year Underway! Parent Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 6th

Welcome back to what I hope will be a terrific school year for you and your children. The children all seemed to be happy to be here and most of you parents appeared to be even happier. AND, we did not have to call school off due to the threat of Irene! It is my sincere hope we never have to use the classroom phone trees this school year.

Enjoy the calm of the next two weeks because school activities really pick up after Labor Day. Please be sure to put the Tuesday, September 6th Open House at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar.

We gather together in the church first to share important information you should know as the school year starts. It is an opportunity for parents to learn more about what their children have been talking about for two weeks and get the "real" story on it. This is one of the few events that we do not include the students as it is geared entirely to the parents.

The school purchased more ponchos as a convenience to parents again this year. We still have some ponchos left so if your child does not have a new one for this year, send \$7.00 into the teacher and she will make sure your child gets one. Please be sure he or she has a poncho by no later than this Friday. When the children are moving around the campus on rainy days, it is absolutely essential that they have a light weight poncho

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Welcome Back, new and returning BES Students!



Safeguarding God's Children Offered for New Parent Volunteers

If you are a new parent and would like to volunteer in any capacity this year at BES, please remember that you will be required to attend one of our Safeguarding God's Children classes on either **Thursday, September 8th from 8:00-10:30 a.m. or Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Please call the office to let us know which date you will be attending so we have enough materials. Thank you.

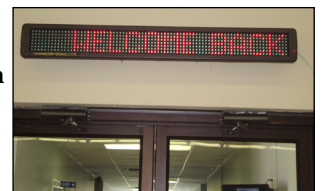
PSO CORNER

Welcome Back!

- We know there is a lot to do to get ready for school, so we will gladly still take your volunteer forms if you haven't had a chance to turn it in yet.
- Mark your calendars for our first PSO General Meeting . It will be September 20th at 8:05 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Dr. Edward Taylor will speak on "The Importance of Imagination."
- Please turn in your messages and money for the new LED board in the Parish Hall before dates fill up! **If you are interested in seeing your child's name in lights, please fill out the form on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.** The kids are talking and like to see your messages (and even messages from grandparents or friends too!) The money will go to the Capital Campaign to get our new building built! Thank you, Susan Stone, for chairing this!
- Don't forget to start collecting BOX TOP\$! Amy Sears, our wonderful BOX TOP\$ chair, will let us know when it is time to turn them in.

I can't thank you enough for being such supportive, involved parents! Everything that you do for this school and your child's education matters!

Blessings,
Becky Harkness, PSO President



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 available. If your child wears it home on rainy afternoons, be sure it is returned to school the next day, or you might want to consider putting an extra poncho in your child's book bag to be worn home on rainy days.

There were a lot of "drop-ins" on Monday to see our new MAC Lab and the students sure did have fun this week "playing" with them as we discover all that they can do. Mrs. Devers will structure their use more in the future but this first week was for experimentation and investigation. The students were also enjoying the new look in the library along with a couple new bean bag chairs. When I visited the library, the updated environment seemed to inspire their desire to read.

Our new counselor, Janet Fienemann, has included a flier that introduces herself and shares some tips for a successful school year. Most of the tips are common sense, but in the franticness of everyday life, we sometimes forget to do those things that help us to make our lives a little calmer.

If you have not yet attend the Safeguarding God's Children Workshop and would like to volunteer at the school in any capacity, mark your calendars to attend one of our workshops on either Thursday, September 8th from 8:00-10:30 a.m. or Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please call the office to let us know that you will be attending so we have enough materials.

The Denim Days that we have toward the end of each month will continue this year. By donating at least a \$1.00 to the chosen local charity for the month, a student can wear denim on that day. We have made donations to many local charities over the past several years and are always looking for new ones. February, March and April are already designated, but if you have a favorite charity that you would like BES to raise money for, please call me and we will choose a month as soon as possible. I hope this first week has been a great one for you and your children. It feels so good to have our students back on the school campus again.

Have great weekend!

Blessings,
 Jackie

BES Alums Make Honors Lists at Episcopal School of Jacksonville for 4th Quarter of 2010-2011 School Year

Honor Roll - Grades 9-12

<u>First name</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>'10-'11</u>
Allis	Adimey	9
Aiden	Flint	9
Patrick	Grimes	9
Cory	Roick	9
Cole	Wilbur	9
Elizabeth	Brownell	10
Abigail	Gist	10
Ryan	Gober	10
Thomas	Goodrich	10
Barbara	Sears	10
Madison	Williams	10
Jarred	D'Amico	11
Shelby	Ernest	11
Hannah	Flack	11
Lisa	Grovenstein	11
Alayna	Bradley	12
Maxwell	Mayes	12
Savannah	Neuman	12
Garrett	Peterson	12
Tanner	Roick	12

Honor Roll - Grades 6-8

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>'10-'11</u>
Davis	Cury	6
Lexi	Riley	6
Andrew	Austin	7
Anna	Gist	7
Zach	Heaton	7
Sophie	Laettner	7
Alexis	Levea	7
Amanda	McCawley	7
Emily	Orr	7
Lexy	Reimer	7
Megan	Teems	7
Jessica	Fondo	8
Christi	Riley	8
Lucy	Swett	8

Development Corner

Welcome back!

It was so nice to see all the students back on campus Tuesday and hear all the summer stories and laughter taking place. It truly was quiet over the summer, so we are happy to be back in the swing of things again. It is going to be a great 2011-2012 school year.

Thank you Mark Tutor, Susan Spalding, Kimberly Ray, Amy Alex, Susan Stone, Laurie Warner, Dina Sayar, Becky Harkness, Lori Fields, Tricia Novak and Sarah Gibson for taking time out of their "last summer day" to help with Orientation on Monday. We sold many uniforms and recruited new volunteers for different events this year.

Please stop by the Development Office and talk with Michelle Leemis or Lisa Allen to see how you can get involved and make a difference at BES. We have many fun, different and exciting things happening this year.

ChurchChat

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

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Welcomes You!

Sunday Worship Schedule:

7:30am – Holy Communion

8:15am – Breakfast in the Christopher Lobby

9:00am – Christian Formation for all ages (begins Sept. 11th)

10:30am – Holy Communion w/music



Counselor Corner

Meet Your New Counselor

Tips for a Successful Year

Hi B.E.S. Families!

I am excited to be your new School Counselor. I have been counseling for twenty years—ten in an elementary school—and am impressed with quality of the teaching and the caring environment here.

As a mother, I know the challenges of parenting these days and what a gift it is to find a school that truly nurtures our children.

This year, I will offer parent workshops addressing some of the issues facing today's families and how to encourage and enhance your children's intellectual, spiritual, social and emotional development.

Keep an eye out for more newsletters which I will publish regularly to help us stay in touch.

I look forward to getting to know you all. Please feel free to share your ideas and concerns with me as to how I can best support you and your children.

Janet Fienemann, LCSW, EdD

Ext. 185

(Wednesdays & Thursdays)

- Talk positively about school.
- Express faith in your child's ability to handle the challenges of the new year.
- Wake up early enough to avoid rushing.
- Prepare a nourishing breakfast.
- Choose clothes the night before.
- Create a quiet place for your child to study.
- Provide pencils, paper and other needed supplies.
- Schedule snack time, study time and fun time.
- Use a timer to eliminate power struggles.
- Check your child's backpack and the Parent Portal regularly to stay on top of your child's assignments and progress.
- Stay in touch with your child's teacher.
- Help your child prioritize assignments and create checkpoints for larger assignments.
- Ask to see your child's completed homework.
- Take a genuine interest in your child's completed work.
- Set and keep a regular bedtime.

Provide Structure With Flexibility

Providing routine, structure and consistency is a key to academic and emotional success.

Stay tuned in with your children. Ask yourself, and them, what they are telling you with their behavior.

If your child struggles to accept responsibility, loses confidence and stops trying, or lacks motivation they may need *more structure*.

If your child feels stressed, tense, burnt out on activities they once enjoyed, rebels, or has trouble solving their own problems, they may need *less structure or more autonomy*.

Finding the right balance can be a challenge, but our children's behavior helps us to know what they need.

Grandma Says

"Grandma Says" is a feature of Growing Child Magazine

WHAT IS READINESS?

As parents prepare for their children to leave preschool and enter kindergarten, they are confronted with various concepts of readiness.

Administrators and assessors alike want children to enter the next learning situation prepared to succeed. As we wonder what readiness looks like, we realize that it is the result of accumulations of experiences during the first years of life.

Though many school districts give "readiness tests", these are usually so limited that they tell us only what bits of memorized information children can feed back in test situations.

Rather, this is what real readiness looks like:

A child who listens:

-To directions without interrupting; -To stories and poems for five to ten minutes without restlessness.

A child who hears: -Words that rhyme; -Words that begin with the same sound or different sounds.

A child who sees: -Likenesses and differences in pictures and designs; -Letters and words that match.

A child who understands: -The relationship inherent in such words as up and down, top and bottom, over and under, little and big; -The

classification of words that represent people, places, and things.

A child who speaks clearly and can: -Stay on the topic in class discussions; -Retell a story or poem in correct sequence; -Tell a story or relate an experience of his/her own.



A child who thinks and can: -Give the main idea of a story; -Give unique ideas and important details; -Give reasons for his/her opinions.

A child who adjusts: -To changes in routine and to new situations without becoming fearful; -To opposition or defeat without crying or sulking; -To the necessity of asking for help when needed.

A child who obeys: -Classroom rules as established by the teacher; -Safety rules on playground and school bus; -Fire drill rules quickly and quietly.

A child who plays -Cooperatively with other children; -Shares, takes turns, and assumes a share of group responsibility; -Can run, jump, skip, and bounce a ball with comparative dexterity.

A child who works: -Without being easily distracted; -And follows directions; -And completes each task; -And takes pride in his/her work.

Are you seeing these signs of readiness as your child prepares to leave preschool?

Let your Child See their name in LIGHTS!

The PSO has purchased an electronic LED board for Parish Hall and is offering YOU a GREAT opportunity!

- ⇒ Do you want to wish your child a Happy Birthday?
- ⇒ Good Luck at a competition?
- ⇒ Job Well Done on a test?
- ⇒ Reminder to eat their Veggies?
- ⇒ Or maybe just to have a great day?

For **\$5.00** we will put your message on the scrolling board for an **entire week***! You pick the week, the message, and turn the form into the front desk along with payment. We must receive the message and payment by the Tuesday of the week prior to running the message.

All profits will go towards the **Capital Campaign** so we can build our bigger, better school!

A good cause and your kids will LOVE it!

Place your order of **3 messages** for your family before September 30th (message can run anytime during school year) and receive a 4th for free!

*All weeks run from Monday-Friday. Shorter weeks due to holidays or school closings will not be prorated.

Your name: _____

Week to run _____

Make sure to write the message exactly as you want it to run. No more than 10 words. Example: Happy Birthday, Skippy! Hugs, Mom and Dad!

Limited space: All messages will be first come, first serve, while space permits. Payment due in full before message will run.

**Let your Child
See their name in LIGHTS!**

BUY 3, get 1 FREE

Your Name _____ Ph# _____

MESSAGE #1

Week to run _____

Make sure to write the message exactly as you want it to run. No more than 10 words. Example:
Happy Birthday, Skippy! We love you, Mom and Dad!

MESSAGE #2

Week to run _____

Make sure to write the message exactly as you want it to run. No more than 10 words. Example:
Thank you, Mrs. Smith for being a great teacher! The Flockers

MESSAGE #3

Week to run _____

Make sure to write the message exactly as you want it to run. No more than 10 words. Example:
Skippy, We hope you are having a great day! Love, Mom and Dad!

MESSAGE #4

Week to run _____

Make sure to write the message exactly as you want it to run. No more than 10 words. Example:
Good Luck on your CTP4 test, Skippy! Best Wishes, Mom and Dad!
