

From the Head of School

No School on Mon., Sept. 5th for Labor Day; BES Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 6th

It has been an exciting start back to the school year! This week our kindergarteners attended school for a full day, and while the children seem to be doing well, I think our kindergarten teachers could have used a little nap time! We also began chapel services this week. Remember you are always welcome to attend chapel services and sit with your child and their class, as long as you behave!

This Friday, September 2nd is National College Colors Day! In recognition of this event, we will be having *College Colors Shirt Day* here at BES! Students, faculty, and staff may wear the shirt or jersey of their favorite college team. The rest of the school dress code will remain in force (i.e. shorts, shoes, etc.), and no hair coloring or denim! Parents, thanks in advance for helping your child to make good choices.

REMEMBER: There is no school on Monday, September 5th because of Labor Day, and BES Open House is on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. We will start off in the church, and then move on to the classrooms. You won't want to miss out on all of the great information the teachers will have for you! Day care will be available for our current students (not

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A rainbow was photographed behind Stormes Hall during the first week of school, thanks to one of our school parents.

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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.

IMPORTANT CARPOOL SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please do not text or talk on your cell phones in carpool. No call or text is more important than a child's safety!
- Please do not park on the east side of the 4th Grade cottages at McCormick Hall. Many people have expressed concern over their inability to see oncoming cars on the corner of 11th Avenue and 4th Street.
- Please use the carpool drop off lines when not walking your child in to McCormick Hall. Do not drop them off behind the school building or across the street and let them walk over by themselves.

Safety is our top priority and that is why no child is allowed to cross streets unescorted while on campus at any time. Thanks for your help in keeping our children safe!



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for younger siblings who do not yet attend BES), but you are encouraged to arrange for your own babysitter if possible. Cell phones and electronic devices will not be allowed at the child care.

There will be two Safeguarding God's Children Workshops offered here at BES next week. One is on Thursday, September 8th from 8-11am, and the other is on Saturday, September 10th from 9am-12 noon. Please call the front office and let them know if you are planning to attend. Remember anyone volunteering here at school or on field trips will need to attend the workshop.

Finally, Picture Day is Friday, September 9th, and children may wear dress up clothing but need to wear athletic style shoes. The children will have active time during their day and we want them to be safe. We ask that there is no denim worn, no boys' shirts without collars, and no tank type tops or spaghetti straps for girls. Skirt and dress lengths should be the appropriate length for school, and won't even be seen in the picture.

Take care and thanks for all of your support!

Bill Stewart
Assistant Head of School

"You learn something every day if you pay attention." - Ray LeBlond

Development Corner

Welcome to the 2nd week of school!

We are busy putting the final touches together for the **BES Phone Directory**. If you have not turned in your **Directory Release and Administrative Update Form** please do so by tomorrow, September 2nd. The form can be found on the BES website for you to print out. If there is no change from the information in the 2010-2011 directory, and you want everything to stay the same, please let Lisa Allen know at the following address: lallen@beacheseiscopalchool.org). Thank you for your help.

A chair is still needed for this year's Parent Social on Friday, March 3, 2012 at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. Please contact Michelle Leemis or Lisa Allen at 246-2466 if you are interested in hearing more about this rewarding opportunity.

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

We congratulate the following BES alums who were honored for their academic excellence at ESJ in the 4th Quarter of last year.

Honor Roll - Grades 6-8

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>'10-'11</u>
Cameron	Perret	6
James	Cissel	7
Louise	Ellisen	7
Ross	Govreau	7
Cooper	Lewis	7
Dana	Popky	7
Adam	Reimer	7
Isabelle	Flack	8

Headmaster's List- 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

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	Mayer	12
Savannah	Neuman	12
Garrett	Peterson	12
Tanner	Roick	12

Head of School List Grades 9-12

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>'10-'11</u>
Gabby	Corritore	9
Cate	Courtney	9
Jimmy	Delaney	9
Hannah	Ellisen	9
P.D.	McCawley	9
Hayes	Oken	9
Matt	Purcell	9
Will	Roland	9
Matthew	Wolfsen	10
Beau	Courtney	11
Jack	Wilbur	11
Austin	Corritore	12
Jeb	DeVault	12
Michael	Ruth	12
Carl	Schifanella	12

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

Beaches Episcopal School After-school Programs for 2011-2012 School Year

Beaches Episcopal School has a wide variety of After-school Programs available for our students, and they will be offered in the four 6 week blocks listed below:

- Session #1 will run from September 12, 2011 through October 21, 2011
- Session #2 will run from October 31, 2011 through January 13, 2012 (no programs offered the weeks of Nov.14-18 or Jan.4-6)
- Session #3 will run from January 23, 2012 through March 2, 2012
- Session #4 will run from March 19, 2012 through April 27, 2012

*Note: no Enrichment Clubs or paid activities will meet during the weeks between sessions, and no after-school activities including Help Sessions, are scheduled to take place during May as the year winds down.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Student Size Limit</u>
1 st	Ms. Jamerson	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
	Mrs. Doughty	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
	Ms. Benkert	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
2 nd	Mrs. Corey	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
	Ms. Shirah	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
	Mrs. Morgan	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4</u>
3 rd	Mrs. Garis	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>6-8</u>
	Ms. Howe	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>6-8</u>
	Ms. Glasser	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>6-8</u>
4 th	Ms. Tasca	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>6-8</u>
	Mrs. Phillips	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>6-8</u>
5 th	Ms. Williams	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>8</u>
	Ms. Romano	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>8</u>
6 th	Mrs. Hicks	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>8</u>
	Mr. Figlietti	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>8</u>

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment Clubs are free, fun after-school opportunities for BES students! Space is limited. Some of these Clubs are offered by specific grade level, while others are open to BES students in Grades 1-6. All Enrichment Clubs are from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Due to popularity of these Clubs, once your child has attended a session, they will be put on a Wait List for the opportunity to participate again. If the session is not full, then those children, who have already participated once in that program, will be added to the allotted space(s). If they have participated in this program twice, then they will be added to the end of the Wait List, which will rotate

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After-school Academic Help

Academic Help sessions are offered every week in first through sixth grade. Individual teachers will contact a parent when a student is in need of help, and will request that they attend a particular session(s). If a parent feels their child may need extra help, they will need to contact the teacher well in advance of the session to make arrangements, and to see if help is needed. Note, space is limited in order to insure maximum effectiveness, and all sessions are from 3:15-4:00 p.m. This is not a Study Hall, and no drop-ins please.

Enrichment Clubs Session #1	Teacher	Day	Grade Level(s)	Student Class Size Limit	Location
<i>Art Club</i>	Mrs. Whitmire	Thursdays	Gr. 1-6	10	Art Room
<i>Fiesta Club</i>	Senora del Campo-Whalen	Tuesdays	Gr. 1-6	10	Spanish Room
<i>Fitness Frenzy Club</i>	Coach Hernandez	Thursdays	Gr. 2-6	20	Hixon Field
<i>Let's Play Club</i>	Mrs. Lilly	Tuesdays	Gr. 1-6	12	Common Room
<i>Orff Music Club</i>	Mrs. Curtis	Tuesdays	Gr. 1-6	15	Music Room
<i>Reading Club</i>	Mrs. Workman	Thursdays	Gr. 1-6	10	Library
<i>Robotics Club</i>	Mrs. Devers	Thursdays	Gr. 3-6	10	Computer Lab

*All Clubs meet from 3:15-4:00pm

each session. You will be notified on the Friday morning prior to the beginning of the next session if your child will be moved from the Wait List into the session. ALL SIGN-UPS MUST BE MADE WITH CYNDI YOUNG. For safety and supervision reasons, any student dropped off or not signed up with Mrs. Young, will not be allowed to participate in the Club and the parent will be contacted to arrange for their pick-up.

After-school Activities (additional fee)

Students at Beaches Episcopal School can also choose from a wide variety of paid after-school activities. The fees for these programs are determined, paid to, and collected by individual program coordinators. Space is limited, so parents will want to register early to secure their child's spot. After-school Activities offered include:

2011-2012 BES After-School Activities		
Session #1		
Group	Coordinator/Phone#	
Act It Out! (Gr. 2-6)	Kristin Whitmire 246-2466 ext. 164 kwhitmire@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays 3:15-4:00pm Art Room
BES Extended Day (PK-6)	Nicole Hines 887-3776 246-2466 ext.170 nhines@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Mon-Fri 3-6pm in Parish Hall and Playground
Brownies and Juniors (Girls Gr.2-6)	Becky Harkness 992-9123 brharkness@comcast.net	Mondays 3:15-4:30pm Library & CE Room
Cheerleading (Gr.1-6)	Donna Hernandez 246-2466 ext. 135 ddawson@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays 3:15-4:00pm Hixon Field
Chinese Language Class (Gr. 1-6)	Haze Liff 955-2386 haze.liff@gmail.com	Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm AD's Room
F.A.C.E. (K-6)	Kirk Farber 838-2086 cell 241-8044 work kirk@theworkingwarrior.com	Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm Common Room
Flag Football (Gr.2-6)	Donna Hernandez 246-2466 ext. 135 dhernandez@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Fridays 3:15-4:00pm Hixon Field
Karaoke Club (Gr.2-4)	Jeanne Losco 246-2466 ext. 150 jlosco@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Thursdays 3:15-4:00pm CE Room
Lego Land (K-Gr.6)	Lisa Allen 246-2466 ext. 112 lallen@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm Common Room
Potato Chip Science (K-Gr. 2)	Melody Harding 246-2466 ext. 180 mharding@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Thursdays 3:15-4:00pm MH's Room
Running 4 Fun! (Gr. 3-6)	Ansley Doughty 246-2466 ext. 154 adoughty@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Thursdays 3:15-4:30pm Hixon Field
Super Soccer (K-Gr.4)	Dallas Skornia 246-2466 ext.121 dskornia@beacheseπισcopschool.org	Tuesdays 3:15-4:00pm Hixon Field
Suzuki Violin	Heather Turvey (904) 387-1745 (904) 608-1485 cell turvey@mindspring.com	Thursdays in Music Room
Young Rembrandt's The Power of Drawing (Gr.K-6)	Jordan Foster Sharon Murawski 230-4714 smurawski@bellsouth.net www.youngrembrandts.com	Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm AD's Room

Enrichment News

Physical Education Coach Hernandez

This year will be a blast. We will start the year off with learning about our personal space, sportsmanship and teamwork. We will play games that will challenge our ability to work together. Team building games are not only exciting, but are very rewarding. We will also play many games that involve core strength. The students will get a great workout and have fun doing it. 2nd graders will learn about the muscles in our legs, while 3rd-6th will review them. I have also added "Fitness Friday" to my curriculum. Every Friday, we will do three new core exercises. Have them show you what they have learned. Don't forget to encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. It is hot outside and we must stay hydrated. I am looking forward to a great and active school year.

Don't forget to sign your child up for Fitness Frenzy on Thursdays. Cheerleading will be on Tuesdays and Flag Football on Fridays.



SPANISH SRA. CARLA DEL CAMPO WHALEN

Bienvenidos to the year 2011-2012. The themes for August and September are greetings, feelings, school vocabulary words, and simple commands. During the month of August and September, pre-kindergarten students will learn a song, listen to few stories and play games. Each student from kindergarten to sixth grade will choose a Spanish name. We will also play games using school vocabulary words, questions and common commands. For second and third graders, we have Spanish Santillana books. These books will teach the children the sound of the letters and how to read in Spanish. Kindergarten to third grade will work with the series "Hola ninos", fourth and fifth grade with the series "Cuentame", and sixth grade with the series "Cuentame Mas". We will also review the alphabet's from third grade to sixth grade. The students from fourth to sixth grade will have folders in Spanish class. They need to be responsible and bring the folder to every Spanish class. Please encourage your child to listen in class and try their best. Also try to play with some websites to help your child learn and reinforce their Spanish. September 12th to October 21st will start the first session of the Spanish club "Fiesta." We will have fun, play games, dance and make crafts. This club is open for 10 children from first grade to sixth grade. Reserve your spot! Hasta pronto! Gracias



Website to practice the alphabet: www.spanishspanish.com www.donquijote.org/spanishlanguage/alphabet

Websites to learn Spanish: www.learn4good.com/languages/spanish www.spanishtown.ca
www.spanish.bz www.learn-spanish-help.com www.businessspanish.com
www.espanol-ingles.com www.123teachme.com



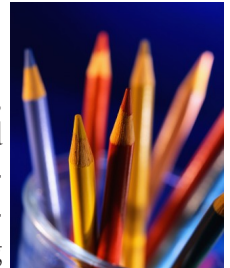
MOVEMENT / KINES. MRS. LILLY

Welcome to a new and exciting school year. In all classes, we will start the year off with some fun icebreakers. In pre-k through 1st grades, we will begin the year working on personal space and general space. 2nd and 3rd grades will review their movement skills, such as moving without touching, moving and stopping quickly and moving into open spaces. 5th and 6th grades will be working on cooperative activities, which they will continue to do all year long.

Remember: KEEP MOVING.

ART Mrs. Whitmire

I'm looking forward to another exciting year in the art room. Pre-kindergarteners, kindergarteners, and first graders will begin the year with self portraits. Second graders will begin this year with hidden name designs. They will learn about symmetry and colors. Third graders will begin with a different type of name design. We will discuss color patterns. Fourth graders will be discussing advertising and the influences on consumers. They will be creating their own advertisement using their name. Fifth graders will create a collage style artwork using the letter of their first name. The sixth graders will begin a printing lesson. They will print three different ways; mono-prints, Styrofoam prints, and linoleum prints.



Library Mrs. Workman

The library looks brand new after a summer of painting and new carpet. The children are already loving the new arrangement and reading areas. The next month will be very busy as we cover book care and how to find the best books for each child.

Pre-k and kindergarten. will be learning how to use the library and locate material that they enjoy. Don't be surprised to see some higher level books coming home at first as the children explore their ability to choose for themselves. Looking at pictures and making up stories to go with them is an important part of the process of becoming a reader. They will also hear lots of great stories read aloud each time they come.

1st through 6th grade students will be reading "back to school" stories and brushing up their library skills. Don't forget that the library account can be accessed online at <https://bes.follettdestiny.com>. The child's user name is first initial and full last name, password is his library number.



Christian Education (Pre-k, K, 2nd through 5th grade) Mrs. Sale

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

Welcome back! It's so good to see the children again after a fun and refreshing summer. CE is getting off to a great start. In all of the grades we will begin by exploring God's word and getting acquainted with Biblical characters that helped lay out the principles of godly living through their faith in God. We will also explore our own faith by finding practical ways to live it out on a daily basis in ways that are pleasing to God. Fourth through sixth grades will review how to navigate through the Bible. The second and third grades will be using The Beginners Bible. I'm looking forward to working with your children.



Christian Education (1st Grade)

Mrs. Harding

The first graders will be doing a year-long study on “famous children of the Bible”. We will start our study with the story of *Jacob and Esau*.



Christian Education (6th Grade)

Mr. Skornia

I'm very excited to welcome our new sixth graders back to school after a busy summer. It is my hope that our time will be filled with spiritual discovery and exploring the truth of God's Word and its application in our lives.

Computers Mrs. Devers

Welcome back, and I am looking forward to seeing all our students after summer. I am so excited to see the faces of your child when they see the new Mac computers. To start off the new year, we have lots of new surprises. Everything in the computer lab is new: paint, carpet, computers, headphones, Flip cameras, iPads and even Harold's home! I am looking forward towards the new operating system and programs in the computer lab. After the initial introduction, the students will begin typing and working with the application PaintBrush.



Music Mrs. Curtis

Thanks to everyone in the BES community for my warm welcome! I am so happy to be here and excited for all of the musical events happening this year. The first two BES informal performances will be by the 6th graders and the pre-Kindergarteners at their respective potlucks (September 22nd for grade 6 and September 29th for pre-k). Mrs. Blind has expressed how well the students performed at the end of the year, so we will be building on the drumming and rhythm skills by performing a Rhythmic Rondo from Carl Orff's *Music For Children Vol. 1* using BODY PERCUSSION. Pre-k will be showing us how well they can sing and dance by performing some of their new songs! As for the rest of the school, kindergarten and grade 1 will be learning a ton of new songs and how to play un-pitched percussion instruments (e.g. drums, maracas, rhythm sticks). Grades 2 and 3 will be reading rhythm patterns and learning to play pitched percussion instruments (xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels.) Grades 4 and 5 will be reviewing their recorder skills and learning some challenging rhythmic pieces, as well as two-part songs. We will also be getting ready for Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day performances on Oct. 10th! I look forward to meeting you and your precious families.



PSO CORNER

Get excited to sell



Entertainment books & Cookie Dough!

Sale begins Sept. 8th!

This year's Fall Fundraiser is just around the corner and we are so excited to start selling! On Thursday, September 8th, your child will bring home the forms to sell both the Entertainment Books and Cookie Dough. In addition, everyone will receive one Entertainment Book that can either be purchased by the family or sold to someone else. The rest of your orders will be filled after the paper work is turned in at the end of the sale. Our goal is for each child to sell at least 2 Entertainment Books and 2 tubs of Cookie Dough. When we reach 400 books sold, we will celebrate with an Ice Cream Party for the entire school!

Please contact Lori Fields at 710-9521 if you have any questions.

Money will benefit the Capital Campaign so we can be another step closer to starting the next phase!

Grandma Says

"Grandma Says" is a feature of Growing Child Magazine

I T'S OK TO CRY WHEN YOU SAY GOODBYE
In the next few weeks, if not already, many of you will be sending your youngsters off-to preschool or childcare, to elementary school, and all the way up to college.

You have prepared for this, with lots of talking, maybe some visits, some purchase of new clothes and shiny new school stuff from the required lists.

You have organized the car-pool or bus schedule, you have cleared your schedule for the send-off, and you and the kids are all ready. Or are you? Have you acknowledged to yourself and to your child what is really involved in some of these big transitions in your lives? The parent-child relationship is one of the most complex love relationships we will experience. From the beginning, you and your child have formed a transactional circle, with each of you providing necessities for the other.

In the case of children, we provide the physical care and nurturing, the emotional support, and the introduction to the world.

In the case of parents, children provide a loving relationship, often tender and adoring, such as when sticky-faced toddlers lavish us with kisses or carefully picked bunches of dandelions, or older children make it clear that Mom and Dad are the final authorities in their worlds.

Parents feel deep and unconditional love, pride, satisfaction, and joy when they contemplate their offspring, not to mention exasperation, frustration, and a myriad of other emotions (I told you it was a complex relationship!).

This next step you are preparing for will change

that relationship forever. Whether the child will go off to the care of a teacher for a few mornings a week, or to the mysterious all-day world of "big school", or even move into a college dormitory, the expansion of this world will put the two of you in a different place. And how you support the child and give yourself wisdom will determine much of your relationship for the future. You have heard the old saying about



giving your children roots and wings. In the earliest years, you concentrated on the roots, I am sure. Your unconditional love and support have helped your children build confidence and succeed in new experiences. Those are the roots, and therefore the essential nature of your relationship will remain.

The hardest part is giving the wings: the chances to fly away from you, soaring in a direction that you will not go and may not even be able to imagine.

Granted, they will be back. As Bill Cosby said, "Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home!" But they will be back with new thoughts, new experiences, and sometimes new heroes and values.

As one mother of a first grader said to me, through gritted teeth, "It sounds to me like Miss Jones should be nominated for sainthood -SHE does no wrong!" Nobody ever prepares us enough for how much change there is in our lives. So, as you approach this next transition, it's okay to cry when you say goodbye, okay for both of you to be a bit scared and a bit sad, mixed in with the worry and the excitement.

Just make sure to balance your open talk between parent and child with chances for you both to admit sadness without it becoming such a drag on the wings that the child cannot get air-borne when it is time to go.