

From the Head of School

Picture Day on Friday, Sept. 9th; After- school Programs Begin Next Week

It was good to see so many of you at our Open House on Tuesday night! Thank goodness we broke BES tradition and we were rain free! It looks to me like the year is off to a great start. If you have any questions pertaining to your child or school policies, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me to arrange a conference.

Our car pool is moving along smoothly and we are finishing up in about fifteen minutes or less. We have posted signs outside Stormes and McCormick Halls reminding you to end cell phone calls when the car pool line starts moving. Please honor this safety policy so we can be assured all of our students are kept safe.

This past Wednesday we celebrated our first Eucharist of the year together with Rev. Penny. I was pleased that so many parents were able to join us and look forward to having you join us in chapel on a regular basis. The children love having their parents sit with them!

All parents who wish to volunteer in the school need to take one of the "Safeguarding God's Children" workshops. One workshop was offered this morning and another one is taking place this Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you have taken this workshop at another Episcopal school or church, bring us a copy of your certificate, or call the church or school that you took the workshop at to get proof of your attendance. Please call to let us know that you will be attending on Saturday so we can arrange for enough seating and materials.

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PSO CORNER

Get excited to sell
Entertainment Books
&
Cookie Dough!



Sale begins **TODAY!**

A sample book (that you are welcome to sell) along with the forms went home today. Our goal is for each child to sell at least 2 books and 2 tubs! When we reach 400 books sold, we will celebrate with an Ice Cream party for the entire school!

Money will benefit the Capital Campaign. The more we sell the closer we will be to starting the next phase!

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 our Safeguarding God's Children class on **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.

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There is no school on Friday, September 16th as the faculty and staff are participating in a retreat that will focus on making the best possible use of our new iPads in the classroom setting. We are hoping that this retreat, along with the two previous workshops we have attended, will get us up to speed with the students! The busy fall activities have begun so be sure to check the school calendars regularly so you do not miss out on anything!

Individual pictures will be taken tomorrow, Sept. 9th. The students may either wear "church" clothes or their uniforms for the picture. Please check to make sure that your child is appropriately dressed so you do not have to bring him or her another outfit. Regular school shoes are required along with collared shirts, and denim is not allowed.

After-school Academic Help, After-school Enrichment Clubs and After-school Activities all start up next week, so be sure to go to our website to take advantage of some of our offerings. There is a lot going on and space is limited, so you do not want to wait until the last minute to call the office to reserve a spot. Classroom teachers will be in contact with you if they feel Monday after-school help would benefit your child. Most other school activities take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Girl Scouts and flag football being the exceptions.

Enjoy your weekend,
Jackie

Development Corner

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day will be here before we know it. This special day is set for Monday, October 10th and invitations will be mailed within the next few weeks. If you have not already turned in your Grandparents' & Special Friends' Form, please do so by Tuesday, September 13th. We want to make sure everyone gets invited that should. This form can be found on page 6 of this newsletter and on the BES website under School Forms. Please call Michelle Leemis or Lisa Allen if you have any questions.

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.

MARK SEPTEMBER 18 ON YOUR CALENDAR!

That's the day the SPBTS Foundation Board & Charlie Grinstead will be serving up Charlie's delicious take-out BBQ Lunch! The cost of the lunch is \$7.50, and with each lunch purchased you will earn a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Dwight's Bistro on Penman Road.



Proceeds will go towards the
BES Scholarship Fund for SPBTS children.

To place your order: fill out this form, fold it and your check (or cash) together and place them in the offering plate or turn it into the parish office. Checks should be made payable to SPBTS and indicate BBQ. Orders must be received by Tuesday, September 13.

Name _____

Number of barbecue lunches _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the
BES Scholarship Fund
for St. Paul's by-the-Sea kids!

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!



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

Grandma Says

“Grandma Says” is a feature of Growing Child Magazine

GAGGLE OF GRANDMAS

By Carol Gestwicki

A What do you get when you have a gaggle of grandmas? A lot of thoughtful advice, that’s what. I recently asked several of my friends what insights they would like to pass along—advice for today’s parents, or what they have learned or what they would do differently if they knew then what they know now.

(One of them in fact commented that her daughters rarely asked for advice, and when they did, they really just wanted her to listen.)

So, on the assumption that you also are not asking your mothers (or grandmothers, aunts, friends or neighbors) for advice (which I suspect none of us did at the time either) let me pass along to you some of their wisdom.

Actually, I got so many different responses that I will discuss some of the big ideas in later articles.

The first idea, echoed by several, is to relax and enjoy it now. One grandma commented that if she knew how fleeting the new baby time was, she would have settled into it more fully.

She would have had fewer commitments in the outside world, trying to balance work, childcare and other responsibilities, and worrying whether she was doing it “right.”

Another grandma described this as rushing around doing the things she thought she “should” do, and observed that parents need to stop “shoulding” themselves.

This means slowing down to savor the moments more (though she did allow as how this was probably a skill we do better in our 60’s.)

One grandma said she would try to resist the pressure she felt to return to work so early. Yet another grandma said that she would worry less about a clean house. So, the first big idea is to relax and enjoy the wonders of a child’s daily development.



An idea related to the fleetingness of it all was expressed by the grandma who said that she would remember that every stage finally comes to an end:

Diapers; not sleeping through the night; the terrible two’s; and even teenage “snarkiness.” She said that understanding would help her relax and enjoy it all.

One grandma commented that she had not harnessed the kids’ wonderful energy and enthusiasm for raking, gardening, meal preparation, and other responsibilities that she had thought were hers alone.

One grandmother’s insight was that, while structure and schedule are important, what she most remembers as particularly happy times with her children was the unexpected “holidays” such as snow days or illness, when the routine was broken, so she could relax and just play and enjoy the children.

Another important idea was spending time with each child individually. One grandma said she has learned from her own children’s parenting about the importance of small events with just one child, whether a backyard campout or a small adventure trip out in nature, or even just cooking or doing a craft with a child.

A grandma pointed out that she would have kept reading to her children longer, even after they could read on their own, feeling that continuing to share books provides great opportunities for communication.

And one last thought for you from one of the gaggle of grandmas: She wishes that she had helped her children call their grandparents more often, just to chat, knowing how much that now means to her as a grandma.

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Grandparents' and Special Friends' Form

Dear Parents,

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day will be taking place on Monday, October 10th! This is a very special day at Beaches Episcopal School when the children can share the school they are so proud of with others.

The Development Office will be sending out the invitations to each student's grandparents' and/or special friends' that you indicate below. A "special friend" is any adult your child would enjoy having at school if their grandparent(s) can not attend. We are asking that you please fill out this form and return it to the Development Office by **Tuesday, August 9th**. We would also love to use the contact information you provide for our mailing list to keep them updated on the exciting events happening at school. If you have any objections to their names being included on this list, please indicate that on this form. We look forward to another memorable day at school.

Child's Name: _____ Entering Grade: _____
Siblings Name: _____ Entering Grade: _____
Siblings Name: _____ Entering Grade: _____
Siblings Name: _____ Entering Grade: _____

Grandparent's Name: _____

or

Special Friend's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Include for future mailings: _____ Do not include for future mailings: _____

Grandparent's Name: _____

or

Special Friend's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

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