



THE BRIDGE

THE VICKI AND PETER HALMOS FAMILY ACTIVITIES CENTER

Home to a Decade of Extraordinary Moments

It was the 2000 - 2001 school year and an announcement had been made that the Vicki and Peter Halmos Family Activity Center would be completed in the spring. The very first event to be held there would be the school's Annual Dinner and Auction.

The structure had been a long-time dream for many, and through the generosity of the Halmos family and others, these dreams were becoming a reality.

During the year, our school families looked through the construction fence daily to see the progress as the large structure rose from the ground. Curiosity and excitement mounted. Midway through construction, with only a cement floor and block walls in place, arrangements were made to allow the entire student body and their teachers to tour the interior of the mysterious



Vicki & Peter Halmos Family Activities Center

structure and to witness a ceremonial foul shot into a makeshift basketball hoop. Long-time English teacher and former Aliquippa High School basketball star, Ralph Greco, had agreed to risk his reputation at the foul line. As he stepped to the line, the crowd of adults and children fell silent in preparation for the historic moment.

Every eye followed the ball as it arched through the air, struck the backboard and dove through the hoop. The cheer that rose from the roofless structure that day was for the shot, the shooter, the building, and the exciting future of our school.

A photo of Mr. Greco with the children was used on the invitation and the auction program cover. The chair was Stacy Palagye and the theme was "One Big Family." As the year progressed and the auction committees were busy selling advertisements for the program, obtaining live and silent auction items, and planning the food

and decorations for the unveiling of the building, the building itself was nearing completion.

The evening of the Auction began with cocktails and a silent auction on the East Field. Then the doors to the new Activities

Center were opened and everyone hurried to enter. No stragglers that year! The room was decorated in white - elegant and simple. The excitement level was high as four hundred guests took their seats. It was a fabulous evening as the school family celebrated the new addition and all that it represented about the future of our school.

It is difficult to believe that the Halmos Activities Center has already served the school for a decade. It is also difficult to image our school without that facility. It has become

a focal point on the Upper Campus and has been the site of tens of thousands of exciting, victorious, emotional, inspirational, poignant and happy moments. Athletic competitions, drama productions, Commencements, All-school Assemblies, the Pageant, Auctions, and even a special joint assembly between the public school and Palm Beach Day to commemorate the victims of 9/11 on that tragedy's first anniversary, have all been welcomed by the great multi-talented hall.

What a humbling gift that building has been - a gift from the last generation of school families to the current families and beyond. Those donors foresaw the benefits that such a building would have, and even though, in many cases, the supporters' own children would have limited use of the center, they contributed anyway.

Now their dream is ours to enjoy and we are grateful.

PRE-AUCTION PARTY CELEBRATES THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

The Main Event - PBDA's Annual Auction - will take place on April 24th in the Halmos Activities Center

Palm Beach Day Academy family members gathered for a spectacular event hosted by Frances and Jeffrey Fisher in support of the school's Dinner and Auction, "Saturday Night Fever," which will be held on April 24th. Guests arrived with gifts for the silent auction



Auctioneer Bob Nichols

and donations to assist in underwriting the PBDA Auction. A strong turn-out of over two hundred fifty parents, faculty and trustees enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and friendly conversations in a truly unique setting.

The evening's main purpose, however, was the auctioning of class projects that were made by the children and class parents. Each project was designed to be a lasting personalized memory of this year.



Co-chairs Margaret Horgan and Ali Moss

Board member, Michael Ainslie, was on hand to welcome the guests and introduce

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Reflections

“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origins, and culture is like a tree without roots.”

Marcus Garvey



Dr. Rebecca van der Bogert
Head of Palm Beach
Day Academy

Sometimes our best teachers are the young. Recently two of our alumni taught me a great deal. They expanded my thinking about who we are as a school, and how we will continue to hold on to the best of our traditions while we grow and respond to the needs of the 21st century.

Two weeks ago, we had an Odyssey assembly on the Upper Campus and one of our very own alumnus, Fritz Van der Grift, stood in front of our student body and received a big round of applause when he announced that he was a Pelican. Then he became very serious as he shared his most recent experiences in Haiti. I watched our students as they listened intently to his every word and followed his every movement. I asked myself what they were learning. Of course, they learned a great deal about Haiti, but it seemed like so much more.

There in front of them was someone who had been through the same experience of attending PBDA that they are going through now. There was a Pelican. There was someone that they could see themselves being someday. Fritz was teaching them more than the facts about

Haiti. He was modeling in the best sense, the ability to give of himself. The ability to care for others. And the ability to know how to take action and make things happen.

In a word, he is a leader.

I thought about how similar his words were to the words I hear from our teachers on a daily basis in classrooms, in assemblies, through our community service projects, and even in the hallways.

This past week I had another opportunity to listen to another alumnus, Romain Rigby, who returned to speak to our eighth grade honors English class about his experiences in China and the many opportunities that the country of China has to offer. I sat there and watched a young man modeling a desire to share what he’s learned, and someone who is very definitely still stretching himself to learn and be all that he can be.

These two visits got me thinking about the culture of Palm Beach Day Academy. If culture is the shared values, attitudes, goals, and practices of an organization, what are ours and how have they been passed down since the founding of this institution in 1921?

These are some of the questions we’ve asked ourselves as a school community as we engaged in the process of articulating our vision. It became clear when we defined a Palm Beach Day Academy graduate that one of our values is that we expect excellence. This may be defined differently for each student or faculty member, and even parents and Board members, but it’s expected of everyone who is part of our school community. Another shared value is an excitement

about learning. Our faculty model and work to instill in our students an excitement about learning with an understanding that sometimes this demands the kind of effort that will instill a sense of self-confidence from accomplishments that surpass their own expectations. Another core value is the sharing of our talents to make the world a better place. Our students learn that our school values this as they take part in the various Community Service activities on both campuses.

There are many schools who use these words in their vision statements, but they don’t live them. At PBDA, these values are strongly woven into the fabric of the school community. How has PBDA been able to hold on to these traditions and pass them down from one generation to the next? There are many factors that have contributed, but Ghandi put it beautifully when he said “Culture resides in the hearts and souls of its people.” Put more simply; it is the people. It is our teachers and staff who get to know the culture of PBDA through the stories that they hear from our long term teachers and our alumni who come back to teach and dedicate their lives to passing on the traditions. It’s our parents who have gone through the school and bring back the stories that embody our values and share them with our young parents who are eager to contribute to the culture. It’s the greater community that has come to expect the best from our school.

Many would ask if we are at risk of not moving into the 21st century because we are so rooted in our many traditions. My response is that it is just the opposite. Yo Yo Ma said it far better than I can. “Innovation and the ability to grow organically from within has to be based on an intact tradition.”

DR. HEIDI ANDRADE SPEAKS TO OUR TEACHERS, OUR PARENTS, AND LOCAL EDUCATORS AT PBDA

The March 1st Presentation was the 3rd in the Parent Lecture Series Sponsored by the PSC

On Monday evening, March 1, Dr. van der Bogert introduced Dr. Andrade to an audience of teachers, parents and local educators who had come to learn about ways to help students assess their own efforts and find their own path to improvement. In her introduction, Dr. Van thanked Laura Zung who has coordinated the Lecture Series for the PSC this year.

Dr. Andrade, who had also spoken to four different groups of teachers on both campuses earlier in the day, began by making a distinction between “formative” and “summative” assessments. Summative assessments are determined

by tests that usually come at the end of units. Formative assessments are the self checking reviews that learners give themselves or receive from peers and teachers along the way. Heidi explained how important the self-directed checks are and she demonstrated ways that teachers and parents can encourage children to ask themselves, “What is my goal? Where am I now? How can I close the gap?” According to Dr. Andrade, students who master this process are able to make proactive improvements in their own work rather than simply wait for an external evaluation. Of course, this is a useful skill for life as well as for school.

Heidi Andrade is an associate professor in the department of Educational and Counseling Psychology at SUNY Albany. She received her doctorate in education from Harvard University.



Dr. Andrade spoke to teachers on both campuses during the day and held an open session for our school community and local educators in the evening on March 1st

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2010

Palm Beach Day Academy celebrated the 15th annual International Day on February 12th with students from Pre-Primary through Third Grade came together to honor countries from around the world through vocal and instrumental



music, dance, and drama. This longstanding tradition has, in recent years, become just one element of an expanded International Studies Program for all Lower School students.

Beginning with the announcement of the countries at a special Flag Assembly in September on the International Day of Peace, students learn about a particular country in a variety of ways including independent and class research,

guest speakers, and visits to local restaurants, the zoo, and museums at various times during the year.

In February, parents and families are invited into the classrooms to experience the International Villages, which are designed to allow students to visibly display and orally share what they have learned. International Day is billed as "a celebration of all that connects us to one another" with a focus on understanding other cultures in order to facilitate world peace.

With a special interest on helping students better understand concepts related to geography and mapping skills, the selection of the countries is now based on a student's grade level. Pre-Primary and Primary students study countries on the continent of North America, Kindergarten focuses on South America, First Grade on Europe, Second Grade on Asia, and Third Grade on Africa. In this way, children have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of what is meant by a continent and become familiar with countries on five of the seven continents prior to moving on to Upper School.

This year's International Day performance



was dedicated to the people of Haiti. Those in attendance had an opportunity to make a donation to Mobile Pediatrics, a non-profit organization led by one of our PBDA parents, Dr. Natalie Geary.

U.S. PRESIDENTS MAKE THEIR ANNUAL PBDA APPEARANCE

On February 19 the 5th Graders transformed themselves into all 43 presidents plus four important figures from the Revolutionary War days. The students prepared for the day by researching their presidents and distilling the information they learned into 30 second speeches.

This year, for the first time, the presidents made a second stop at the Lower Campus where they briefly visited with classrooms there. It won't be long before the children in those classrooms will have their turn at becoming the presidents.



PBDA MATHCOUNTS 2010

The 2010 PBDA MATHCOUNTS team competed in the regional competition on February 13, 2010. MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide tournament for middle school students.

The regional tournament involves the top math students in the county. Students compete in a variety of challenging contests as individuals and as a team. This year's team was Charlie Krumholz (captain), Josh Perry,

Caroline Sambuco, James Oelsner, Danny Borislow, Mikala Merey, Shannon Boner, Clayton Stone and Thomas Coffman (alternate). The team placed 3rd in the Ciphering Competition. Charlie Krumholz finished 5th, Josh Perry finished 9th, Danny Borislow finished 13th and Clayton Stone finished 19th. Congratulations!!!



l to r: Clayton Stone, Michala Merey, Caroline Sambuco, Josh Perry, Charlie Krumholz, Shannon Boner, Danny Borislow, Jim Oelsner, and Thomas Coffman

Field Day Captains

Flamingos	Pelicans
Catherine Closi	Matt Fasul
Spencer Perez	Ellie Jamison
Ben Wandoff	Stoney Cohlan
Sloane Sambuco	Sarah Dunkel

21st Annual Knowledge Bowl
Friday, April 30, 2010

Field Day
Saturday, May 1st, 2010
8:30 A.M.

PRE-AUCTION PARTY 2010

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Dr. van der Bogert who thanked our hosts before introducing the evening's auctioneer, Mr. Bob Nichols. Bob, is a professional auctioneer, broadcast personality, and motivational speaker. He sold each of the sixteen unique class projects to the highest bidders.

The large attendance at the Pre-Auction party is a strong indicator of the support that our school families, faculty and board members offer to our school. Everyone present shared a commitment to the children of Palm Beach Day Academy.

Although, no children were present, they and their futures were at the center of the evening.

The Auction co-chairs, Margaret Horgan and Ali Moss, along with the entire school community express their appreciation to the Fishers,

and to the parents, students and teachers who produced the class projects. A special thank you to all the guests who attended and bid on the projects, and to all who donated either a Silent Auction item or an underwriting contribution.

Look for your invitation to the April 24 Auction and plan to attend this exciting evening that benefits all of our children.



CLASS PROJECTS 2010



1. Kindergarten 103, 2. 3rd Grade U.C., 3. 1st Grade 108, 4. Kindergarten 106, 5. Pre-primary, 6. 3rd Grade L.C., 7. 2nd Grade, 8. 1st Grade 102, 9. 8th Grade, 10. 7th Grade, 11. 4th Grade, 12. Kindergarten 104, 13. 6th Grade, 14. 5th Grade, 15. Primary, 16. 1st Grade 101

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

As the second trimester closes, the records of 21 of our Eighth & Ninth Grade students show that they are eligible for induction into the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible, students must have an 85 average, have earned Effort Club, have earned a "1" or "2" in Consideration, and have completed 10 hours of community service, primarily at school.

On March 4th, the twenty-one students and their parents enjoyed a luncheon in the Raymond Wean Library before participating in a special induction ceremony.

Congratulations to these fine students.



National Junior Honor Society Inductees - March 4, 2010 Front row, l to r; Lydia Smith, Amanda Coyle, Shannon Boner, Hayley Ciklin, Gigi Falk, Mikala Merey, Jim Oelsner - Back row, l to r; Lilly Schoeller, Catherine Clossi, Alejandra Castiblanco, Taylor Crompton, Charlotte Dowell, Tommy Leas, Megan Norris, William Leas, Ellie Jamison, Sydney McAuliffe, and Caroline Sambuco - Missing from photo; Frieda Goodwhite, Charlie Krumholz & Camille Larmoyeux

VICKY AND PETER HALMOS HONORARY CHAIRS OF THE 2010 PBDA AUCTION

The Honorary Chairs of this year's auction, Vicki and Peter Halmos, have been associated with our school for more than twenty-four years – since their arrival in Palm Beach. They were drawn to the intimacy of the island of Palm Beach and to the neighborhood feel of our school community. Their move to Palm Beach was dependent upon Palm Beach Day's acceptance of their son Nicholas into 1st Grade. Once they became members of our school community, they rolled up their sleeves and began a long association that saw both Peter and Vicki taking turns as board members - Peter, 1988 -1991 and Vicki, 1992 -2006. They never missed a school event, and they especially participated in fund raisers. Vicki remembers nudging Peter and telling him to stop buying all the class projects at an auction or two.

Vicki donated hours of hard labor to multiple Rummage Sales as well as occasionally serving as chairwoman. Famous for being lots of work for little profit, the Rummage Sales were always a source of many happy memories and the vision of Vicki Halmos making used furniture deals is one of them. Anyone who remembers those days,

will tell you that Vicki makes one of the best bread puddings you will ever taste.

Peter and Vicki have always been strong supporters of education, but they have a special interest in supporting the arts. Their belief in the idea that children come with varying strengths – some athletic,



The PBDA Family is at home in the Halmos Center

some academic and some artistic – spurred them to help underwrite the construction of the proposed gymnasium during the 1997-2002 Capital Campaign. They understood that such a building would

enhance the athletic program and the performing arts program equally.

They have remained connected to our school, even after their two son's Nick '94 and Greg '00 went on to high



The Halmos Center has transformed PBDA sports

schools. Vicki's and her son Greg's work with the Palm Beach Principal Players, a nonprofit theater company founded by



Annual Holiday Concert

Vicki, provides a venue for area students to pursue their interests in stage performance. The company uses the school's Matthew's auditorium, on the Upper Campus, for their rehearsals.

This spring, as hundreds of guests pass under the Halmos family name at this year's school auction, they will be doing so for the tenth time. This time, however, we will take a moment to salute Peter and Vicki, not only for their contribution to the existence of the building, but also for their years of personal, thoughtful, dedicated support of our school family.



The Halmos as a testing center.

Why I am a Teacher

Casey Johanson

There are two distinct memories and experiences from my elementary schooling years that have influenced my decision to become a teacher. I went to a traditional Catholic school. We had a strict dress code of green plaid jumpers and knee socks, had mass every Friday and religious class daily. A common theme in religion class was that all people are blessed with gifts that God gave them. It was, of course, up to us to figure out what these gifts were and use them in ways that would make the world a better place. Even as a young child, as young 8 or 9, I remember being able to care for children younger than I was. I spent

many of my afternoons helping out the neighborhood mothers with their babies and began babysitting by age 11. As I grew older the "gift" seemed to stick. I truly enjoyed trying to understand the cry of an infant or the behavior of a two-year old.

The second memory that inspired me to be a teacher is not as positive as the first. At a third grade parent-teacher conference, my teacher explained to my parents that I was "slow" and that they should not be worried because a few of her own children had difficulties in school. Charged with the information that I had difficulty with reading, comprehension, spelling, and, on my bad days, a bit of everything else, my parents, both being educators, sought out the support of psychologist and learning specialist. I was diagnosed with an "Auditory Processing Disorder." In a few words this means that I learn differently. My elementary school was unable to meet my learning needs. So it was up to my parents to give me the academic support

I needed. They learned everything they could about learning differences and how to educate all types of learners. By the time I reached fifth grade, my parents and I had figured out how I learned and how I could reach my fullest potential in school. I was able to make "good" grades through the rest of elementary school and had little difficulty with high school honors and Advanced Placement courses.

Teaching has been a calling rather than a job. I am a teacher not only because of my deep care and concern for children, but also for my belief that all students deserve an education that will enable them to realize their fullest potentials. To quote William G. Spady, "All students can learn and succeed, but not in the same day, in the same way." This philosophy guides my professional ethic; I have shed the stigma of "slow," and seek to transcend tired, stagnant pedagogy that undermines the self-worth of students.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

THE 2010 PBDA AUCTION
APRIL 24, 2010

Each year, the Annual Dinner and Auction brings our school families together to support the school. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special event on Saturday, April 24th. This is an event you will not want to miss, as it promises to be a fun evening in the theme of "Saturday Night Fever". Again this year, there will be a line up of fabulous live auction offerings, including incredible new items, as well as many favorites from previous years. We thank all the donors for allowing us the opportunity to offer these exceptional things. Read on to learn more.

Guest Auctioneer

A 32 year veteran of local television and to some a familiar face, former TV weatherman and news anchor, Bob Nichols, will be this year's auctioneer. Bob, a motivational speaker, professional auctioneer, spokesman for television and radio commercials, and an advertising executive, will be in charge of guiding this year's bidding to successful heights.

A Sampling of Live Auction items

"Priceless Experience" *The Magic of The British Open at St. Andrews in Scotland from July 14th to the 18th, 2010.*

The Open Championship will return to St. Andrews for the 28th time in July, 2010. The occasion will be all the more special as it will be the event's 150th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations, a gallery of former Open champions will be present, including Grand Slam champion Gary Player, the winner of the 1959, 1968, and 1974 championships. This



package is for two (2) people and includes accommodation and dinner each night at the Gary Player Group house, VIP tickets to the tournament, specialized gift bags and memorabilia of Player merchandise, as well as all ground transportation. These lucky guests will also have an opportunity to meet and dine with Mr. Player. St. Andrews is the home of golf and steeped in the game's history, so this would truly be a "trip of a lifetime" for the avid golf fan.

Courtesy of Claudia and Marc Player

U. S. Open 2010 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium
4 seats in a court side box on the base line one evening during the first week, August 30 - September 3, 2010.

Courtesy of Suzanna and Michael Ainslie



"Big Dog," a custom Mark Willis 76" sport fishing yacht
Spend a day of fishing or a night of sword fishing on this one of a kind fishing yacht. The captain and first mate will assist you with all your fishing needs. For novice or expert fishermen/women.

Courtesy of Enrique and Teresa Tomeu

Back by popular demand

*Manchester United Package **
VIP Executive Seating at a Manchester United Soccer Game with a two night hotel stay. This package for four guests includes tickets to a Manchester United Premier League game at Old Trafford during the 2010-2011 regular season. Too



many exciting things to mention.

*Tampa Bay Buccaneers Package **
This terrific package is available for a regular Tampa Bay Buccaneers home game during the 2010 season. One night's stay at the team hotel for four guests. Tour the training facility on Saturday and enjoy Saturday night dinner with the team in the owner's dining room. Four Club Level 50 yard line tickets, one parking pass, four pre-game field passes, & four passes to the Pirate Ship.



*2 tickets to Super Bowl XLV **
In the Dallas Cowboys new stadium in Arlington, Texas

**All these items generously donated by Jill and Avie Glazer & Darcie and Joel Kassewitz*

A Very Special Opportunity

James Patterson's latest young adult book, *Middle School*, will be: dedicated to a student (or students); AND dedicated to PBDA / or a favorite PBDA teacher; AND a character in the book will be named after a student.

Little, Brown believes this is JP's best book yet...

Courtesy of Jim and Sue Patterson

2010 Summer Family Membership at The Breakers

This summer your family will enjoy all the benefits of a Summer Membership.

Courtesy of The Breakers and Paul Leone



Christopher Kaufmann Le Salon will be donating an exquisite piece from their collection.

Courtesy of Christopher and Andrea Kaufmann

One Week Vacation in Paris

This beautiful apartment has four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and sleeps eight guests. Located on Rue de Monceau near the Parc Monceau, and a ten minute



walk from the Arc de Triomphe. Available for one year from auction date and subject to availability.

Courtesy of Robert and Donna Lloyd George

Staniel Cay Yacht Club, Exumas, Bahamas
Three nights lodging for up to four guests in a two-level suite, including round-trip airfare on Watermakers Air, from Fort Lauderdale to Staniel Cay.

Courtesy of Staniel Cay Yacht Club and David Hocher

Summer Vacation in Nantucket

Spend five days and four nights at the Summer House on Fair Street on Nantucket Island in a one bedroom suite



accommodating 2 adults and 2 children or 3 adults, between May 31 and July 23, 2010 or similar dates in 2011.

Courtesy of Danielle deBenedictis & Peter Karlson

One&Only Resorts - Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico

Internationally acclaimed as the quintessential embodiment of elegance,



every need is attended to with gracious hospitality. Two guests will spend four nights in a Beach Front Terrace Junior Suite, inclusive of breakfast.

Courtesy of One and Only Resort

Enjoy the beauty of Bachelor Gulch in the season of your choice

Located directly on Beaver Creek Mountain in Bachelor Gulch, Colorado. You will enjoy staying in a three bedroom, three and a half bath, wholly owned condominium for seven nights during any season. Enjoy the ski-in/ski-out convenience just outside your door, or if you prefer, summer activities abound, including a

championship golf course, horseback riding, hiking, fly fishing, and mountain



biking on the area's many breathtaking alpine trails and streams.

Courtesy of Kristie & Scott Johnson

Great mountain, town, and private residence in Breckenridge Colorado

Stay in this beautiful 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 bathroom, home located on the Nordic Trail, four tenths of a mile from the chair lift at Peak 8. Close to skiing, biking,



hiking, whitewater rafting, and many more activities. Available one week of spring break, March 2011.

Courtesy of Kelli and Gerardo Aguirre

2 tickets to the summer premiere of Entourage in New York City

Entourage is an American comedy-drama that premiered on HBO on July 18, 2004. It follows the rise of a young A-list film star and his childhood friends from Queens as they navigate the unfamiliar terrain of Hollywood. The series deals with themes of male friendship and with life in Hollywood. If you're a fan of Entourage, you will definitely want to attend this event.

Courtesy of HBO

Student's favorite - Rule the School! Shadow Dr. Van for a Day! Learn what it takes to be the Head of PBDA - Courtesy of Dr Van

Can't find a parking space when you really need one?

A Premium Parking Space on both Campuses will be auctioned separately.



Auction Raffle

Please ask grandparents and friends to support the school by purchasing a raffle ticket.

The lucky winner will get to choose between one year's tuition or a stunning, elegant, lady's Piaget watch. Again this year, Piaget has donated an exquisitely feminine,

Limelight tonneau-shaped watch, which is the embodiment of unrivaled refinement. Its elongated lines are highlighted by round diamonds, extending delicately along the satin strap.

Cased in 18 carat gold and set with diamonds with a silvered flinque dial with two polished Arabic numerals, satin strap, and quartz movement.



Some great items found in the silent auction:

Guided quail hunt and gourmet lunch for 4 people at private sporting club in Okeechobee: Pine Creek Sporting Club.

Framed Racing Daily Form, January 18, 2010, the cover features Rachel Alexandra and is signed by her owner, Jess Jackson.

Every child's Dream Dollhouse, custom built and decorated by hand, with furnishings.

Chestnut Lake Camp in Wantagh, NY - full tuition for a new camper attending the 2nd session July 19 - August 8, 2010.

www.chestlakecamp.com



The lucky bidder and two guests will play at the Bear's Club with a PGA professional and PBDA parent, Mathias Gronberg

Golf for Four at Trump International

Rockstar-DX Tama Drum Set, including Kick Drum, Toms, Snare, Crash, Hi Hat, Ride, and seat.

FIFTH GRADE - A YEAR OF GROWING INDEPENDENCE

When the 5th Graders arrive on the first day of school they are only vaguely aware of the changes that they are going to experience in the next nine months. Their last school experience - 4th Grade - was comfortably contained in the suite of four rooms downstairs, and all of their ventures outside those rooms were taken in well-supervised groups. In contrast, the 5th Graders are each handed a schedule and a school map on the first day. With those, along with their planner and a locker number, they are off to find their own way – literally and figuratively. Adults stand ready to help, of course, but mostly they simply point the children in the right direction and send them off with an encouraging word. There is confusion in the early going, but with support and guidance from teachers who have seen 5th Graders manage this before, it isn't long until changing classes and keeping track of books and assignments become routine.

In the first few months of school, the teachers keep expectations very stable. English, reading, math, history and science classes follow a simple formula - class work, homework,

test preparation and tests. In those months, the teachers are busy guiding the children toward independent studenthood by steadily maintaining high expectations.

In January, however, the students, who have grown comfortable with their new routine, are challenged again with an array of long term projects. They each select a president for the Presidential Address and they begin their study of Greek mythology. Those two projects are highly interesting and very exciting for the 5th Graders,



but they serve an even higher purpose. Through January and February, the students are learning to manage multiple levels of expectations. There is a fair amount of complexity to their assignments and they have to organize themselves by planning weeks in advance. They are frequently in front of their classes making presentations. They are given a great deal of creative control over their projects and they get to enjoy the personal satisfaction that comes from knowing that their accomplishments have taken real effort and focus.

Knowing that even a single



moment of success has a powerful effect on a child, the teachers work deliberately to create such moments. The Fifth Grade

team of teachers also continually monitor, discuss, and respond to the effects that their program has on the group and on each individual student.

The middle months of 5th Grade end with the Presidents' Address and the Banquet of the Gods – both sources of long-term, happy memories of triumphant moments.

During the final third of the year the tempo is more subdued as poetry becomes the focus in reading classes. Students read dozens of poems or more as they search for a poem to memorize and recite for the Poetry Contest.

Even the most skeptical students find themselves drawn into the poetry unit and the contest finalists present extraordinarily powerful recitals to an awestruck audience each spring.

As they emerge in May looking more like 6th Graders than 4th Graders, the 5th Graders have achieved great things. They are ready to manage multiple demands. They can collaborate in a group and work alone. They know what it feels like to look out over a large audience and deliver a strong performance. They know how to tackle a tough patch of academic demands. They regard their teachers affectionately, but they are independent of them. And mostly, they know that they are capable of facing all that is ahead, and thriving on it.



Palm Beach Day Academy Annual Giving Fund

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ALUMNI GATHERING AT NICK & JOHNNIES BROUGHT FACULTY AND ALUMNI TOGETHER AGAIN DECEMBER 18, 2009

Generations of alumni gathered in mid-December for a lively event at Nick & Johnnie's Restaurant in Palm Beach. Over 75 alums from across the globe gathered to toast the holidays and catch up with faculty and friends. Flamingo captains, Richard Cowall

'40, Charles Love '63, Marty Holder Stratton '58 David Moorish '51, and Lucy Anthony '80 posed for a photo capturing generations of Flamingo captains. The next alumni gathering will be on May 1st for a Field Day celebration.



Turner '97 and Whitmore Benoit '99 with their mother Nellie Benoit



Wiley '61 and Donna Reynolds



Charles Love '63, Marty Holder Stratton '58, Richard Cowall '40, Lucy Anthony Webster '80, David Morrish '51



Christine & Hunter Beall '91 with faculty member Richard Wagener



Former faculty member Silvia Pariseletti, with alumnae Helen Siris '01 and Tracy Bennet Kramm '80



Joey Goodwin '00 with former faculty member Dolly Greco



Faculty member Ralph Greco with former Parent & Board President Will Matthews '67



L to R; Michael Horowitz '03, Liz Evans '03, Mr. Wagener, Hilary Mendoza '71, Mrs. Greco, Lauren Young '03, & Blair Brandt '03



Spencer Guest '00 with faculty member Mary Calhoun



Jocelyn Boyce '71 with Ralph Greco



Boors Lindsay Kuhnke '67, Larry Cole '66, Sally Cole, Cappy Bailey Greeley '70



Kent '99 and Kristina Anderson '02

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Margie (Beuttenmuller) Betten, Class of '92

Margie entered first grade at Palm Beach Day in 1983. She is remembered by her teachers as a vibrant, solid, and cheerful student, always nice to everyone. Margie currently works and lives in Chicago. She enjoys returning to Palm Beach to visit with family and friends as often as she can. On April 10th, 2010, she will be married in Palm Beach to Christian Siegrist, a financial risk manager for Levante Capital. Christian and Margie met through Jason Newcomer '92, a classmate of Margie's and a college roommate of Christian's. Her brother Buck '95, graduated from Brown University in '02, and the University of Chicago in '06 with an MBA; he also lives in Chicago. He married his wife Elizabeth in 2007. He is the Manager of Derivative Strategies at the MacArthur Foundation.



What are some of your fondest memories of Palm Beach Day?

- Plays directed by Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Greco and Graham Russell: they made us feel as though we were Broadway actors! The early and continuing experience with plays and Mr. Greco's speech class eliminated any fear of public speaking- it always seemed like a natural thing to do.
- Art class with Mrs. Daves and Mrs. Dixon: the studios were always filled with projects that other students were working on - it was always interesting to see how talented my classmates were.
- Mr. Sarko's planetarium: everyone would get so excited when we peeked through the auditorium doors and saw the giant grey bubble set up. While our class sat inside the bubble, Mr. Sarko taught us how to identify the constellations. When I come back to Palm Beach, I usually arrive at night. The first thing I do is look up at the stars (you don't see as many in northern cities because of the lights) and often remember the planetarium.
- Classmates: the PBDS class of 1992 was a great group, and I remain in touch with many of my classmates.

After leaving Palm Beach Day what schools did you attend to continue your education?

I left PBDS after eighth grade and went



Margie Betten

to Cardinal Newman High School. After graduation, I attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. While at Georgetown I interned with Congressman E. Clay Shaw and spent my junior year in Strasbourg, France (merci, Madame Ketchens!). While traveling my junior year, I lost my luggage in the Zurich airport. It took me about 10 minutes to realize my last name "Beuttenmuller" was being called on the loudspeaker because I wasn't able to understand it! After a few more mishaps, Buck and I decided to eliminate a few letters from our last name to a more manageable "Betten." After graduation, I lived and worked in Buenos Aires for six months (along with my friend and fellow Georgetown graduate Caroline Callahan '92). Caroline and I both moved to New York City in 2000, and I graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2004. New York is PBDS North, since there are so many alumni living in the city. I reignited friendships with classmates and other alums including Aubrey Henderson Khoury '92, Virginia Oatley '92, Abigail Blades '92, Phoebe Kemble '92, Anne Knight '92, Alex Smith-Ryland '92 and Cassie Foley Glover '87.

What is your profession and whom are you currently working for?

I am attorney working as a Trust and Estate Advisor for the Citigroup Private Bank in Chicago. I began working for Citigroup in New York and transferred to Chicago last year.

Please tell us about your job and what you do?

I help people plan the transfer of assets to their family or their favorite charities. The job is an interesting cross section of law and finance. Any student contemplating a law degree should know that there are many different ways to use a legal education.

When time permits, what else do you enjoy doing?

Traveling (especially home to Palm Beach to see family and friends), golf and sailing. Lake Michigan provides easy access to sailing (and the waters are shark-free!).

Looking back over your years at PBDA, what do you think were the most valuable aspects of our school?

The school's focus on the importance of learning; it formed my attitude toward school and higher education. Palm Beach Day provides diverse educational opportunities. I am constantly amazed at how often what I learned at PBDS relates to something I am doing today. The school provided me with a strong sense of community and increased my self-confidence. I always felt the faculty was my cheering section. The teachers wanted us to succeed at whatever we were doing and did everything they could to help make that happen.

The sports program at PBDS was also important: I was tall and uncoordinated (my high school nickname was "Big Bird") but somehow Mrs. Rafter and Mrs. Skinner made sure I got the basics down for all the team sports we played. This gave me the confidence to try out and play for the high school volleyball team (and the recreational volleyball teams I play on now).

Other than the usual "stay in school" admonishment, what real-world advice would you give to current students?

Experience as much of the world as possible. My first solo trip abroad was freshman year of college. Looking back I can see how that first experience matured me; traveling by myself to another country, living in another culture and speaking a foreign language made me independent, self-reliant, tolerant and brave. I also made wonderful, interesting friends whom I still see.

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'65

Larry Cole and his wife Sally are now spending the winter in the Palm Beaches. They spend the rest of the year in their home in Seattle, Washington. They enjoyed attending the alumni holiday party at Nick and Johnny's in December.

'82

Wayne Wadsworth is the senior vice president of Holder Construction Company in Atlanta, Georgia. Holder is a national commercial construction firm. Wayne and his wife Dawn have three children, Henry age 14, Weston age 12, and Waverly age 10. They live in Marietta, GA.

'89

Nicole Latorra became engaged to Joe McGivney on Saturday, February 20, 2010.



Nicole Latorra & Joe McGivney

A summer wedding is planned. Nicole has been teaching at PBDA since 2002. She is currently teaching kindergarten on the lower campus.

'91

Ali Scatigno and her husband of five years, Jochen Wagner, are expecting their first child in June.



Ali Scatigno & Jochen Wagner

They are excited and preparing their home for the arrival of their little bambino. Ali is the manager and buyer for the Malo store located on Worth Avenue. The store is best known for beautiful cashmere sweaters. They are living in Fort Lauderdale.

'94

Judd Cherry loves living and working in Los Angeles. He recently completed a comedy movie script and he is now in negotiations to write and produce a family adventure film about the history of South Florida.

'96

Robert Surtees graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2005 with a degree in Management Science Engineering. He returned to the Palm Beaches, where he was employed for three years at Florida Crystals, working on capital projects and purchasing. He is currently pursuing his dream to become a professional golfer.

'97

Romain Rigby is finishing a masters degree at the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies in China. His masters thesis is on nuclear energy in China. He is fluent in Mandarin, and he hopes to remain in China after he completes his degree. Romain was home for a month, visiting with family in Wellington, and he stopped by PBDA to catch up with his former teachers and to speak to the eighth grade honor class about the opportunities for college graduates in China.

Charlie Maddock was one of three top American young leaders chosen to be delegates at the One Young World Inaugural Summit in London in February. One Young World is the first leadership summit for leaders age 25 and under from all the world's 192 countries to confront the major global challenges of today. He works in the investment management division of Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. in New York.

Chris Leidy has always loved the ocean. He has successfully realized his dream into a successful business of underwater photography. He is a graduate of the Full Sail Film Institute with a degree in cinematography. He is nationally recognized as one of today's best emerging underwater photographic artists.

'98

Heather Dunmire is engaged to marry Frank Vineis. Heather earned a B.S. from Babson College, in Wellesley, Mass., where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is an assistant buyer

for QVC in West Chester, Pa.

The marriage of **Tiffany Marks** to Simon Isaacs took place on Saturday, February 14, 2010, at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. Bridesmaids included PBDA classmates **Alex Newell, Christina Matthews Macfarland, Claire Bernard, Courtney Gerl Keck, and Davina Wood. Frances Webster** was the Maid of Honor. Tiffany's brother **Martin '96** was a groomsman. Tiffany is the vice president of Lana Marks Handbags. The couple honeymooned at Mexico's Banyan Tree resort. They are living in London.

Christina Matthews and Benjamin Macfarland were married on March 28, 2009 in the grand ballroom of the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. Her sisters **Natalie '02** and **Lauren '07** were bridesmaids as well as **Frances Webster '98, Davina Wood '98, Tiffany Marks '98, and Alex Newell '98.** Groomsmen were **Robert Leidy '96, Patrick Dude '95, and Alexander Matthews '01,** brother of the bride. Other PBDA alumni in attendance were **Copley Ricca '98, Courtney Gerl Keck '98, Marissa Murphy '98, and Johnny Dodge '98.** Christina is pursuing a masters of public administration with a concentration in international management at American University in Washington, DC. She is working part time at the university's Development Office in corporate and foundation giving and she is the assistant content editor for *The Public Purpose*, a public administration journal. Christina and Ben love living in DC, but they miss family and the sunny Florida weather. Christina is the daughter of PBDA trustee, **Will Matthews.**



Christina & Benjamin

Alex Newell and **Claire Bernard** recently stopped by PBDA to visit with their former teachers. In town to be a part of Tiffany Marks' wedding, they were enjoying catching up with former classmates and friends. Alex hopes to return to live in Palm Beach one day, and Claire, who is currently

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living in Las Vegas, looks forward to returning to Los Angeles.



Alex Newell and Claire Bernard with Mr. Greco

'00

Cathy Rampell, a graduate of Princeton University, where she was a columnist for The Daily Princetonian, is currently the economics editor at The New York Times, where she writes about economics and edits the Economix blog. Before joining The Times, she wrote for the Washington Post editorial pages and financial section and for The Chronicle of Higher Education. Her work has also appeared in Slate, Smithsonian Magazine, The Village Voice, USA Today, NPR, MSNBC.com, and various other publications.



Cathy Rampell

'03

Fritz Van der Grift returned to PBDA on Thursday, February 4th to talk about his recent experience as part of a relief and rescue team responding to the Haitian earthquake. Fritz showed the students

photos of the devastation and explained the political, cultural, and physical obstacles that are slowing the relief effort. Fritz reminded the students to appreciate all that they have. **Blair Brandt** was instrumental in helping to raise funds for this relief effort.



Dr. van der Bogert with Fritz Van der Grift

IN MEMORIAM

'47

Elizabeth (Betty) Dixon Bryant died at her Palm Beach home on December 8, 2009. She moved to Palm Beach in 1933 after she married her husband, A. Parker Bryant. She served on the Board of Trustees of Palm Beach Day School from 1949 through 1964. Mrs. Bryant was also involved in civic and philanthropic organizations. She is survived by two daughters, **Benita Trinkle '56**, of New York City and **Leslie Hume '65**, of San Francisco.



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