



THE CAMPAIGN FOR PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY



# GREAT

EXPECTATIONS

*Celebrating 90 Years*

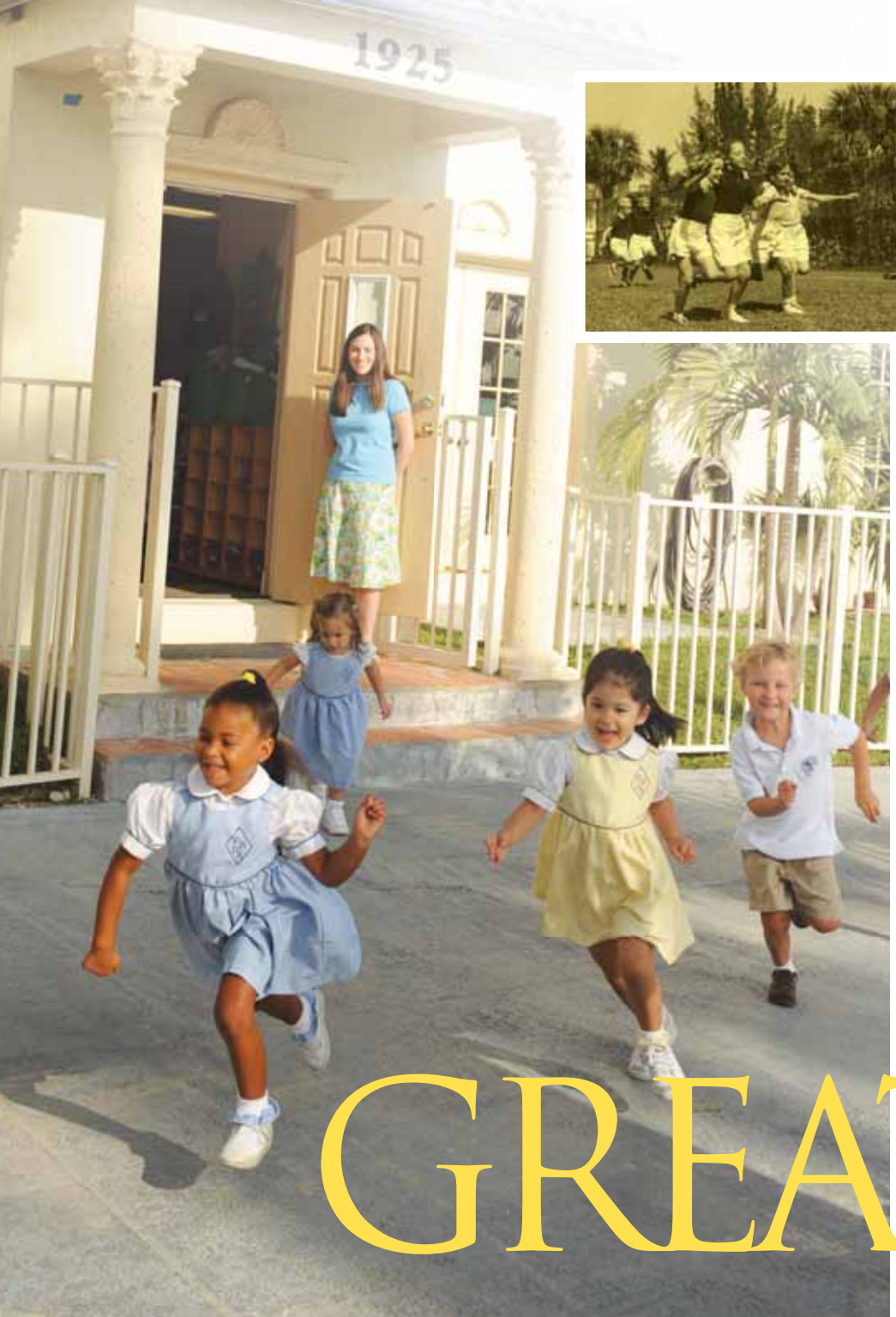


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“At Palm Beach Day Academy, we encourage our students to reach higher and achieve more than they ever thought possible. As our school enters its 90<sup>th</sup> year, all of us who care about our children and the world, must do the same. Our vision is clear. Our leadership is in place. Our expectations are great. We are ready to begin a new chapter in our school’s history.”

*~ Dr. Rebecca van der Bogert, Head of School*



**Time-Honored Traditions.**  
*Our annual field day event has been a proud tradition for 80 years and has been celebrated by generations of Palm Beach Day families.*

## The possibilities are endless.

Palm Beach Day Academy stands on a time-honored tradition of excellence. Since its inception in 1921, the school has been a cornerstone of the greater Palm Beach area. As the oldest independent school in Florida, Palm Beach Day has achieved a deserved reputation as one of the preeminent co-educational day schools in Florida and as one of the top independent schools in the country. Over the past 90 years, Palm Beach Day has grown and changed time and time again to meet the needs of its families and community. Presently serving over 500 students on two campuses, Palm Beach Day remains true to its ideals while looking to the future and anticipating the needs of generations to come. There is no other school like Palm Beach Day, where children follow in the footsteps of their parents, teachers embody the hallmarks of achievement, and the scholars, inventors and artists of today become the leaders of tomorrow. To preserve our renowned legacy, to fulfill on the promise of the future, we must continue to expect great things from our students, our school, and ourselves. When we do, there is no limit to what Palm Beach Day Academy can become.

# GREAT BEGINNINGS

“Imagination allows us to escape the predictable. It enables us to reply to the common wisdom that we cannot soar by saying, ‘Just watch!’”

*~ Senator Bill Bradley, class of 1961*



“Even today – years later – I still find myself referring back to what I was taught at Palm Beach Day.” ~ *Charlie Metzger, class of 2005; Princeton University, class of 2012*

# GREAT MINDS



## Students think for themselves, and imagine new worlds.

For generations, children have come to Palm Beach Day Academy to learn and grow in an academically challenging environment. Following in a rich and vibrant tradition, they've come to expect no less than the best. In the classroom or on the athletic field, children's individual talents are embraced, their curiosity is engaged, their compassion deepened as they become outstanding students, strong leaders and good global citizens. Expectations are high, yet students rise higher, learning they can achieve more than they ever thought possible. Empowered to think, free to explore and challenged to excel, students gain knowledge, but also the quiet confidence that comes from true accomplishment. When students leave Palm Beach Day Academy, they are well prepared to succeed in secondary school and college. They are ready to believe in themselves, stand up for their beliefs and create their own paths in the changing world ahead.

### Setting the Stage.

*Students at Palm Beach Day benefit from an early emphasis on the arts and athletics. A well-rounded program features drama, music, art, and various sports.*





**Going the Distance.**

*Teaching with a global perspective has become an integral part of Palm Beach Day's curriculum. From Pre-Primary (age 2) to the 9th grade, students participate in innovative international studies programs that focus on the world and its many cultures and languages.*



## When teachers give their lives, learning lasts a lifetime.

Great teaching is at the heart of Palm Beach Day Academy's success. The faculty is one of the school's greatest strengths, and creating a lifelong foundation for learning is the goal of each of Palm Beach Day's talented, experienced teachers. They take a sincere interest in the growth and development of their students, creating a culture deeply rooted in respect for each child's unique abilities. In turn, the school's leadership invests in the excellence of its faculty by providing innovative

educational opportunities, professional development, and support for ongoing program development. Faculty members are encouraged to collaborate, share ideas, learn new teaching techniques and develop new programs that encompass teaching with a global perspective. While valuing excellence, teachers recognize they are conveying far more than knowledge. They are instilling the very qualities of strength of character, integrity, compassion and leadership that last a lifetime.

# GREAT PASSION

“There were fantastic teachers, who pushed beyond the curriculum and encouraged my creativity.”

~ Alex Rampell, class of 1996; CEO, TrialPay



**A Legacy of Learning.** *Since its inception in 1921, Palm Beach Day's commitment to teaching excellence has been demonstrated in the success of its graduates.*

“This campaign is a game changer. We knew we were an excellent school. Now we are going to be a world-class school.”

*~ Michael Ainslie, Board of Trustees*

GREAT VISION





## With tradition behind us, we see the world ahead.

Palm Beach Day Academy's remarkable students and caliber of teaching have earned us a place among America's most outstanding schools. As the world moves forward, so must we. The continued excellence of Palm Beach Day depends on our ability to face the future with renewed passion and vision. Over the past year and a half, the Board of Trustees, a Faculty Advisory Committee, and parents have come together to create a plan as exciting as it is sound, as innovative and realistic as it is relevant. The result is a capital improvement plan that will ensure our ability to offer students the highest quality education for generations to come.



**Building Our Future.** *Our facilities have come a long way since the early 1920s! With our planned capital improvements, we'll carry our tradition of excellence well into the 21st century.*

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS: THE CAMPAIGN FOR PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY

### **Unity Church Property Purchase**

The purchase of the Unity property will provide the Lower Campus with over three contiguous acres, enhanced property value, secure use of the land for an athletic field and parking, and the opportunity to create a comprehensive, unified early childhood campus.

### **Comprehensive Early Childhood Center**

The Comprehensive Early Childhood Center will include a unique early childhood library, a new Lower Campus library, an art room, a storytelling area, a computer lab, international studies rooms, indoor and outdoor science labs, teachers work room and resource center, classrooms configured specifically for three and four year olds, with contiguous playgrounds for each grade, and a large indoor space (piazza) for dramatic play, puppetry, exploration of light and sound, block construction, and documentation of learning panels.

### **Athletic and Performing Arts Center**

The Athletic and Performing Arts Center will be a multi-use building that will encourage appreciation of, and participation in, the performing arts, while providing for sports and fitness activities indoors, an important component of an athletic program in Florida's subtropical climate.

### **Matthews Performing Arts Center**

Modernizing Matthews Auditorium into a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center will create an enhanced showcase for some of the most memorable events of students' lives, while enabling the expansion of dance, drama, voice, and music programs.

### **Facility Upgrades**

Updating the upper campus building will offer an inviting, modern learning atmosphere for students and preserve a valued, architecturally significant part of Palm Beach Day Academy's history.



### **Educational Development Fund**

Providing our teachers with innovative educational opportunities, professional development, and support for ongoing program development will continue to ensure that students receive the highest quality teaching in the classroom every day, year after year.

### **Financial Aid**

A dedicated financial aid endowment will give bright and talented children, without the financial means, the ability to attend our school so they may add their gifts to the school and the world.

### **Academic Chairs**

Named academic chairs will give us a significant opportunity to honor outstanding teachers and to continue the time-honored tradition of teaching excellence at Palm Beach Day Academy.

### **Buildings and Grounds Endowment Fund**

The building and grounds fund will provide support for maintenance and upkeep of new construction and existing buildings and grounds.

“Above all, Palm Beach Day gave me the opportunity to learn to write in an intense way. Mr. Greco took the time to sit with us, individually, as he read our essays out loud... It was an absolutely invaluable experience.

~ Meredith Bagby, class of 1988, Attorney  
*Property Resources Co.*





“There couldn’t be a society  
of people who didn’t dream.”

~ *William S. Burroughs, Past Parent, American Novelist and Poet*

*Palm Beach Day has a passionate leadership, ready and willing to invest the time, effort and dedication necessary to continue our tradition of excellence for generations. Our Campaign Leadership Team, pictured from left to right: Glenn Straub, Scott Johnson, Paul Leone, William Matthews, Michael Ainslie, Rebecca van der Bogert. Not pictured, Lourdes Fanjul and James Patterson.*

## One common goal for a truly uncommon school.

As family and faculty, trustees and community members, we share great enthusiasm for all Palm Beach Day Academy has been, and what it has yet to become. Our leadership is strong and visionary. Great commitment exists to preserve our reputation for excellence and to take Palm Beach Day to the next level. Our time is now. Our chance may not soon come again. Our goal is to raise significant funding to support vital improvements, expansions and endowments. We know the Great Expectations Campaign will inspire many children and give back to the world in ways we can only imagine. In the end, our plan is about one thing, what our school is about: creating the best academic foundation for the young people entrusted to us. Our plan is bold and necessary. Like any great achievement worth undertaking, it is worthy of our effort, passion and investment.



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# GREAT LEADERSHIP



## Great Expectations.

Every hallway and textbook, each quiet moment of insight and rousing victory at Palm Beach Day Academy was made possible by the commitment of those who came before us. In Great Expectations: The Campaign for Palm Beach Day Academy we now hold the cherished traditions and unseen possibilities in our hands. As the stewards of our heritage, we have the power to create the best academic environment for our students, and the finest institution for our community. A successful campaign will secure our legacy as a special place where children learn and grow, where they discover who they are and what they have to contribute. The Great Expectations Campaign is an investment in the value of a quality education, in the importance of preparing young minds to lead the world, in shaping the future for the coming generations. Please give generously to the next chapter in the history of our school. We have Great Expectations for Palm Beach Day Academy. Join us.

“We know the future will outlast all of us, but I believe that all of us will live on in the future we make.”

~ *Senator Edward M. Kennedy, class of 1949*

**GREAT** FUTURE



“Without the power of  
imagination we have no  
literature, no music, no  
medicine, no technology.”

~ *James Patterson, Parent, Author*



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