

## **Lower School PA Newsletter November 2009**

Dear Lower School Parents,

October has been a fun and productive month at the Lower School! Our thanks go out to the many great parent volunteers who contributed to the LSPA and LS events this month. In particular, we appreciate the enthusiastic response from parents who answered the call for volunteers at the LS Open House. Earlier in the month, the Faculty Appreciation Committee and many Fourth Grade parent volunteers generously treated our LS faculty and staff to a lovely breakfast spread. We also thank the many 6th Grade and Beginner parents who put together their grade potluck dinners.

We were pleased that so many parents turned out for the October 24 LSPA meeting. Rachel Stevens -- 1S teacher and Responsive Classroom Instructor-in-training -- gave an informative presentation regarding the classroom theory and techniques used at the LS. Finally, in early October, the Cultural Enrichment Committee brought the Cantabrigia Brass Quintet on campus to educate and entertain all LS students during assembly time. Don't forget to ask your children what they thought!

Looking ahead, there are many All-School, LS and LSPA events coming up in the next several weeks, including the newly revised All-School Grandfriends Day Event (see details below). We welcome your enthusiasm and encourage your participation! Please don't forget to check the on-line calendar under "Quick Links" on the right-hand side panel for the most up-to-date information on event dates, times and locations.

Sincerely,

Maureen Marota and Marjorie Lichtenberger

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### **Upcoming All-School Events**

#### ***GRANDFRIENDS BREAKFAST EVENT***

***Saturday, November 14, 9AM-11AM, Upper School Commons***

**\*\* Please note that Grandfriends Day WILL NOT be held at the LS on Wed., Nov. 25\*\***

A new Grandfriends tradition has begun at BB&N! As many of you know, Grandfriends Day has historically been a Lower School-only event, hosted on our campus on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This year, however,

Grandfriends Day will be an All-School event held at the Upper School on Saturday Nov. 14, prior to the All-School One School/One World celebration. There will be a short program, and a photographer will be present to capture special moments between your students and their Grandfriends. We hope you will attend! Any LS parents wishing to volunteer to help with this event should contact Jo-Ann Lovejoy in the BB&N Development Office at [jo-ann\\_lovejoy@bbns.org](mailto:jo-ann_lovejoy@bbns.org).

Important Note! Going forward, this new All-School Grandfriends event will alternate every-other-year with the traditional LS-only Grandfriends Day. In 2010, Grandfriends Day will return to the LS Campus on the day before Thanksgiving, and in 2011, it will travel back up to the US as an All-School event.

***ONE SCHOOL/ONE WORLD EVENT***

***Saturday, November 14, 11AM-2PM, US Nicholas Athletic Center***

Join the fun at this All-School multicultural festival! The Nicholas Athletic Center will be transformed into a street fair where families can watch performers, taste food from various cultures, and view art created by our own BB&n students. OSOW is still looking for parent volunteers to help with set up on Friday night (11/13/09) and with food tables the day of the event (11/14/09). Please contact Charmaine Tyler ([cmain5@msn.com](mailto:cmain5@msn.com)) and Janine Cozier ([coziers@rcn.com](mailto:coziers@rcn.com)).

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**Important All-School PA, LSPA, and LS Events**

***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 to FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH***

***3rd Grade Cradles to Crayons Winter Drive***

All LS families are invited to participate in the 3rdGrade's Annual Cradles-to-Crayons Winter Drive. Please bring in gently used winter clothing, boots, and outerwear for children in need around the Boston area. The organization will also accept toys, games, books, baby items, and new socks & underwear. Items will be collected in bins located in the Morse Building Lobby, New Wing Entrance, and the Brick Building Entrance.

***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6-7PM Upper School  
All-School SAPA Meeting***

***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
Grade 6 to Camp Hulbert***

***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6PM, US Community Room  
All-School Multicultural Parents Alliance Meeting***

Dinner and childcare will be provided.

***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 8-9AM, 46 Belmont Street, Watertown  
Grade 6 Parent Coffee with MS Director Mary Dolbear***

***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11  
Veterans Day (No School)***

***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
LS Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)***

***SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 9-11AM, LS Community Room  
LSPA Family Science Saturday-Forensic Science***

Come solve a fun and silly science mystery! Families will conduct a series of forensic experiments to help solve the mystery! We are looking for one or two parents to help. Please email [Caitlin\\_drechsler@bbns.org](mailto:Caitlin_drechsler@bbns.org) if you can volunteer.

***SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 9:30AM Upper School Commons  
MACA Scholastic Chess Tournament***

For details see <http://www.masschess.org>. Questions? Contact Beebe Wiegand at 617-571-7135.

***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 to MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
Thanksgiving Break (Noon Dismissal)***