

## **Lower School Parents' Association December 2009 Newsletter**

Dear Lower School Parents,

As we look forward to welcoming in the festive, and short academic month of December, we reflect upon all of the magnificent BB&N community-building events that happened in November. We would like to extend a BIG thank you to all the volunteers who made these events outstanding. The Grandfriends breakfast event was well attended. That afternoon the BB&N community came together to celebrate our diverse and exceptional school with One School-One World (OSOW). As one parent said, "It was a breathtaking festive event and an amazing afternoon with the all-school community." On another Saturday, many Lower School students enjoyed a Science Saturday morning learning how to use forensics to solve a mystery. Lastly, the students did an incredible job collecting, sorting and mailing over 40 boxes of candy to the US troops stationed in Afghanistan. Well done!

December is a time when the Lower School community comes together to welcome winter through music and to acknowledge our incredibly dedicated faculty. We would like to let the Lower School parents know that a portion of their annual Parent Association (PA) dues is used to recognize this amazing faculty. The Lower School Parent Association (LSPA) acknowledges the faculty's incredible talent and dedication to our children in a variety of ways, one being the Faculty Appreciation events, which the faculty truly appreciates.

This year the 3rd grade will host the December faculty appreciation breakfast. At the breakfast the faculty will receive beautifully wrapped potted paper white bulbs, which will brighten any room all winter long, and a gift card. Again, all of the parents of the Lower School collectively contributed to these gifts through their PA dues.

We hope you can attend the Lower School concerts! It is a truly special time for the children to come together and celebrate as a class and cluster with their parents. Note the new date (Dec. 15, 8:45AM) for the Morse Building Sing-A-Long.

Lastly, the LSPA has asked Richard Irving, LICSW, to come back and talk to the Lower School parents about building friendships skills. Richard will help parents understand and guide their children through the maze of their social world. We really hope you are able to attend this insightful discussion on the evening of Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Lehner Center, Pokross Room.

The BB&N Lower School is a special place because of our faculty and because of you! We would like say thank you to the many LS parent volunteers whose contributions (big and small) really do make a difference.

Happy Holidays!

Maureen and Marj