

The Academy's Bulletin

We may be small... But, we think BIG!



October 22, 2010

Dear Parents,

The Academy continues to build on its foundation of providing excellent programming for the students, such as:

The school has adopted a new math series for grades fourth and fifth that offers a daily problem-based interactive learning experience followed by visual learning strategies that utilize the Smart Boards in the classrooms. This approach deepens conceptual understanding by making meaningful connections, ensuring that each child can succeed.

The middle schools students are taking golf lessons once a week for four weeks from golf pro Dave Vihlen. I wish to extend a special thank you to Jane DeRossi for organizing this program for our students. The goal is to expand the program to include other grade levels. The students in kindergarten through eighth grade will also have an opportunity to take tennis lessons from the Club pros during P.E. classes.

"The Reed Wills Sailing Program" was kicked off this year by the fourth grade students. Sailing instructor, Karen Tone, assisted by P.E. teacher, Elsa DeVito, teach sailing lessons twice a week for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The different grade levels participate in the program throughout the year.

I am pleased to announce that seventh grader, Alex Post, and fourth graders Buchanan Everhart and Daniel Vorheier, are spearheading The Academy's new after school Fishing Club. The boys will be assisted by volunteers from the Club and boat captains. The coed classes will be held on Mondays 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for students in grades first through eighth.

The purpose of the Fishing Club is to teach students the fundamentals of fishing and fishing safety, recognition of common fish species, how to catch live bait, understand fishing tackle organization, learn how to clean fish and become aware of the different types of fishing. When the students have developed their fishing skills they will have an opportunity to fish from local docks and boats.

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October Birthdays:

25 Grace Haugland

Word of the Week

coruscate

KOR-uh-skayt, verb;
To give off or reflect bright beams or flashes of light; to sparkle.
To exhibit brilliant, sparkling technique or style.

Quote of the Week

"We're all born with natural talents for something. Trying to match up those natural talents with their dreams, that's the general theme. Kids go to school and they do school work, but no one tells them why it matters."

Marco Rubio

Did You Know?

The Benwood, on French Reef in the Florida Keys, is known as one of the most dived shipwrecks in the world.

Upcoming Events

October

- **25** - Christmas Card Contest Ends
- **29** - Christmas Card Contest Winners Announced
 - Denim/Jean Day
- **30** - Fall Festival - 4 to 5 p.m.

Join me...



You are invited to The Academy's Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 30th - Between 4 & 5 p.m.
For Free Fun, Games And Prizes!

Immediately following, join the Trick or Treat Cart Parade
to designated residences around the Reef

The Academy at Ocean Reef - 395 S. Harbor Drive - 305-367-2409

Sailing Adventures!

By Caroline Post (5th Grade)



At the Academy at Ocean Reef we have sailing class! It is amazing! We actually go sailing by ourselves! I will teach you about the sailing program in this news story! Well, hop into your boat and get ready to sail through this story!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays (when it is our class' turn) we go to Buccaneer Island to sail. We ride over right after lunch in our small white school bus. The school bus is filled with noises as we pull up to the beach. We get off the bus and meet Mrs. Tone by the boats. She talks to us about the

weather and what we know for a while and then we are off.

Are you thinking, "Why do they go sailing?" well, if you are, this is the reason. Our Head of School set it up thinking that it was a good opportunity. I am glad she did 'cause it is fun! I love sailing. It is a great program!

When we sail we learn many things. We learn to overcome our fears, to sail, to swim, and good sportsmanship! I think sailing was a great idea and hope you will enjoy the picture.

Thanks for listening to my news story.

Electricity

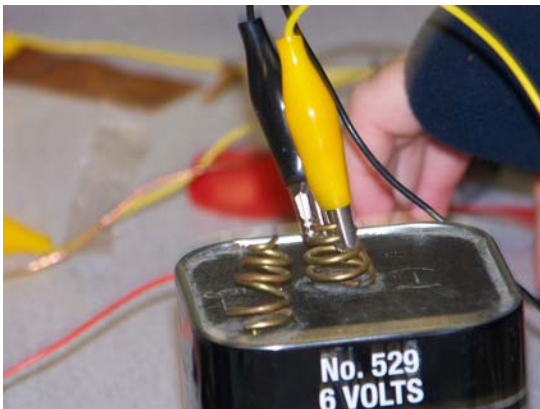
By: Mrs. Schleiden

This week 5th graders learned about electricity. The students watched videos on a science website, and then got into action. They pulled out alligator clips and batteries and went straight to work on a series circuit and a parallel circuit. So, plug yourself into our static story.

The students powered a few light bulbs and motors with batteries. They also made fans spin and buzzers buzz. They connected the alligator clips to the batteries that were connected to the objects they were powering.

Series circuits are circuits that when one powered object is disconnected everything in that circuit ceases to work. They learned about series circuits in our science videos that we watched earlier this week, as well as on a great website called "Aha Science", it is educational and fun.

A parallel circuit is a circuit that powers each object independently. They are connected with different wires, so that even when one object is unplugged the others still work.



Photos
by
Cristine
Post



Music

By: Jenna Morales (4th Grade)

Makes me joyful and so calm and happy, like when my dog jumps on my bed and sleeps with me.

Useful in the car on long drives and for meditating on the fresh green grass in Sarasota.

Soft and soothing, like a fluffy pair of slippers.

Instruments make remarkable low and high melodies.

Classical music is so beautiful, like a cool Fall day.



HARDY

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We are pleased that Club member, Debra Ginsberg, and music director, Steve Falk, have partnered once again to produce and direct students in kindergarten through eighth grade in this year's annual musical production. Please save the date for Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

The students have been invited to sing at the Ocean Reef Club's Town Hall Meeting on Friday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center; the Ocean Reef Chamber's Homecoming "Home Expo" on Monday, November 15 in the Town Hall; and at the Ocean Reef Chamber's December luncheon.

This year the school is also promoting nutrition and healthy living. The students will receive a t-shirt with the slogan "Step-up for Healthy Hearts" which coincides with the design by second/third grade teacher, Debbie Hess. Fourth/Fifth Grade teacher, Nicky Laak is to be commended for coordinating outside speakers to lead workshops.

I hope you will visit our school campus soon and see firsthand the many good things happening each day for our students.

Melba Hard
Head of School

Make a Difference Day - Donations; Deadline - Friday, October 29th

Did you know that.....

- A Squad has about 10-12 soldiers
- 3 squads make up a platoon
- 3 platoons make up a company (usually total of 100 people)
- 3 companies make up a battalion
- 3 battalions make up a brigade
- 3 brigades make up a regiment
- 3 regiments make up a division

Lt. Zach Freed's platoon is gearing up for a new assignment. They would really appreciate some goodies (see below) and some notes of encouragement from all of us (parents, too!) So get your treats and well wishes in, so we can mail everything out to them in early November. They will receive it by Thanksgiving.

- Instant drink packets (ice tea, Crystal light, etc.)
- Cereal or snack bars
- Snack-sized Trail mix/Nuts
- Cheese or Peanut Butter crackers
- Snack-sized cookie packages
- Slim Jims/Jerky
- Power Bars



Any questions, please contact Jane DelRossi at 305-367-3077.