



Ruffing Alumni Bulletin

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Letter from the Editor: Dear Ruffing Alumni (and Parents of Alumni),

We have exciting news! **SAVE THE DATE:**

RUFFING ALUMNI REUNION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016, 4-7 P.M.
AT RUFFING MONTESSORI SCHOOL IN ROCKY RIVER

All Ruffing alumni are invited to the first Ruffing reunion since 2003! More details will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars.

In our early preparation for the event, we have a few updates and requests:

- 1) To inform as many alumni as possible, we would like to make sure we are reaching your (or your child's) preferred address. At your earliest convenience, please contact Lori Coticchia to update your preferred mailing and e-mailing information (E-mail lcoticchia@ruffingmontessori.org, call Ruffing at 440-333-2250, or visit www.ruffingmontessori.org.)
- 2) To facilitate communication further, we have launched a new "Ruffing Montessori Alumni (Rocky River)" Facebook page! If you are on Facebook, please find us and request to join this closed group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ruffingalumnirockyriver/>). This private page will help spread the word about the reunion and enable alumni to share updates and reconnect. I will be posting general items of interest to alumni as well. If you know fellow alumni on Facebook, please let them know about the page!
- 3) Please consider volunteering to be a "Class Liaison" who will help us contact alumni from your graduating class. Though we have contact information for many alumni, we would like to reach everyone and we could always use more updated information. If interested in helping, please contact me at vincentokeefe@centurytel.net or 440-930-0960. Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

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Ruffing Parent Resources Coordinator

Reunion Notes

While your former classmates will be the main attraction of the reunion, other highlights will include your childhood classrooms, the Ruffing Learning Garden, the Seybert Home Run Porch, Class Gifts and Murals, a guy named Mac, and “the hill” where it all began.

More details to be announced soon.



New Ruffing Website Coming Soon!

An exciting development at your alma mater is that we will soon unveil a new Ruffing website! Thanks to funds raised at last year's “Ruffing Run for the Roses” Auction, we are hard at work developing an updated, more user-friendly website for school and alumni communications. (More on that soon.)

Reminder: *Ruffing Parent's Digest* Available to Alumni

In addition to the updates in the *Ruffing Alumni Bulletin*, another resource available to our alumni and their parents is the *Ruffing Parent's Digest*, a quarterly e-publication that provides a variety of resources related to both Montessori education and parenting. **Each issue features interviews with Ruffing alumni!** In consultation with John McNamara, I also include sources from journals, websites, newspapers, and previous issues of *Ruff Notes*.

If you would like to start receiving the *Ruffing Parent's Digest* via e-mail, please let Lori Coticchia know. Also feel free to contact either Lori or me with questions, news, or suggestions. We welcome all alumni updates! We are always looking for alumni to interview as well.

Save the Dates! (Contact Ruffing for more details)

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015: Annual **Ruffing Book Fair** at Barnes & Noble, Crocker Park. Get your holiday shopping done and help Ruffing at the same time!

Saturday, March 5, 2016: 36th Annual **Ruffing Auction**, St. Demetrios Hall, Rocky River.