



Ruffing Alumni Bulletin

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

Welcome to the second issue of the *Ruffing Alumni Bulletin*! I hope you and your families are well. We would like to make sure we are reaching your preferred address. At your earliest convenience, please contact Lori Coticchia at Ruffing 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.)

In addition to the updates in the *Ruffing Alumni Bulletin*, another new resource available to our alumni and their parents is the *Ruffing Parent's Digest*, which is a new quarterly e-publication designed to provide 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 a copy of the *Ruffing Parent's Digest* via e-mail, please let Lori know.

Thanks again and feel free to contact either Lori or me with any questions, news, or suggestions. We are always looking for alumni to interview, as well as alumni who might be willing to speak to our current students about their Montessori experience and subsequent career/life paths.

Sincerely,

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Update: Ruffing Choir at The Q!

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th graders in the Ruffing Choir who sang the national anthem at a Cavaliers' game at The Q this year! Congrats also to the Middle School members of the Ruffing Choir who sang at a Monsters' game at The Q as well! Many thanks to Hilary (Etheart) Watts '02 for her hard work on these events.



Update: The Dollar Duct Tape Challenge!

As you can see, Ruffing recently participated in the Dollar Duct Tape Challenge. Students who brought a \$1 donation were able to purchase a strip of duct tape to help tape Mac to the wall! We are happy to report that when the chair was removed, Mac remained on the wall. Proceeds supported the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as part of the Pennies for Patients program.

Update: Remember the Middle School Play?



In May the Middle School performed *The Great Ghost Chase*. (You may notice the set design crew had some fun with a certain person's likeness.) Thanks to an Auction paddle raiser, Ruffing was able to upgrade our stage lighting system this spring. The new system will enhance future graduations, class plays, and choir/band concerts.

Update: Ruffing Leadership Fund



The Ruffing Leadership Fund provides funding for priority projects so that each student has the most fulfilling educational experience possible. Donors recently funded a two-week visit to Ruffing by Jenny Marie Høglund, an AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) trainer from Sweden. After observing each classroom and delivering personalized education training to each teacher, she wrote a letter to Ruffing that included the following:

“Being the principal of a school in Sweden I could only wish that all our teachers could come and visit to give them the vision that such a school is possible.”

Thank you to the families who have joined the Leadership Fund. During the school year we will recognize the families who contribute. To donate, checks can be made out to Ruffing Montessori School. For additional ways to contribute, contact Lori Coticchia or visit our website.