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

I hope you and your families are well. An exciting development at your alma mater is that we will soon unveil a new Ruffing website! Thanks to funds raised at the 2015 “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.)

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, 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 a copy of the Ruffing Parent’s Digest via e-mail, please let Lori Coticchia know. Also feel free to contact either Lori or me with any questions, news, or suggestions. We welcome all alumni updates! We are always looking for alumni to interview as well.

Finally, we would like to make sure we are reaching your preferred address. At your earliest convenience, please contact Lori 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.)

Sincerely,

Vincent O’Keefe, Ph. D. / vincentokeefe@centurytel.net / 440-930-0960
Ruffing Parent Resources Coordinator

---

Play Ball! Ruffing’s New Home Run Fence

At long last, the Ruffing Baseball Field now has a home run fence donated by a Ruffing alumni family! Many thanks to Brad and Renee Seybert, parents of Zachary ’06, Marielle ’09, and Christian ’14. The Seyberts had at least one child attending Ruffing for 19 years.
Remember the Ruffing Auction Classroom Projects?

This year’s crop of Classroom Projects for the 35th Annual Ruffing Gala & Auction were once again very creative and successful. The theme this year was “Ruffing Run for the Roses.”

The speed of the Kentucky Derby was evoked by one classroom’s beautiful “Subway Sign Art.” Thanks again to all the students, teachers, and parent volunteers in all the classrooms.

Ruffing Choir at The Q!

The Ruffing Middle School Choir sang the national anthem at a Lake Erie Monsters game at The Q this year!

Many thanks to Hilary (Etheart) Watts ’02 for her hard work on this event.

The Ruffing Leadership Fund provides funding for priority projects so that each student has the most fulfilling educational experience 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.