



Ruffing Alumni Bulletin

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

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!

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

- 1) **CALL FOR STORIES!** We hope to compile a collection of Ruffing lore, favorite memories, or just well wishes. Please send any brief stories or memories you would like to share, especially involving fellow classmates or former teachers, to vincentokeefe@centurytel.net. Stories of how your Montessori education has impacted your career or adult life are also especially welcome.
- 2) **CALL FOR PHOTOS!** Please digitally send any Ruffing-related photos you would like to share. For example, you could take a picture of old photos on your phone and then send it to us (Jpeg images preferred). All digital images can be e-mailed to vincentokeefe@centurytel.net.
- 3) **VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!** Alumni are encouraged to explore our new and improved website at www.ruffingmontessori.org, which includes a special alumni section.
- 4) **UPDATE CONTACT INFO!** If needed, please contact Lori Coticchia to update your (or your child's) preferred mailing and e-mailing information (E-mail to lcoticchia@ruffingmontessori.org, call 440-333-2250, or visit www.ruffingmontessori.org.)
- 5) **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!** Our recently launched "Ruffing Montessori Alumni (Rocky River)" Facebook page now has close to 100 members! If you are on Facebook, please request to join this closed group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ruffingalumnirockyriver/>). This private page helps spread the word about the reunion, and I post general items of interest to alumni there. If you know fellow alumni on Facebook, please let them know about the page!

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.

There will also be delicious food and refreshments under a large tent, a “Step and Repeat” Open Photobooth that is great for group pictures, and sporting activities like cornhole, volleyball, and possibly baseball, among others (weather permitting). More details and the official invitation coming 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.

Remember the Ruffing Auction Classroom Projects?



Speaking of cornhole at the Alumni Reunion this August, Libby Whipple's Classroom Project this year was a painted Ruffing cornhole set with added handprints.

This year's crop of Classroom Projects for the 36th Annual Ruffing Gala & Auction were once again creative and successful. The theme this year was “From Ruffing with Love: A Night of James Bond.”

Thanks again to all the students, teachers, and parent volunteers.

