

THE BODINE *Bulletin*

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Bodine History

SCHOOL'S FOUNDER, NAMESAKE HONORED AT BOOK SIGNING

Richard Bodine, who founded The Bodine School along with his wife, Virginia, was recently honored at a pub-

trustees of Memphis Museums, Inc. and Steve Pike, director of museums, at the Pink Palace Museum on Monday,



Fourth grader Will Grochau visited with Richard Bodine at his book signing for *The Bodine Story: From Chicken Cooper to Industry Leader*.

lication party and book signing for *The Bodine Story: From Chicken Coop to Industry Leader*, a biography of Mr. Bodine by David Yawn.

The book signing was hosted by the board of

Dec. 14. Approximately 100 friends and admirers of Mr. Bodine attended the event, including many current and former Bodine School faculty, staff members and families.

“The Bodine School’s success would not have been possible without the vision, compassion and generosity of Dick Bodine and his late wife, Jinnie, and through continued support from Dick and his wife, Peggy, who has become another integral member of The Bodine School family. The entire Mid-South will forever be indebted to them,” said Dr. Rene Friemoth Lee. “Thanks to them, local children with dyslexia can learn the tools to read and succeed.”

The Bodines, whose late son, Rick, was dyslexic, founded the School in 1972 to meet the needs of students with learning disabilities in the Mid-South. Prior to The Bodine School’s founding, dyslexia resources in the Memphis area, particularly specialized programs, were scarce. Based on their experience with their son, the Bodines knew how important it was for families to find the help they needed in Memphis.

To date, The Bodine School remains the *only* school in the Mid-South designed to address the

Listen up

DR. LEE HOSTS LIBRARY TALKS

This April Dr. Rene Friemoth Lee will host seminars entitled *Is Your Child Struggling with Reading?*, to educate individuals in the Memphis community about dyslexia. This seminar is open to professionals, parents, or anyone wanting to learn more about struggling readers. Please contact the School for more information 901-754-1800.

April 8, 10:00 a.m.
Benjamin L. Hooks
Central Library

April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Germantown
Library

April 22, 1:00 p.m.
Collierville
Library

specific needs of children with dyslexia and reading-related learning disabilities. Every day, the School unlocks the mystery of written language for children, and its students go on to succeed in traditional schools, colleges and careers. These successes were made possible by the generosity of the Bodine family, and the School extends its sincere appreciation.

Join us for an Alumni Event!

On Saturday, April 17 at 5 p.m., alumni and alumni families are invited to join us at The Bodine School for an evening of food and fun. Contact Tonya Eddins at teddins@bodineschool.org for information.

Book Fair

BODINE SCHOOL HOSTS BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE

The Bodine School hosted a book fair and family night event at Barnes & Noble at The Avenue Carriage Crossing in Collierville on Oct. 6 as

of sixth-graders coordinated a presentation on haiku poetry, and Dr. Lee “took the stage” to read a book selected by Bodine School students. Some

students also had the opportunity to speak about what The Bodine School means to them.

In addition, the book fair helped raise funds for The Bodine School.

From Oct. 6



Lily Howard, Maggie Crigler, and Summit Dunn participated in the Bodine Book Fair at Barnes & Noble.

part of the School's activities during National Dyslexia Awareness Month. Middle school students, as well as the second- and third-grade classes, performed Readers Theaters. Under the supervision of Mrs. Julie Falvey, a group

through Oct. 14, Barnes & Noble gave 20 percent of sales from anyone using a special code when making an in-store or online purchase. The book fair boasted 90 percent parent participation, and was a huge success.

Serving Bodine

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors recently added two dedicated and talented new members and a new Board chair to help guide the School through the years and projects ahead. New Board members include Keva Robinson, loan rehab and recovery credit analyst at First Tennessee Bank, and Nina Blockman, director of the Mid-South American Humanics Collaborative. Denise Yunkun, director of segment marketing at FedEx Services, will serve as the new Board chair.

The School extends its appreciation to outgoing Board chair Val Darling for her leadership and unwavering support of The Bodine School.

Community Leader Breakfast

87 LOCAL LEADERS TOUR SCHOOL, LEARN ABOUT DYSLEXIA

The Bodine School's annual Community Leader Breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, boasted 87 local leaders – the event's largest turnout to date. Bodine students invited local business and community leaders to tour the School, enjoy a fantastic breakfast supplied by parent volunteers and visit the Dyslexia Simulation Lab.

Through the Community Leader Breakfast, the School opens its doors



Bo Morris with his Community Leader Susie Jabbour as she experiences the Dyslexia Simulation Lab.

to teach the community about dyslexia and highlight the incredible work being done at the School every day. Thanks to all the students who served as ambassadors that day!

Bodine Students

FUNDAMENTAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHES STUDENTS STOP-MOTION ANIMATION

Bits, Bytes & Bots Computer Adventures recently hosted two five-week sessions of Stop-Motion Animated Movie Making for students in third through eighth grades. Students had the opportunity to make a multi-scene, stop-motion animated film with real transitions, titles, credits, sound effects and nar-

ration by using digital cameras, stop-motion animation software and video editing software.



Third grader David Fisk explores stop motion animated movie making.

BULLDOG SNIPS & SNAPS

The Bodine School's goal is to help students reach their academic potential, enabling them to return to a traditional educational setting. We are proud of the following alumni:

Jon Clemons
(2000-2005)



Jon started at The Bodine School in 2000 as an eighth-grade student

and was in the School's last high school graduating class in 2005. He then attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he received a bachelor's degree in information systems technology in 2009. He now lives in Memphis and works as a system engineer for a local information technology company, Service Assurance. According to Jon, the skills he learned at The Bodine School were invaluable tools for his success in college. He states, "I don't know if I would've done as well as I did without my years at Bodine."

Steven Joe
(2002-2005)



Steven entered The Bodine School in first grade and spent four years at the School before

transitioning to Briarcrest Christian School for the fifth grade. His mother, Clara, credits The Bodine School for his success, noting he could not have achieved as much if it were not for the School. The personalized attention, specialized learning and understanding the staff provided made all the difference. "Steven is a success story because he was so well understood by Dr. Lee and her staff. They focused on his potential, not his frustrated behavior, and that was the turning point for Steven."

Since beginning at Briarcrest, Steven has excelled in both athletics and academics and recently earned a medal for being in the top 25 cross country runners in the league in eighth grade. Steven has been on the honor roll at Briarcrest since fifth grade. In May 2009, he received the Joseph Clayton award for having an A average in seventh grade, and his parents anticipate even more awards in the years to come.

Alumni

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

It is so easy to lose track of our former students as they move on in the world. Please send us your new address and those of your former classmates, along with news of what's happening in your life. Updates and photos should be e-mailed to Tonya Eddins teddins@bodineschool.org or send your updates via the alumni page on the School Web site.

Professional Development

WORKSHOP EDUCATES MID-SOUTH TEACHERS ABOUT DYSLEXIA

On Saturday, September, 26 teachers gathered at The Bodine School for *Strategies to Help Struggling Readers*, an all-day workshop for kindergarten through fifth-grade teachers. The workshop was led by Dr. Rene Friemoth Lee; Molly Cameron, program director at the School; Dr. Theresa Lavell, assistant professor of education at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.; Janice McTyier, middle school teacher; and Elisabeth Lee, fourth-grade teacher.

Throughout the day, teachers learned to identify reading difficulties, understand multi-sensory instruction and implement elements of instruction. Teachers also learned various activities and strategies to help struggling readers, including hands-on activities that promote phonological awareness, word recognition, vocabu-

lary, comprehension, fluency and spelling skills.

Schools represented at the September workshop included Evangelical Christian School; Chickasaw Elementary School in Olive Branch, Miss.; Bornblum Solomon Schechter School; Dogwood Elementary School; Bailey Station Elementary School; Kate Bond Elementary School; University School of Jackson in Jackson, Tenn.; Harding Academy; Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School; Woodland Presbyterian School; St. Mary's Episcopal School; and St. George's Independent School.

For more information about upcoming training workshops or to arrange a workshop, please contact Molly Cameron at (901) 754-1800 ext. 311 or mcameron@bodineschool.org.

Acorn Auction

DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 27

6 to 11 p.m.

Holiday Inn at The University of Memphis,
3700 Central Avenue

Tickets are \$35 for individuals and \$400 for a reserved table of 10. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 19. For reservations, sponsorships, ads or other information, please contact Tonya Eddins at (901) 754-1800 ext. 305 or teddins@bodineschool.org.

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The Bodine Summer Reading Programs

June 7 through July 1, 2010

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- **Summer Reading Experience** (Grades 1-5)
- **Prep for Success** (Grades 6-8)
- **Afternoon Enrichment Camps**
- **Parent Workshop**

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