

THE BODINE Bulletin

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Bodine Reunion

ALUMNI HONOR 20 YEARS OF MCTYIER

A clear and chilly Saturday in November was the perfect backdrop for the 1st Annual Bodine Alumni Bonfire and Reunion. Our hosts were former Bodine parents, Greg and Pam O'Connor, who welcomed approximately 100 alumni students and family members to their home. Scattered fire pits invited groups to gather to renew friendships and share stories while they warmed up and toasted marshmallows in between trips inside for a wonderful array of food. The evening topped off with a surprise celebration for Mrs. Janice McTyier, who marks her 20th year



at The Bodine School. "I couldn't ask for a better way to celebrate all those years than having so many former students together in one place", Mrs.

McTyier said. She was presented with a scrapbook of photos and memories shared by the alumni students, along with a cake and other gifts.

BULLDOG MASCOT GREET'S STUDENTS AND GUESTS

"The Bodine School mascot is the bulldog, a symbol of grit and determination. It is determination that helps our students to overcome learning obstacles and succeed. They embrace challenges with confidence and succeed through hard work.

Today our School mascot stands 8' tall on the back wall of the multi-purpose room, bringing a bit of school spirit to us each day. Art teacher, Lori Wakefield, spent much of November bringing him to life, and the results are stunning.

Serving Bodine

THE BODINE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors has added a number of dedicated and talented new members to help guide the School through the years and projects ahead. Pearson Crutcher joined the Board in September. She is Executive Director of The Society of Entrepreneurs and a

former development officer of The Bodine School. Daniel Reiderer, an attorney with Ford and Harrison LLP, and Virginia Wilson, an attorney with Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, & Cannada PLLC, both joined the Board in November, followed by Bodine alumni par-

ent, Walter Fisher with Valero Memphis Refinery, and Bodine grandparent, David Sayle, with First Tennessee Financial, in December. We are extremely fortunate to have such outstanding volunteers as these join our existing Board mem-

bers working to move the School forward. The Board said goodbye to outgoing members Ron Edmonds, Emily Bishop, and Allison Crone. They leave with our sincere thanks for their years of service to the School.

Annual Fund

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO REACH GOAL

Even as gifts to the 2009 Annual Fund continue to come in, we are still far short of our goal. Parent and alumni participation is especially important to demonstrate the commitment of those closest to the School. "Receiving support from at least 85% of our families is critical," says Director of Development, Carol Carlson. "Outside funders want to see that our parents, grandparents, and alumni families really believe in what we're doing at The Bodine School." Donations have reached just 40% of the goal, as set by the actual cost of operat-

ing the school. The School relies on donations for one-third of our operating expenses and all of the funds used for financial aid. The Annual Fund Campaign continues through June 30th.

Donations can now be made online through our website or donors may spread a gift over a number of months through automated credit card contributions. To make a donation, use the enclosed envelope or contact Carol Carlson at the School, 901-754-1800, ext. 305 or ccarlson@bodineschool.org or visit our website and click on Support Our School.

Community Service

STUDENTS TAKE HOLIDAY CHEER TO SENIORS

Elementary students carried their holiday cheer and musical talents to three local retirement communities, where they performed for residents at Germantown Plantation, Paige Robbins Adult Day Care Center, and Southerland Place. It was hard to tell whether the students or their audience enjoyed it most as they celebrated together.



Acorn Auction

COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE CARNIVAL!

You will NOT want to miss the 2009 Acorn Auction - March 28th, 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis. It's a Carnival, with games, entertainment, and loads of excitement. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and make your reservations. Tickets are on sale now and will be available through March 20th.

Lots of new and exciting activities, entertainment, and auction items are in the works. Admission is \$35 per person for open seating or \$400 for a reserved table for 10. It's the social event of the year for Bodine friends and families, and the most important fundraiser for The Bodine School. It's all to provide critical support for academic programs, teacher training, support services, and financial aid

for students.

Auction donations, event sponsorships, catalog ads, and volunteers are all needed to make this event a great success. For more information about how you can be involved or to purchase your tickets, contact the Development Office at 901-754-1800, ext. 305 or ccarlson@bodineschool.org.

THANKS BPO

The Bodine Parent Organization has sponsored several successful events this year such as the fall flower sale, the BBQ Dinner/Book Fair and two parent information seminars. The BPO Membership Drive and other fundraising have allowed the BPO to fund several items for the school, including a new computer for the library, software to support learning programs in elementary classes, and a new refrigerator. Thank you BPO for your awesome support.

Community Leader Breakfast

LEADERS LEARN ABOUT DYSLEXIA

The annual Community Leader's Breakfast on Oct. 15th brought business and community leaders of all kinds to The Bodine School to learn about dyslexia and tour the School with a student

host. Parent volunteers provided a superb breakfast buffet, while students proved themselves to be the School's best ambassadors. A highlight for all of our guests was a visit to the Dyslexia Simulation Lab.



Bodine Students

AMBASSADORS GREET GUESTS



Students from grades 4 through 8 have stepped forward to serve as ambassadors and hosts when guests visit our School. This new program is coordinated by Program Director, Molly Cameron, and teaches students skills they will use throughout their lifetime. Ambassadors represented us well at their first assignment, welcoming visitors and providing tours at the annual donor reception in September. Shown here are Kristen

Lazarini, Ryan Taylor, Maggie Criggler, Mathew Dia, Lily Howard, Mary Autumn Yasseri, Cullen Ray, and Caleb Boucher. 2008-2009 Ambassadors not pictured include Lauren Morgan, Caroline Rabiner, Zach Lindenberg, James Duffley, Olivia Phillips, Brayton Mount, Emily Jerome, Carter Oliver, Ashley Wieties, Harrison Knox, Karley Coleman, Harris Howard, and William Watson.

Alumni

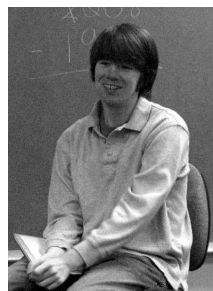
WHERE ARE YOU?

It is so easy to lose track of our former students as they move on in the world. We are proud of our alumni and we want to continue to hear from you. We'd love to feature your latest achievements in upcoming issues and share news of the school. PLEASE – send us your new addresses and those of your former classmates, along with news of what's happening in your life. Email your updates and photos to ccarlson@bodine.school.org.

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:

Braden Hixon
(1996 – 2000)



Braden graduated in May 2008 from SBEC where

he served as Editor of his school paper. He is now a freshman at Memphis College of Art, majoring in digital media. Braden recently returned to The Bodine School to read to Mrs. Collins 2nd grade class. He credits Mrs. Collins and The Bodine School for giving him the foundation and the confidence to tackle challenges by saying, "Before I even knew I had a learning problem Bodine had already made me believe I was smart enough and

talented enough to do whatever I wanted".

Aliza Blockman
(1997 – 2003)



Aliza is a freshman at Goucher College in Baltimore. She's doing

very well, maintaining a B average while serving as editor of the Goucher yearbook. She still enjoys sewing and pottery in her free time.



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2009 Summer Reading Experience

June 8 - July 2, 2009

Summer Reading Experience

The Bodine School
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Germantown, TN 38139
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2009 Acorn Auction

March 28, 2009

6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

**Holiday Inn at the
University of Memphis**

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