

THE BODINE Bulletin

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HONORING DR. RENE FRIEMOTH LEE

Dr. Rene Friemoth Lee, Executive Director, celebrated 20 years with The Bodine School this fall. It is difficult to sum up the

sion take shape through the remarkable accomplishments of the students who have benefited from this program. Because



tenure of a leader like Dr. Lee. Middle School teacher, Jennifer Hepler gave it a try. "When I began teaching here years ago, The Bodine School was in the midst of a transformation, initiated by Dr. Lee, from a more generalized special education program to a curriculum that focused on providing exceptional services to the community of learners with dyslexia and similar language-based learning disabilities. Over the years, it has been amazing watching that vi-

Dr. Lee recognized a need and brought the resources and staff together to address it, a generation of dyslexic students are more grounded and proud of who they are and more than capable of meeting with success in the larger world. That's real leadership."

In October, Dr. Lee was surprised on her 20th Anniversary with a scavenger hunt throughout the school which took her to all the classrooms; there

she received cards and flowers from the students. At the end of the hunt, all the students sang the School song and the faculty presented her with a gift. Dr. Lee's husband was on hand for the festivities and was able to take her to breakfast to help celebrate.

Dr. Lee's tenure at The Bodine School is coming to an end, as she will retire at the end of this school year. "She will leave behind a program that serves as an exemplary reminder of her ability to transform a community and inspire giving," said Denise Yunkun, Board President.

We are grateful for all that Dr. Lee has done for the School. She has touched the lives of so many students, parents, and teachers in our community. Although it is always hard to say goodbye to such a strong leader, the School will continue to grow and prosper from the foundation that she laid.



Students treated parents, faculty, staff, and honored guests to a "historical" occasion on October 30th. Students dressed as and gave speeches on a historical figure at the annual Historical Halloween event. Third grader, Shyler Brown, portrayed Betsy Ross for this special day.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

February 10th:

Video – "Learning Disabilities and Social Skills" (Rick Lavoie) – 8:00-9:30 am in the school cafeteria

April 14th:

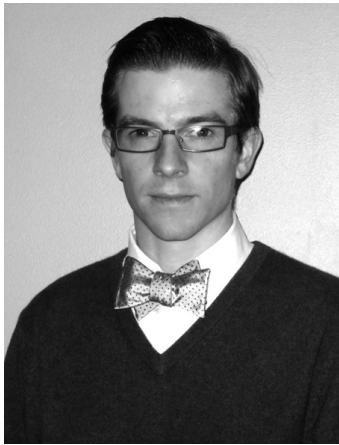
Q & A with Dr. Lee – 8:00-9:30 am in the school cafeteria

May 5th:

Beyond Bodine for Transitioning Students and Families – 7 pm

Letter From the Board Chair

NEW LEADERSHIP COMING TO THE BODINE SCHOOL



The Bodine School's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Josh Clark as Bodine's Head of School, effective June 1, 2011. The appointment of Mr. Clark is the culmination of an intensive nationwide search to find a successor to Dr. Rene Friemoth Lee, who announced her intention to retire at the end of the 2010/2011

school year following a distinguished twenty-year tenure. In partnership with nationally recognized recruiter, Jack Stanford, the Search Committee conducted a six-month search process beginning in June 2010. This process attracted outstanding candidates from across the country. And, through this process, Mr. Clark emerged as an extraordinary leader with a passion for the education of children.

Mr. Clark received his BA cum laude from Indiana University, and will complete his Masters in English from the University of the South in May 2011. Mr. Clark began his teaching career at Lausanne Collegiate School, and currently serves as Assistant Head of Middle School at Lausanne. While at Lausanne, Mr. Clark has strengthened and built a variety of school-wide policies and initiatives, including technology integration and implementing a more responsive student driven curriculum. Mr. Clark has also been involved with a variety of other activities, such as leadership training, budgeting, SACS accreditation, parent education, and teacher evaluations. Mr. Clark's wife, Melanie, is an accomplished foreign language teacher at Lausanne. The couple has one son, Rigby, 11 months.

The Search Committee, the Board, and many members of the Bodine community had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Clark during interviews and campus visits. Mr. Clark demonstrated a contagious energy, an unparalleled enthusiasm for education, and a strong commitment to the fulfillment of Bodine's mission of teaching children with dyslexia to read. It was clear that Mr. Clark supported Bodine's current programs and philosophy, but also had exciting ideas to carry Bodine into the next generation. Because of Mr. Clark's experience, energy, ability to build relationships, and vision,

the Search Committee made a unanimous decision to present him to the Board of Directors on December 22, 2010. Recognizing Mr. Clark's tremendous capabilities as an educator and a school administrator, The Bodine School's Board of Directors named Mr. Clark to the position of Head of School, effective June 1, 2011.

Dr. Lee will retire on June 30, 2011. During the month of June, Dr. Lee and her staff will work closely with Mr. Clark to ensure a seamless transition. Following her retirement as Head of School, Dr. Lee will serve as a consultant to The Bodine School.

On behalf of the Search Committee and the Board of Directors, we thank you for your participation in, and support of, this process. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Clark and his family as they join The Bodine School community.

*Denise Yunkun, Chairperson
The Bodine School Board of Directors*

Community Service

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADS SCHOOL-WIDE FOOD AND HUMANE SOCIETY DRIVE



All throughout the month of November, the Student Council organized a Food Drive and a Humane Society Collection. Students were asked to bring can foods to help stock the shelves at the Memphis Food Shelter. They also brought in old towels and other items needed by the Humane Society. At the end of the month, Mrs. DeAnn Mower, Student Council sponsor, and several of the Council members took the donated items to the Humane Society at Shelby Farms and to the Action News 5 food truck at Schnucks in Germantown.

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:

Aviya Bensky



(1996-1998)

Aviya recently received a Global Masters Degree

from Webster University. She returned to Bodine in the fall to speak to the fifth-eighth graders about her successes and her time here at the School.

Matt Burnett

(2000-2002)

Matt graduated with a B.A. in History from Westminster College in Fulton, MO in May 2010. Matt graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 2006.

Paul Cook

(2005-2006)

Paul Cook graduated from Bartlett High School in the spring of 2010 and is planning to attend Southwest Community College. Paul will take EMT classes for a year to become a firefighter.

Reed Draffin

(1997-2004)



Reed, a junior at Middle Tennessee State University was selected for the Coop Program with Turner Construction International. This competitive program allows Reed to alternate semesters between attending classes and working for the company in Georgia, Kentucky or Tennessee. Reed spoke to new students and families at The Becoming Bodine event in the fall. He was joined by alumnus, Chris Ruch.

Shelby Fichtner

(2005-2007)



Shelby is at the Creative and Performing Arts High School in Pittsburg. She is

taking Pittsburg Honor Scholars classes and is an Honor Roll student.

Isabelle Kernell

(2002-2006)

Isabelle Kernell graduated in May from Assets School in Honolulu, Hawaii where she was awarded the Lou Salza Honu Award. Isabelle is a freshman at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Aaron Santucci

(1995-2001)



Aaron graduated from Southern Illinois with an Information Systems Technology Degree

in 2005. He is currently a Technology contract worker for companies such as State Farm, FedEx, and the Veterans Hospital.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The gift of a book to The Bodine School Library is a lasting tribute to your child, a friend, or a family member.

2010-2011 Honorees:

Rachel Robertson
Cameron Childress
Julian Cullen
Erika Yunkun
Austin Robinson
Madeline Danielson
Eli Reese
Charlie Shackelford
Lukas Rabiner
Mia Rose Bomarito
Samantha Gear
Will Grochau
Matt Cafferty
Kaitlyn Rougeau
Ryan Sackett
Billy Giles
Eileen Wolff
Matthew Dia
J.J. Slavinsky

Faculty Spotlights

NEW TEACHER PROFILE



Reece Daugherty - 4th Grade

Hobbies: reading, cooking, traveling, and studying wild-life

Previous Work Experience: teacher/naturalist at Lichterman Nature Center for four

years; a reading tutor and a substitute teacher for Memphis City Schools

Why I Love Working at Bodine: "I like working at Bodine because I am able to share my passion for reading and writing with a new generation of students."

Acorn Auction

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 26th

6:00 to 11:00 pm

Holiday Inn at The University of Memphis

The Acorn Auction is our biggest and most exciting event of the year, offering great fun, entertainment, and an incredible array of silent and live auction items. This is a not-to-be-missed gala event, with dinner, wine, cash bar, and lots of surprises every year. Tickets are \$40 for individuals. For reservations, sponsorships, ads, or other information, please contact Tonya Eddins at 901.754.1800 ext. 305 or teddins@bodineschool.org.

ALUMNI FAMILY REUNION

On Saturday, April 16th The Bodine School will host the annual Alumni Reunion, chaired this year by Don and Kate Oliver. Alumni and alumni families are invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. For more information or to volunteer, contact Tonya Eddins, Director of Development, at teddins@bodineschool.org or 754-1800 ext. 305.



The Bodine School now has a Facebook page! Become a fan and keep up-to-date on school happenings and announcements, and stay informed on the latest dyslexia and other learning disabilities' topics by watching the videos and reading the articles that are posted each month.

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