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Dear Families of Boca Prep. Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the second semester. I am thrilled to be the new Head of School. As an upper school teacher and department head for the past four years, I have seen the school grow and improve dramatically. I witnessed Mr. Graham Hurrell as he set the school on the path to becoming an IB World School. When Mr. Pelham Lindfield Roberts arrived, he set forth a vision for the school that was clear and wonderful. Now as the new Head, I plan to continue on that path and look forward to working with all of the

families of Boca Prep toward the goal of an academically strong, international, and happy school.

Thanks to all of the parents, students, and teachers who have been so supportive during this transition time. Together, we will continue improving and making this a great school.

Mr. Stan Daniel
Head of School

Upcoming Boca Prep Events

We want to invite all of our families to plan to attend our Family Carnival! To the Right you will find the details.

Upcoming Important Dates, Mark your Calendars:

- January 10—"Step Up Day" Grades Pre-K3—5, 8, 10.
- January 10—Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences
- February 4—Family Carnival & Open House

January 10th—"Step Up" Day (Grades: Pre-K3—5th, 8th, 10th). The lower school will have a fun and educational day while visiting the next grade level. Fifth Graders will follow a Sixth Grade schedule. Eighth Graders will learn more about high school credits and college entry. Tenth Graders will learn about the IB Diploma Program. The day will begin with a breakfast for parents from 8am—8:30am. 8:30am-9am information session.

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Family Carnival & Open House

Saturday February 4, 2012
10am—3pm

January 10th—Parent Teacher Conferences

January 24th at 7pm School Forum—"Lower School Focus"



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Boca Prep... Going Healthy

We have been listening to the strong demand from parents to make all of the food students are exposed to on the Boca Prep campus healthier. Over the break the food committee accomplished just this. The old vending machines were removed from campus and replaced with healthy "Sprout" machines. Students now have multiple healthy options including organic snacks.



PTO Announcements

- ⇒ The PTO would like to express sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Russell Levine for their very generous donation to the PTO for the 2011 school year. Thank you so much
- ⇒ The next PTO meeting will be held in January, meeting date and time to be announced as soon as it is set.

Shark Whisperer

Sara Brenes, 10th Grade, turned 16 this year and she requested instead of a sweet sixteen party to go on a shark dive because of her love of these animals. She started the charity www.SharkWhisperer.org as part of her 10th grade personal project but also because of her passion and dedication to saving sharks from being wiped off the planet.



Right now scientists are estimating that our oceans will collapse in the year 2048 if we do not do something to help save sharks from becoming extinct. You would not think that something like that would happen just because sharks might be wiped out but sharks are at the top of the food chain in the ocean and that species help to control the reefs in our oceans. Unfortunately because sharks are not cute and cuddly like Polar Bears they don't get any sympathy so it is hard to try and convince people to want to work to save them. Thank you to Sara for sharing her knowledge and passion with Boca Prep.



Happy Birthday!!!

◇ Stephanie Perret-Gentil... 1/2



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Latin American Festival fieldtrip to Miami

On Tuesday, 13th of December, 2nd and 4th Grade Spanish classes, along with their teachers, and Mrs. Elkasrawy took a fieldtrip to see the Latin American Festival show at the Manuel Artime theatre in Miami. The show included dance and music from different Latin American countries. This was a magnificent cultural experience for the children to learn about typical music and dance, as well as typical costumes and instruments from Peru, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. The show was vibrant and exciting and clearly engaged students as they sang, clapped and danced to the rhythm of the music. For the highlight of the show, students were invited to go and dance on the stage with the performers who guided them to follow the dance steps and perform for the whole audience who clapped and cheered in excitement. After the show the students had lunch at Bayside where they also had a chance to browse through some shops and even go on a carousel ride! -Ms. Tiina Anttila

