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A Newsletter for Families, Alumni, & Friends of The Lexington School



Hand in Hand

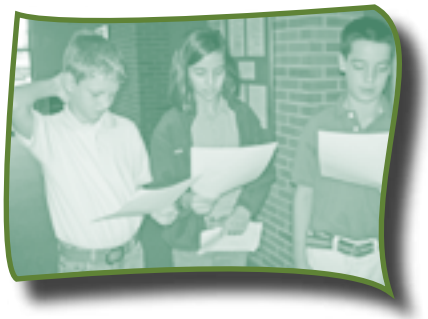
LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE

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MARGARET MEAD

Hand in Hand: Love in any Language – our diversity theme this year at The Lexington School. When the faculty Diversity Committee met last June to discuss diversity topics to emphasize, it never imagined the brutal force of Hurricane Katrina. It never considered that before its carefully planned monthly assemblies would begin, the school would already have extended its hand to those in New Orleans and the surrounding area in multiple ways.

The famous anthropologist Margaret Mead said, "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." In that light, Friday, September 2nd, after Katrina devastated a swath of the Gulf Coast, Middle School Student Council members were seen out in the hall practicing fund-raising talks to present throughout the school. The arrival of pennies, quarters, dollar bills, and checks was accompanied by stories of our students' ingenuity and generosity. First Kyle, Tyler, and Hannah emptied their vacation piggy bank and found its contents lacking, so they set up a lemonade stand. Natalie, Reid, Conrad, Isabel, Emily, Chloe, and Dara joined in similar lemonade brigades around town, selling to some TLS teachers and even a Development Director in their neighborhoods. On another site, Carter and Ruby Kate washed cars and offered lemonade for those thirsty enough to throw some bills in the Katrina Red Cross pot. Middle Schooler Andrew rose early Saturday morning, purchased boxes of Magee's donuts and coffee, and went door-to-door offering breakfast for those willing to contribute. Rachel and Meg baked cookies to sell outside the UK/Louisville football game. The Cats lost, but the girls



Student Council Members Gunnar Hamilton, Alex Kiefer, and Chase Deppen practice their fundraising speeches.



came home with a bundle of cash for Katrina relief. Luke, Clara, and Leo handed out hats and flowers with their lemonade stand. One child parted with a treasured Chuck E. Cheese token that read, "Where a Kid can be a Kid." Being "a Kid" during this fund drive was extremely effective, because ten days later Student Body President Alex Kiefer and Eighth Grade President D.R. Ball delivered a check for $15,020.47 to the local Red Cross.

In the mean time, our school community held out a hand to three new students from independent schools in the damaged area. Alumna Elizabeth Martin Perino '74 and her fifth-grade daughter Adele were the first to arrive. Although they stayed a mere ten days, Adele made good friends, and Elizabeth was touched by the welcoming gesture of her *alma mater.* The Perinos weren't able to return to their home, but they moved considerably north of their former home to help sustain the family landscaping business.

The first day Sarah Hugg arrived at school, her 8th grade classmates had decorated her locker to welcome her. Sarah came from the Garden District in New Orleans. Her family left for Destin when Katrina was still a category three storm. They didn't take possessions with them because they imagined they'd be home soon. Then the levees broke leaving from seven to ten feet of water in their home. Sarah and her mom now have made their home in Lexington with two aunts and an uncle.

Sarah comes to us from Trinity Episcopal School. She likes The Lexington School because it is , "kind of like my old school." She says that "everything kind of fits" together as she joins a new basketball team and realizes that she will be graduating from a school other than the one she attended in New Orleans from first grade until this September. Although she misses her friends, her volley ball team, and some of her clothes and CDs, Sarah says, we "just have to deal with it."

Pre-kindergarten grew by one when Freddie Hoskins moved to Kentucky to make a new home. His family, too, was displaced by Katrina's destructive wind and rain, and they have found solace at our school. Actually, they look forward to making Lexington their permanent home.

Although our planned programs for "Hand in Hand: Love in any Language" didn't begin until October 5 when Nurse Kristin Beers talked about reaching across the ocean to children from Ghana, we are privileged to have had first-hand experience reaching out a helping, reassuring hand to others in our nation who need some love, regardless of the language.







Photos (clockwise from left): *Freddie Hoskins enjoys his new preschool; Ali Boone wishing her new friend Adele Perino well; Sarah Hugg (center) greeted by new friends Mary Spirito (left) and Rachel Trontz (right); D.R. Ball collecting donations for the Red Cross; Alex Kiefer and D.R. Ball present Student Council check to the Red Cross.*

Head *Lines*

NOTES FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our focus this year has been internalizing The Lexington School's revised Mission and new Philosophy Statements. These two statements bind us together as a community as we strive to reach our goals. Certainly inherent in our Mission and Philosophy Statements are the concepts of community service, humility, empathy and student leadership. Words such as "instill integrity" and "have the life skills to make wise choices" inspire us to walk the higher ground of service to others. In this season's issue of *Pinpoints*, I think you will find these themes woven into the fabric of our community.

I am most proud of our student council's reaction to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Led by D.R. Ball and Alex Kiefer, our students literally "worked" for donations. D.R. and Alex spoke to each grade about making a personal sacrifice to raise money towards the relief effort for victims of Katrina. D.R. wrote the words student council members used to ask students throughout the school to do extra odd jobs around the neighborhood or home to earn money instead of asking their parents to give them money to donate. As a result, students mowed lawns, set up lemonade stands, babysat, and literally emptied their piggybanks. As you read in the lead article, the students raised over $15,000 in one week. But more importantly, our students learned life lessons about self-sacrifice, compassion, charity, and leadership from this horrible tragedy.

As you read the articles in *Pinpoints*, I hope you will see the many ways in which we live our Mission and Philosophy Statements. This school is a special place because of the daily sacrifices and contributions that teachers, parents, alumni, and students make every day.

With warm regards,



Charles D. Baldecchi



Mission statement

The mission of The Lexington School is to provide an education of the highest quality to students in preschool through middle school. In a structured, nurturing environment, The Lexington School seeks to instill integrity, a life-long enthusiasm for learning, and a strong work ethic.

Philosophy statement

Because we are a nurturing environment,
children feel confident.

When children are confident,
they will take risks.

Because risk taking is inherent in learning,
the possibility of failure exists.

When a nurturing community exists,
challenges lead to growth.

Our success is defined when our students have the life skills to make wise choices and overcome obstacles.

SERVICE LEARNING

Whether it is gathering 47 pairs of new shoes or 100 birthday gifts for our friends at Johnson Elementary School or raking leaves at the Ronald McDonald center—singing songs from Boo Sing for nursing home residents or spreading mulch at McConnell Springs—our students learn at an early age that reaching out in service can be a gratifying venture. With the help of the Parents' Association, The Lexington School has a well-developed Service Learning program. The Parents' Association Initiative for Service Learning states that: The Lexington School's goal is to foster within the entire school community—students, faculty, staff, administration, and families—an awareness of the needs of our world and the awesome realization that every single one of us can make a difference.









Parent committee members book social agencies, educate students and assign them to tasks, and engage the help of families to carpool and oversee. As a result students are able to have a buddy penny drive for a pet shelter, prepare boxes of school supplies for children in Afghanistan, box up a complete library for residents of a village in Lesotho, Africa, and gather and sort food for God's Pantry. Positive feedback from both parent volunteers and the agencies we serve provide affirmation that our students grow from their experiences.

Mrs. Nancy O'Neill, mom of 8th grader Bryan and three-year coordinator of Middle School Service Learning says, "Community service is inherent in me." She values giving back and adds, "That's what we're here for."

Photos (clockwise from above): *The McConnell Springs work crew from the left: Jack Wilhoit, Elijah Thornton, Max Murphy, Chase Corman, Pranav Sakaleshpur, Charlie Grigsby, Irene Alcarez, and Claire West; Santi de Leon hauls cots to help out; Jillian Kepf, Kate Hopgood, and Emily Talbott sort and clean at the Woodford County Theatrical Arts Association; Students help load the truck at the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief at Centenary Methodist Church.*

ROOM DADS!





Mr. Cleo Price, Ph.D. and Mr. Charles Walsh are making history as our first "dad" classroom reps. Dr. Price, the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Kentucky, has volunteered to organize carpools for field trips, get parent volunteers for Mrs. Linda Bies, his daughter Gabrielle's third grade teacher, and be the liaison between Mrs. Bies and the Parents' Association.

TLS alumnus Mr. Charles Walsh, '80, works with his son Mark's first grade teacher, Mrs. Melissa Glisch. Mr. Walsh recently sold his Nashville banking and securities business and relocated to Lexington to be near family.

Both dads are regulars in carline and enjoy their time as dads-in-service at The Lexington School.

CLASS OF 2002 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Tyler Bromagen .... Tulane University – Evacuated to Rhodes College
John Brooks ..... Sewanee: The University of the South
Aimee Bruckner ..... Lexington Community College
Ben Buker ..... University of Kentucky
Andy Burchett ..... Vanderbilt University
Logan Burgess ..... Vanderbilt University
Flora Campbell ..... Middlebury College
Sam Clark ..... Furman University
Ryan Cox ..... Lexington Community College
Cody Damm ..... University of Kentucky
Jordan English ..... Western Kentucky University
B Fisher ..... University of Georgia
Carl Gray ..... Sewanee: The University of the South
Chrissy Haug ..... Undecided
Kirby Ifland ..... Westmont College
Payton Keller ..... Xavier University
Page Keyser ..... University of Tennessee
James Lagrew ..... Furman University
Brandon Leatherwood ..... Georgetown College
Parke Loyd ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Leah Martin ..... University of Virginia
Shelby Martin ..... Southern Methodist University
Chip McGaughey ..... Lynn University
Jesse McInturf ..... University of Kentucky
Alex McIntyre ..... Southern Methodist University
Lucy McKinstry ..... Gap Year/ Duke University
Mia Moross ..... Undecided
Lacy Reinhold ..... University of Georgia
Elliott Richards ..... University of Kentucky
Doug Romaine ..... University of Kentucky
Magda Stewart ..... University of Virginia
Allison Terry ..... Centre College
Austin Tucker ..... University of Kentucky
Lindsey Waldman ..... Vanderbilt University
H. G. Wells ..... University of Kentucky
Maureen West ..... William and Mary College

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Mrs. Anderson dug back into her closet and discovered music to the TLS fight song.



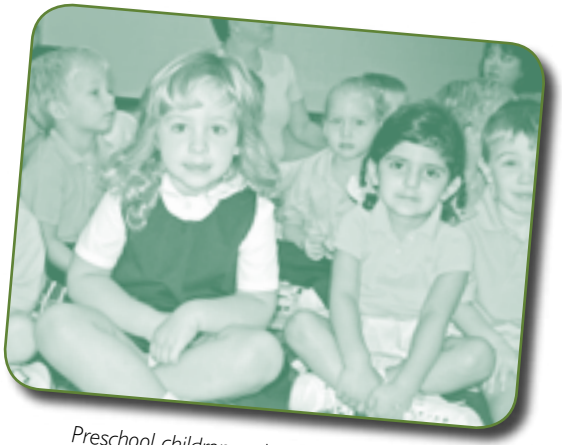
Buddies with buddies for The Lexington School Birthday Party!



Mrs. Eames, Mrs. Beers, and Mrs. Barker light the 46 candles at their last TLS birthday party before their retirement.



KinderKlasse enjoyed the celebration, too.



Preschool children wait for birthday cake!



5th graders feasted on European delicacies.



Finger licking good smorgasbord



Who doesn't love a good tasting party?



Harry Potter's Hermione at Boo Sing.



Serious learning continues amidst Halloween fun.



Scooby-Doo knows the difference between an action and a linking verb!

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Nurse Kristin shared her adventures in Ghana with the school.



Elizabeth Martin Perino '74 thanks 5th grade teachers Mrs. Samantha Kemmish and Mrs. Jane Hudson before returning to New Orleans.



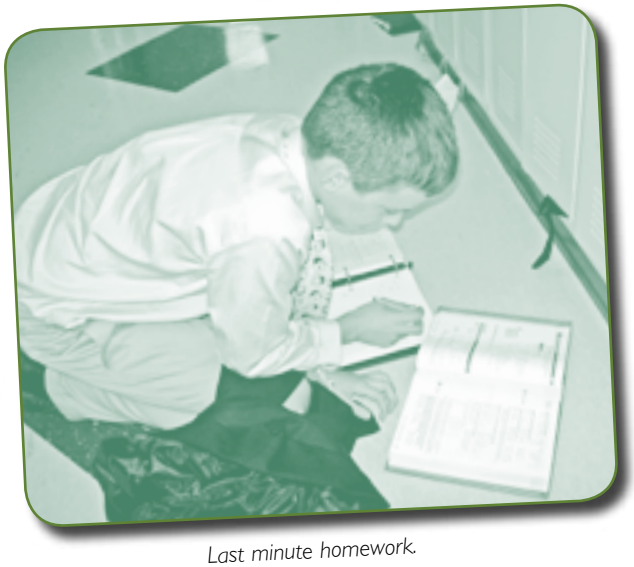
Mrs. Whitney Martin Collins '88 talks about Hotchkiss at the High School Placement Fair in October.



4th grader making an entry in her weekly journal.



Learning to light a match in 4th grade science



Last minute homework.



4th graders learn vocabulary by using **Wordly Wise**.



Circle constructs for 4th grade geometry.



4th grader working on fact triangles.

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NEWS OF ALUMNI

Annie Stilz '92 finished her Ph.D. in political theory from Harvard University. She is currently completing a post doctoral fellowship at the University of Berlin. She ran in the Chicago Marathon right before leaving for Germany.

Garrett Graddy '93 married Paul Lovelace this spring at Welcome Hall, the Graddy family farm in Woodford County, where classmates Taylor Baker, Emmy Hartley, Emmy Gambet-Moore, Anne Shropshire, and Erica Stillner served as Maidens. Garrett and Paul live in Menifee County, near the Red River Gorge, and Garrett is now a student at UK, beginning her doctoral work in cultural geography (local economies, alternative rural development in Appalachia and in the Andes).

After graduating from the University of Kentucky with a BA and an MBA, **Coley Stilz '93** attended the UK Law School. He is now employed at the law firm of Stoll, Keenon and Park.

Jillian Burgess '97 is in graduate school at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, working toward her degree in Social and Public Policy. In the political world, she has enjoyed interning for both Richard Gephart and Ben Chandler during two summers of living in Washington, DC. Jillian also lived for a summer in New York City, where she interned for the Wildlife Conservation Society, working especially with international projects at their office at the Bronx Zoo.

Joe Porter '98 began in August as the Youth Director at the Presbyterian Church of Danville. He is enjoying being back in the Bluegrass area now, since he graduated this Spring from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where he was an active member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. A former standout on the TLS Speech Team with a strong public speaking background, Joe majored in Communications and minored in Spanish.

Brothers **Michael Cowgill '99** and **Collin Cowgill '01** were a dynamic duo as they played summer baseball for the Covington Valley Virginia Lumberjacks. Collin, Mr. Baseball in 2004 and now a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, was voted the team's Most Valuable Player after leading the league in home runs, runs batted in, and total bases run. His stellar performance garnered him an invitation to play in the prestigious Cape Cod League next summer. Michael, a senior at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, was fifth in the league in total bases run.

Taylor Huber '99 is a UK senior in Economics. He is also the assistant soccer coach for the men at Centre College. Taylor will pursue law school upon graduation.

Eli Zimmerman '99 is a senior at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was president of his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, last year. He now serves as president of the Interfraternity Council and has spent two years as a Community Development Fellow for Hillel, an international Jewish campus life organization. This summer, while he was a participant in the Summer Leaders program on the Washington University campus, he also prepared for the MCATs, which he took in August, in order to apply to medical schools.

Alex Huber '01, a UK sophomore in philosophy, is busy as Service Chair of Kappa Alpha Theta. She anticipates law school following graduation.

Heidi Zimmerman '03 is a senior drama major at SCAPA at Lafayette High School. This past year, she served as the assistant director for the school's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and also played the role of Madame Thernardier in SCAPA's production of *Les Miserables*. She is active not only in her local synagogue youth group, but she has also begun her second term as Membership Vice President for her regional Jewish youth organization, covering Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Michigan. She spent this summer with other Jewish youth touring, studying and exploring Poland and Israel.

J.P. Stilz '04 is a junior in the math science program at Dunbar High School where he was recently named an A.P. scholar in physics.

Christopher Lyons '04 and **Clint Parker '04**, both sophomores at The McCallie School, spent their Fall Break in Slidell, Louisiana doing Hurricane Katrina relief work. They were part of a Servants of Survivors (SOS) group from the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, and they made the seven-hour drive with the McCallie director of admissions and his family. While in Slidell, they spent two days gutting the interior of homes that had been flooded during Hurricane Katrina and talking with the survivors.



Garrett Graddy '93 Wedding Party

From left: Jimmy Booth, Anna Merritt, Todd Graddy, Ann Eames, Taylor Baker, Catherine Sims, Anne Shropshire, Garrett Graddy, Emmy Hartley, Erica Stillner, Sybil Dawahare Montero, Emmy Gambet-Moore, Griffen VanMeter, Sara Tackett, John Lindsey Tackett, Elizabeth Gambet, Hawthorne Graddy.



Ms. Margaret Cowling '64 reminisces with former history student, now turned entrepreneur, **Matt Hartley '95**



TLS was well represented on the Dunbar soccer team this fall. From Left: **Marshall English, Brendan Lin, Andrew Lock, David Dowden, Philip Bachas-Daunert**

New Teachers

FROM THE EAST, FROM THE SOUTH, FROM THE WEST AND FROM RIGHT HERE AT HOME!

The Lexington School considers itself fortunate to have four new teachers in our midst this year. Mr. Baldecchi and all three division heads sorted through innumerable applications to find these four, and they are proud of their picks.



Mr. Jaime Lassman, a native of Wilmington, Delaware and a 1999 graduate of the University of Delaware, not only grew up but also taught at Wilmington Friends School where his father taught. With this strong independent school background, he pulled out his United States map and focused on Cincinnati, Ohio and independent schools within a seventy-mile radius. He checked us out on our website and sent a "snazzy resume, a colorful statement of his teaching philosophy, and a link to his classroom website." He now teaches with our third grade team. He has found a "powerful mix of professionalism, talent, and humility among the entire faculty." Jaime, a computer whiz, is one of our lacrosse coaches, also. He loves sports, particularly football. Although he understands "that local laws require that all residents must officially become UK basketball fans," he says, "I'm excited to comply with all laws and regulations as long as I can still root for the Eagles."



Mrs. Cassie Corbett grew up right here in Lexington, and she graduated from both Asbury College (B.A. in psychology) and The University of South Florida (M.A.T. in English Education). Her husband attended medical school at The University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida where she taught English at St. Mary's Episcopal Day School. When Cassie began shopping for an English teaching position in Lexington, she found our school "to be very similar to St. Mary's." She likes working in a Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade community with small class sizes and a faculty who is "in constant communication and always trying to improve the curriculum and instruction." One of her joys of teaching is "seeing students develop a love of reading and writing and watching students take ownership of their work." It's not hard to imagine that this seventh grade English teacher loves to read. She recommends anything by Jane Austen, C.S. Lewis, or G.K. Chesterton.



Mr. Lassman with his mentor Mrs. Samantha Kemmish



Mrs. Corbett with her mentor Mrs. Kimberly Sherrard



Ms. Danielle Edwards called Chicago home until her family moved to Louisville. She decided to become loyal to the blue and white and this year graduated from the University of Kentucky. Danielle caught the eye of our Preschool Director Mrs. Mary Beers last spring when she shadowed Mrs. Jaci Sloan in kindergarten as part of her class work in early education. Danielle found herself thinking, "I wouldn't mind working here!" When former KinderKlasse teacher Mrs. Karen Kirby Thomas became principal of Christ the King School, Mrs. Beers remembered Danielle, and soon after, she was hired. This win-win situation has afforded Danielle the opportunity to appreciate the "great sense of togetherness at TLS." She finds that "the Mission and Philosophy Statements are actually followed by the faculty and staff, and it is evident in the lives of the students." When she is not preparing for and resting from her delightful daily encounters with our three-year-olds, Danielle enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and singing in her church choir. A small side note: both she and Cassie Corbett appreciate the good food at The Lexington School.



Ms. Edwards with her mentor Mrs. Jaci Sloan



Jonathan Herrington grew up in Ewing Kentucky, studied Spanish at Transylvania University, and has been happy to find a teaching home right here in Lexington. After studying and traveling in Spain this summer, Jonathan was especially enthusiastic to return and inspire our students to speak Spanish. Jonathan has found only positive support from families, faculty, and administrators. Outside school Jonathan enjoys competing in sports and playing with his dog Koalby. Inside school he has found Lexington students, "eager to learn," which he says "just makes my job easier and more fun."



Mr. Herrington with his mentor Mrs. Laurie Vennes

Track & Field

WITH WINGS ON THEIR HEELS

Beware of speed demons in the lower parking lot following Middle School carline. It's The Lexington School cross country/track team, and they're fast. Three years ago they were a dream. Now the team is more than a reality. Team members run year round, four to five times a week, ten months out of the year. They compete successfully wherever they go, but basically, they love to run. In addition, the boys and girls who participate span a range of ages from 4th grade through 8th.

When the team began, students ran with their coaches, Mr. Tom Parlanti and Mr. Ben McIntosh, around the neighborhoods, through the Arboretum, and up and down Georgian Way. Now that the new building and grounds are complete, the students often use our expanse of fields and the Erika Dhir Walking Trail to hone their skills. The walking trail around the new Lower School is dedicated to the memory of the grandmother of our students Emilie and Joshua Dhir. It is an asphalt trail, surrounded by newly planted trees, that winds one mile over a creek and around our wooded back perimeter on the former Lansill property.

For the past two years our Athletic Director Mr. Tom Parlanti, a seasoned runner himself, has been joined by Coach Jim Kaiser to train these youngsters. Mr. Kaiser, a former U.K. coach, led the UK track team in 1990 and earned an All-American award in the 10,000 meters. Mrs. Kelly Brewer, a TLS mom and celebrated long-distance runner, has joined the coaching team this year. Mr. Parlanti says, "I have been blessed to have such high caliber coaches to learn from."

The team that began with four students grew in the second year to ten. Last year's team was around fifteen, and this year it is 35. Mr. Parlanti says that his runners are talented, hard working, and dedicated. "They consistently improve, they care about how everyone else does, and they are a joy to coach. No complainers." We have had runners qualify for national-level competition. He notes also, "The Middle School girl's team has won two of five meets and done so in a brilliant fashion. They are making quite a name for themselves in the running community." The last weekend of October the girls placed 14th in the state meet in a field of 63 schools.

Keep an eye out for our running teams. With hair streaming, arms pumping, and shirts flapping, our track students have discovered the wings on their heels, and nothing seems to stop them.



Friends Connecting with Friends…

Holiday Homecoming

December 17, 2005

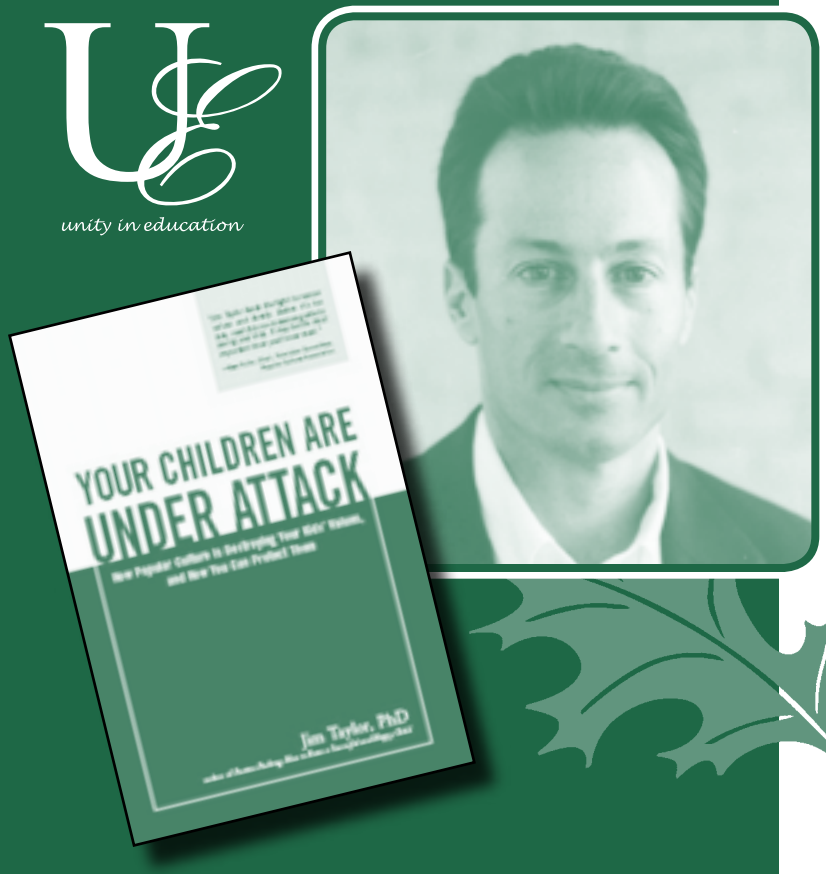
Cocktails served from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Come catch up with old friends! We look forward to seeing:
Alumni, Faculty, Friends, Parents & Grandparents—Past & Present

Please RSVP:
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Dr. Jim Taylor
author of
Your Children are Under Attack
will speak at
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From *The Archives*



Ninth grade Class of 1980 posing in the gym

Front row (from left): *Nancy Dorsey, Biz Clay, Elizabeth Marshall, Catherine Brown, Jennifer Brandenburg, Julie Geddes, Paula Shoemaker, Paul O'Neill, Stuart Plumlee.*

Second row: *Paula Nieto, Amy Rosenthal, George Cox, Sarah Henderson, Molly Riley, Lee Ellen Martin, Chris Nelli, Kel Lange, David Slovin, Scott Plumlee.*

Third row: *Whitney Page, Pem Madden, Richard Johnson, Chris Ward, Burgess Carey, John Park, Todd Collis, Kevin Morgan, Eric Hurley, Sarah Young, Mary Patrick, Robin Wharton.*

Top Row: *David Griffith, Mark Cloys, Luke Hodges, Bobby Stephens, Catherine Calvert.*