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WE'RE BACK!!!

After a brief absence while our website was completely redesigned, *Back to the Point* returns. We'll do our best to play catch-up in bringing you the news of the School. After you read of the doings here, make sure you surf our new site, and keep coming back, as more and more features will be added as the weeks go by!

DINNER FOR DOGS

Each year, the third grade, as part of their service learning project, constructs life-like animals out of papier-mâché to be used by the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence. There, caged animals hone their hunting skills by approaching the sculptures, tearing them open, and eating the nutrient-rich food that is tucked inside. This year's creatures include a zebra, baboon, meercat, and African horn bill. They will feed a new group of African Wild Dogs. This year marks the 6th year of the partnership between Pine Point and the Roger Williams Zoo.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

Pine Point was honored in early November, having been named as one of only ten National Schools of Character by the Character Education Partnership. The School was honored at a three-day conference in Arlington, VA attended by Head of School Paul Geise, Service Learning Chair David Smith '69, Lower School Head Susan Kozel, K-1 teacher Robin Smith, and Associate Director of Development David Cruthers. Nine hundred educators from around the country were in attendance. Pine Point was given a trophy, flag, and a check for \$20,000. One of the requirements in accepting the \$20,000 prize is that we mentor other schools to promote character education. In this photo, Head of School Paul Geise is flanked by ninth-grader Victoria Garbo, Chair of the GIVE Committee (I) and eighth-grader Anna Holt, President of the Student Government, both of whom participated in the application and review



process.

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HUNGER BANQUET

Students at Pine Point all look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday as a time to relax with family and friends, centering around the great feast on that Thursday. On November 19, however, the student body participated in an exercise that aimed to drive home how fortunate and blessed we are to have regular access to food, shelter, medical care, and clean water.

All students in the fourth through ninth grades took part. The students were chosen at random, with 15% as "high income" people, 30% "middle income" and 55% as "low income" the proportions roughly equivalent to the distribution of the world's population. They ate a breakfast, snack, and lunch proportional to their income levels. Some students ate frequently and abundantly, while the vast majority ate rice and water. This year's lesson was spearheaded by second-year teacher Jon Mitchell.

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VIEWPOINTS ONLINE

Can't find your latest issue of Pine Point's biannual magazine? No worries! Just follow this handy link to read it online:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. RECEPTION

While in the Washington, D.C. area to attend the Character Education Partnership Conference, Head of School Paul Geise and other staff members held a reception to greet Pine Point alumni and others connected with the School. Thanks to alumnus Ray DuBois '61, the reception was held at the Army and Navy Club in the heart of our Nation's capital. Follow the link to a slideshow of those who were in attendance.

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ALUMNI SOCCER AND FIELD HOCKEY GAMES

About 65 players, a nice mix of alumni and current 8th and 9th graders, were in attendance on October 14th for the 11th annual event. The games were held on a beautiful early fall afternoon on Hyde Field. Both games were played hard, and were enjoyed by all. Check out this link to a slideshow depicting the action and attendees!

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SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 9, 2008!

If you are an alumnus/alumna of Pine Point in the Classes of 1952-2002, you'll want to circle that date on your calendar, as that's the date for our next Alumni Reunion. Come to the School's Library/Technology Center at 6:00 PM, and renew ties with old friends. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

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ANNUAL FUND UNDERWAY

\$225,000



The 2008 Annual Fund is off to a terrific start and we are grateful that so many people have already both given and volunteered. (Not only has the Parents' Committee been hard at work, but 50 alumni serve as Class Agents, soliciting their classmates and providing news for Class Notes in *ViewPoints*.) At this point, we've already raised \$84,000 towards our goal of \$225,000!

It's easy to make a gift towards the Annual Fund, by mail or even online! By clicking on the link below, you can make a safe, secure donation to Pine Point:

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GIFT WRAP RETURNS



Want to purchase holiday gift wrapping paper or related items and, in the process, support Pine Point? You're in luck! Innisbrook Gift Wraps is back, but with a twist. Instead of having a packet sent home with a student, you're already at the place to do your shopping. If you wish to purchase items, you can go to www.innisbrook.com and then click on Shop. **The School's code is 106409.** It's as simple as that. You place your order, pay with a credit card, and the items are sent directly to your home. Everyone can participate. Pine Point will receive 50% of all sales with the proceeds split evenly between our Scholarship Program and the General Endowment.

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PINE POINT LOSES BELOVED FORMER ART TEACHER

It is with sadness that we report on the passing of Alice Wills. From 1954-1977 Alice taught art to hundreds of lucky Pine Point students. There will be a gathering at Kendal at Longwood (Alice's retirement home in Pennsylvania) on December 9th from 2-5 pm to celebrate her life. An article on Alice will appear in the spring issue of *ViewPoints*. Alumni are strongly encouraged to share a memory of Alice for inclusion in the magazine.

Please email [Director of Development David Hannon](#) if you would like information to contact Alice's family or to share a remembrance.

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