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THE MUSICAL ADVENTURES OF FLAT STANLEY

On Sunday, May 18, 2008 *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* finishes its nationwide tour with two performances at Stonington High School. The popular *Flat Stanley* books were written by the late Jeff Brown, long-time resident of Stonington and father of current Pine Point 9th grader Duncan Brown '08. The performances at Stonington High School are generously underwritten by friends of Jeff Brown. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children and will be available to the public in mid-February. Proceeds benefit the Stonington Education Fund, Stonington Free Library, and Pine Point.

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FLAT STANLEY ILLUSTRATOR TO VISIT PINE POINT

Scott Nash, one of the illustrators of the Flat Stanley books, will be visiting Pine Point on February 11th. He will attend the all-school morning meeting, and will work with the K-1 students, as well as one of Maria Iacoi's art classes. (Maria's 7th grade class is already making Flat Stanleys, and will be photographing them in different areas around the School, and will make a slide show for Scott to see on his visit!) Scott will also visit Deans Mill School and West Vine School as a promotion for the Flat Stanley musical in May.


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HARD WORK BUILDS AN ARK

Before Winter Break, Saul Cohen '10 put a challenge before the School. If students would read books and get parents and friends to sponsor their efforts, monies raised would be used to benefit Heifer International, by

purchasing a "Gift Ark" to help needy families throughout the world. The amount to be raised was \$5,000. Each week, he apprised students and faculty of the project's progress. At morning meeting on January 28, Saul announced that the goal had been met! The ark carries 15 pairs of animals to different places around the globe. As Heifer's website notes, "Two cows bring milk and income to a Russian village. Two sheep help families in Arizona produce wool. Two camels help families in Tanzania earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials. Two oxen pull plows and carts in Uganda. Two water buffalo help Cambodian families increase rice production through animal draft power." As well, once the animals have offspring, recipient families pass along those offspring to other needy families in their community, and those families will do the same, which encourages the growth of a herd of these particular animals in a village. Saul undertook this project as part of the preparation for his Bar Mitzvah in February.



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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 UPDATE

As of January 30th, 363 donors had made Annual Fund gifts and pledges totaling \$175,000. Particularly encouraging has been the 30% increase to date in alumni donors. (In fact, the most recent alumni gift to the Annual Fund came from a member of the Class of 1955 who gave \$1,500! Making that gift even more special is the fact that this individual, given his class year, never went to school on the Barnes Road campus.) Please consider making a gift today to the Annual Fund. Great things are happening every day at Pine Point in the lives of 266 children, and you can play a role in making it all possible.

Online giving is not only easy and secure, but it's cost effective and environmentally friendly. Online giving link: <http://www.pinepoint.org/page.cfm?p=37>

Please contact Director of Development David Hannon development@pinepoint.org if you have any questions about making a gift.

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ALUMNI - HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

The new Pine Point website has a way for alumni/ae to edit their profile and allow their classmates to read about their exploits. There's one thing that a former student will need, though, to update their files, and that is a registration number. An e-mail with registration numbers was sent out on November 30 with the numbers of all alumni/ae for whom we have e-mail addresses, all 496 of you. Sixty-seven have registered so far! If you don't have the e-mail in your inbox anymore, please contact Associate Director of Development David Cruthers (dcruthers@pinepoint.org) and he will supply you with your number, so that you can get on board!

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ALUMNI SURVEY

Pine Point is collecting stories and memories from alumni about their years at Pine Point. We want to share your memories with others so that they can better understand some of the intangible and unmeasurable benefits of being at Pine Point. This way we can give prospective students and families a better feel for what it might be like to come to Pine Point. We can also help to preserve the traditions and culture of the school and pass those on to future faculty and students. Please send any memories to Associate Director of Development David Cruthers (dcruthers@pinepoint.org). Thank you for your help!

Best Pine Point moment:

Most meaningful class:

Teacher who made the greatest impact:

Favorite moment in class:

Advice to new student:

Favorite moment on a field trip:

Funniest moment at recess:

Most memorable morning meeting:

Most memorable 9th grade speech:

The day I will never forget at Pine Point:

One thing I wish was changed at Pine Point:

Please share an experience that sums up the reason you are glad you went to Pine Point:

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