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PPS ALUMNA IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Hilary Castle '99 will be performing solo violin on Sunday afternoon, March 30, as a benefit for the Pequotsepos Nature Center. The concert is from 3-5 pm, and will be held at the Union Baptist Church in Mystic. Hilary will be playing works by Beethoven, Vivaldi, Barber, and Massenet. After leaving Pine Point, Hilary, daughter of Dorrit and Thomas Castle '67, went on to St. Mark's and Boston College, before graduate work at Mannes College The New School of Music. Proceeds will support the Nature Center's ongoing environmental education program and services. For more information, click on the following link: http://www.dpnc.org/event_2.html

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CARING HEARTS AND THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

For 10 years running, Pine Point has participated in Jump Rope for Hearts and Hoops for Hearts, two fundraising events that promote exercise as well as raise monies for the American Heart Association. On March 3rd, Jak Cruthers, Youth Market Regional Director for the AHA, presented the School with a special banner, signifying that Pine Point has raised over \$30,000 since the partnership began in 2000. Here with the banner are PE instructors Judy Davis and Doug DeLapp.

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PINE POINT ON YOUTUBE!

Budding cinematographer Brian Reubelt '08 is bringing his Crouching Tiger Video productions to the world through YouTube. An innovative and entertaining video Brian made of the Mandala Winter Arts performance, utilizing an overhead camera synchronized with a camera on the floor of the Mitchell Auditorium, in many postings. You can watch it at the link below. While there, click on crouchingtigervideo for all postings.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifJ6W8FZR2Q>

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A SOLAR ANNIVERSARY!

March 28 will be the first anniversary when the switch was flipped, and the 330 photovoltaic panel to the roofs of the Main and Campbell buildings started generating clean electricity and significantly reducing Pine Point's carbon footprint. How much so? By clicking on the link below, you can see how much being generated at that very moment, as well as how much it has generated for the last week, month, and even year. When this was written, Pine Point's solar panels had generated over 85,000 kWh (kilowatt hours) of electricity, saving over 150,000 pounds of carbon dioxide greenhouse gases from being expelled into the atmosphere; and it doesn't stop there! The School currently is exploring a small wind turbine initiative called WindWrights and is in conversation with United Technologies Corporation concerning hydrogen fuel cell technology possibilities. One of the grades that is using the technology in the classroom is the K-1. Lou Toscano says, "We use it everyday in Kindergarten during math to record the kilowatts, temperature, wind speed, etc. We then graph the monthly results to compare." His colleague Robin Smith adds: "The students are getting quite good at seeing the relationship between sunny days and the number of kilowatts produced."

<http://view2.fatspanel.net/FST/Portal/SolarWrights/pinepoint/HostedAdminView.html>

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H.O.R.S.E. TOURNAMENT

Over one hundred students and parents participated in the 15th Annual Pine Point H.O.R.S.E. Basketball Tournament on Friday, February 29th. This fun-filled family evening, started by the Fiftal family back in 1993 and sponsored by the Pine Point Parent's Association, has become a February tradition. Students competed within three separate divisions (K-2, 3-5 and 6-9), and parents competed in the men's and women's open divisions.

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ANNUAL FUND

The news continues to be good! 386 members of the Pine Point family have already made commitments to the Annual Fund totaling \$182,000. Every gift makes a difference in the quality of programs we can offer to this generation of Pine Point students. Please signal your appreciation for what the School is accomplishing every day in the lives of 267 children by making a gift to the Annual Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Development I Hannon (development@pinepoint.org). You can also make a gift online here:

<http://www.pinepoint.org/page.cfm?p=37>

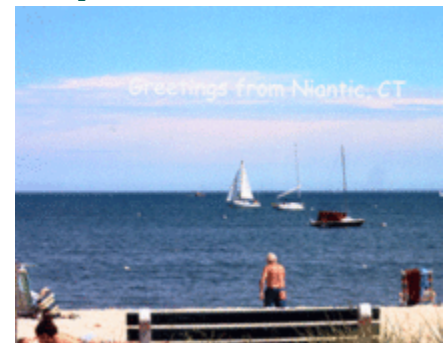
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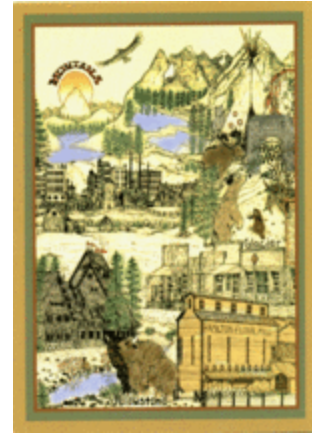
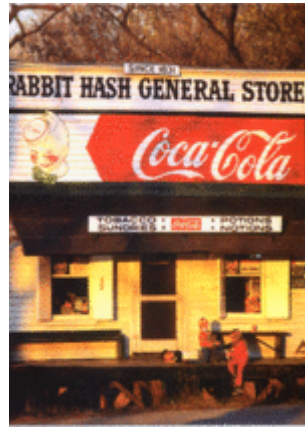
GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS! Here's a list of things that you'll want to know about!

SAVE THE DATE – PART 1 (April 25, 2008)

Grandparents and Grandsons, your day is coming! April 25 is your annual day of celebration, as you join your grandchild/grand-buddy for classroom activities, refreshments, and fun. One of the highlights of the day is the drawing for the K-1 quilt. This year's theme in the K-1 classroom revolves around their study of outer space, "Reach for the Stars!" Grandparents and Grandsons have already received their invitations, and were asked to send postcards of where they live. Please send them along!

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SAVE THE DATE - PART 2 (May 18, 2008)

On Sunday, May 18, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* finishes its nationwide tour with two performances at Stonington High School at 1 and 4 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children are now available at the Stonington Free Library. Proceeds benefit the Stonington Education Fund, Free Library, and Pine Point.

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SAVE THE DATE - PART 3 (June 23, 2008)

Join us for the 16th annual Pine Point Golf Tournament at Stonington Country Club. The \$175 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, use of the driving range, and lunch and dinner. For more information, please contact Director of Development David Hannon at 860-535-0606, ext. 132, or at development@pinepoint.org.

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SAVE THE DATE - PART 4 (August 9, 2008)

If you are an alumnus/alumna of Pine Point in the Classes of 1952-2002, you'll want to circle that your calendar, as that's the date for our next Alumni Reunion. Come back to the School and renew old friends. RSVP to Associate Director of Development David Cruthers, 860-535-0606, ext. 133, dcruthers@pinepoint.org.

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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 about their exploits. An e-mail with registration numbers was sent out in November with the number of alumni/ae for whom we have e-mail addresses, all 500+ of you. If you don't have the e-mail in your inbox anymore, please contact Associate Director of Development David Cruthers (dcruthers@pinepoint.org) will supply you with your number, so that you can get on board!

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