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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Monday morning, September 8th, brought 249 students back to Pine Point on a "bright, bright, sunny day!" From the preschool students going into the new DeMovick Early Childhood Center for their first taste of the School, to the ninth graders setting up their lockers in the Main Building, Pine Point came back to life, and an exciting school year got off to a great start!

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DEMOSVICK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER OPENING

Friday night, September 5th saw more than 160 people in a celebratory spirit as the new DeMovick Early Childhood Center was formally opened. The new classrooms from preschool through second grade were filled with parents, teachers, and other members of the Pine Point constituency joyously touring the beautiful facility. Speeches by building benefactor Harvey DeMovick, Jr., Head of School Paul Geise, Board President Ardice Perry and Preschool Director Sandy Walton capped off a wonderful evening. For detailed coverage of the event, please check out the upcoming issue of *ViewPoints*, which should be in your mailboxes in October.

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ALUMNI SOCCER AND FIELD HOCKEY GAMES

The 12th annual Alumni Soccer and Field Hockey Games will take place on Sunday, October 19th, at 1 PM here at the School. Always a fun event, the gathering of alumni last year stretched back to the Class of 1975, so it's not just for youngsters! If you are planning on coming, please e-mail

Associate Director of Development David Cruthers in order to get your t-shirt (medium or large), free to the first 50 to sign up.

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COASTAL CLEANUP

Just because long time fourth grade teacher Sally Cogan retired at the end of the last school year doesn't mean that the fourth grade has given up its commitment to the environment. New teachers Laurie Mortrude and Judy Christoffersen have picked up the baton, and on September 22 boated out to Sandy Point, to participate in the annual International Coastal Cleanup day. As Mrs. Mortrude pointed out, "Nineteen fourth graders collected 95 pounds of debris from about a mile stretch on the west side of Sandy Point. Each clean-up crew of four had a recorder, a bagger and two picking up garbage. We had four boat captains who ferried us there (Andy Griscom '75, George Markham, Michael Glasfeld and Josh Parsons) and a parent helper, Kim Dreier-Rick, as well as the Queen of Green herself...Mrs. Cogan. She not only helped us scour the beach, she brought all the garbage back in her Whaler and let us put it in her dumpster!!" After the cleanup, the students retired to Elihu Island, where some on-shore seining was done. (Click [here](#) for a slide show)

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VIEWPOINTS IS ON THE WAY

As mentioned above, the new issue of *ViewPoints* will be coming in October to a mailbox near you. That is, unless you've moved in the last few months and haven't let us know. Please e-mail David Cruthers, Associate Director of Development, with any address updates. College and secondary school students, please let us know your new address at school! Past parents, do we have your child's current mailing address? Besides the coverage of the DeMovick Early Childhood Center listed above, read about the newest group of Fiore Fellows, as well as updates on alumni!

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INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP

In the past, Pine Point sold wrapping paper, bows, bags, ribbon, nuts, chocolates, etc. The fund-raiser annually generated some \$9,000 in net income. However, it seemed that its time had come and gone, with the program making its final appearance in the fall of 2004. A number of parents and past parents asked if we could resume the program, and so after a two-year hiatus, the program was resumed in the fall of 2007.

The program is run exclusively via the Internet. Those wishing to purchase items can go to www.innisbrook.com and then click on Shop. The School's code is 106409. You place your order, pay with a credit card, and the items are sent directly to the purchaser's home. Alumni, past parents, parents, grandparents, friends, etc. can participate. It's as simple as that. 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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ANNUAL FUND

The beginning of another school year brings with it the start of the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund strengthens the entire program at Pine Point from classroom instruction to financial aid. Last year, 557 donors supported the Annual Fund. Coming together, they helped to set a new record, raising over \$224,000 to benefit this generation of Pine Point students.



Starting in mid-October, we begin sending out Annual Fund materials to all members of the Pine Point family. This initial solicitation, which takes place over the course of nearly three months, is time-consuming *and* expensive.

One of the best and easiest ways to make a contribution is by making an online gift. Last year, 63 donors made an online gift! (And quite a number have taken advantage of the recurring gift option. No more checks, no more reminders needed. At their choosing, every month, quarter, bi-annually, or annually, their gift is automatically made from their credit card.) When you make an online gift you are saving paper and postage costs. In this age of greater environmental awareness, it's nice to think that you can make a difference by making your contribution electronically. Best of all, Pine Point immediately puts your gift to work.

Help us get off to a great start in the Annual Fund. Make your gift [now by clicking here!](#)

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COMING UP IN OCTOBER!

- Moral leadership program begins
- Civic Tourism conference comes to PPS
- The French invasion from Tours
- CAIS workshop on Service Learning

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