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President's Message

One of the great PPO traditions is our annual picnic in May where we welcome our incoming freshman families into our community and we begin our farewell salute to our senior families. This past Saturday, we welcomed the Class of 2016 with a picture perfect picnic day. We would like to extend our thanks to the picnic committee Monica Rome, Gloria Chau, Eileen Yi, Heidi Springsteen and Won Kim for their hard work and countless hours planning this huge event. We would also like to thank all those who assisted in welcoming the Class of 2016 and came together Saturday to spend the day with the BCA community.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Ronald Soltis, Math Teacher and Mr. Victor Truscelli, Guidance Counselor who have been a great influence on our students during their tenure. We value their contributions and dedication to BCA and wish them both all the best as they retire to begin other pursuits.

It has been such a privilege to serve as the President of the PPO during these last two years. It has been my pleasure to get to know so many of you and I am so grateful for the support that you have given me. I would like to thank so many people: the PPO Executive Board: Mary Wang, Ruth Walsh, Julie Gleason, Cathy Hornyak and Christine Ogden for their planning and dedication; our Committee Chairs who engineered all of our events and projects; our parent volunteers who cheerfully pitched in and contributed to the success of our organization; our Class Parent Liaisons and our Specialty Parent Groups who work to enrich and support our students. Finally, a warm thank you to all of our volunteers who respond whenever the call for your time or donations goes out – we are grateful for your generosity. Our events are successful because of you.

Please join me in thanking our nominating committee, Angella McKenzie, Mary Ellen Breen and Linda Moldow, for their dedication to the selection process and congratulating our 2012-2013 PPO Board. Julie Gleason will take the helm of the PPO Board as President next year and we welcome Sasha Conte as our Corresponding Secretary and Anna Sun as our Recording Secretary. Ruth Walsh, Cathy Hornyak and Christine Ogden will remain on the Board. I look forward to taking on a new role as the Board of Education Liaison and will remain dedicated to supporting BCA.

Have a wonderful summer! Look for our summer mailing in July and our next newsletter in September!

*Warm regards,
Kathleen Keating*

Calendar Highlights

May 30 th	Senior Experience Luncheon – BCA Gym
May 31 st	Half Day – All Students
June 2 nd	Spring Play - Madeline J. Small is Getting Smaller 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
June 3 rd	Spring Play - Madeline J. Small is Getting Smaller 2:30 p.m. Auditorium
June 2-3 rd	RELAY for LIFE - BCA Field
June 5 th	Spring Instrumental Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
June 6 th	Senior Yearbook Signing Luncheon - Seasons ZUMBA Fundraiser – 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. BCA Gym
June 8 th	Sophomore Scene Night
June 9 th	Spring Varsity Breakfast – 9:30 a.m. Fiesta in Wood-Ridge
June 11 th	Annual Groove Out – 10:45 a.m. Van Saun Park
June 12 th	Choir Banquet – 6:30 p.m. Seasons
June 13 th	Senior Trip to Great Adventure Knights Boosters General Meeting – 7:15 p.m. Conference Room near Hackensack Main Office
June 14 th	Senior Prom – Rockleigh County Club
June 15 th	Third Trimester Ends
June 18 th	BCA Field Day
June 19 th	BCA Field Day (Rain Date) AVPA Senior Recognition Night – 7:30 p.m.
June 21 st	Class of 2011 Graduation – 7:00 p.m. BCA Auditorium
June 21 st - 23 rd	College Exploration Experience (CEE) for Juniors held at Lehigh University
June 22 nd	Half Day - Last Day of School for students

Check our monthly calendar for more times and events!



*The PPO Board would like to thank all of our wonderful committee chairs and trusty volunteers for all of your hard work and dedication.
Have a safe and restful summer!*



From the Principal

“We don’t need a ranking to tell us we have an extraordinary school”

Once again an outside news agency has posted their “Best High School” rankings and once again we find BCA named a “Top School.” However, with little change in our annual performance data, how did we mysteriously drop from 39th in the country to 110th? That is the question we were confronted with when U.S. News recently released their rankings.

While we appreciate the fact that educators, students and communities around the country are being recognized for their hard work, we can’t help wonder where did their review of the data go wrong?

The rankings were based on data from the 2009-2010 school year and list our AP participation rate at 63%. Our data indicates that nearly 100% of our students took at least one AP course during their high school career. If you use the actual 100% AP participation rate we had in 2010 and a 91% passing rate for AP, our college readiness index should be 93.3 rather than the 71.6 reflected in their results.

We have repeatedly reached out to U.S. News for an explanation but have still not heard back from them. Meanwhile, an article in the May 16, 2012 issue of Education

Week reports that “The National Center for Education Statistics plans to check data on about 5,000 high schools after faulty information from the federal agency led to erroneous rankings...”

While the end of this story remains to be seen, it certainly caused some concern for school officials around the country including here at our school. As one teacher pointed out *“It’s unfortunate that arbitrary national rankings of completely different high schools garner so much attention. We don’t need a ranking to tell us we have an extraordinary school. The students, parents, alumni, internship mentors, faculty, colleges and over 1400 annual applicants tell us that every year.”*

BCA is a great school because of so many intangibles that can hardly be measured by simply crunching numbers. Our continued success is a direct result of the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, students, parents and the community. Until the next school ranking comes out, here’s to BCA being a great school!

Russell Davis
Principal

A Word of Thanks to Our PPO

At the recent May PPO meeting, we honored the PPO Executive Board members; Kathleen Keating, Mary Wang, Ruth Walsh, Cathy Hornyak, Julie Gleason, and Christine Ogden for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the school year. We can’t thank these ladies enough for all that they have done for our BCA community!

Faculty Highlights...

I’m happy to report that the following teachers will be expanding their horizons over the summer.

Mandarin Teacher, Catherine Fillebrown, is one of only 19 teachers from across the country selected to participate in the US State Department Intensive Summer Language Institutes China Program in China.

History Teacher, Sergei Alschen, was chosen as one of the recipients of the Keizai Koho Japan Teacher Fellowship which takes place in Japan this summer. Sergei was one of 10 teachers selected nationwide.

Please go to www.academyppo.com for a message from Dr. Howard Lerner, our school superintendent.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected 2012-2013 PPO Board....

Elections for the PPO Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year were held at the last General Meeting on May 16, 2012.

President: Julie Gleason (AMST 2013) jgleason2@mac.com 201-784-7783

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Recording Secretary: Anna Sun (AAST 2013) asun994@gmail.com 201-251-0352

Good News!



The Bergen County Academies
is included on the **2012 Newsweek Best High School List!**

No. 3 in the Northeast

and

No. 21 Overall

Check out thedailybeast.com/BestHighSchools
for the full list and related content.

Field Day Update



Thank you to all who have volunteered for field day on June 18th or rain date June 19th. We really appreciate it. If you have not signed up yet but still would like to help, come on down to the lower lot. The more the merrier. We truly need bottled water and individually wrapped chips or cookies. Please drop it off in the main office. Financial contributions are also greatly appreciated. Donations are down this year so please help keep this tradition alive! We can still use your help.

Mrs. Maria Careri, Field Day Coordinator

ACAHA Pro-Start Team Receives National Recognition



After taking the gold at the NJ state competition earlier this year, the Bergen County Academies Pro-Start team attended the annual National Pro-Start invitational in Baltimore on April 27th – April 30th. It was hosted by the U.S. National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

The team competed in the hospitality management segment, which required them to develop an original proposal for creating a restaurant concept based on given demographics. They were required to utilize their marketing skills and deliver a presentation including staffing, interior design, restaurant design layouts, menu items and financial planning. In addition to presenting, the students were given a series of real world problems in which they applied critical thinking skills. The problems were similar to challenges restaurant & hospitality managers face in day-to-day operations. This allowed the students to demonstrate their knowledge of the industry.

The seniors presented their restaurant concept, On Thyme, to a group of judges, all leading industry professionals and university educators. The team presentation left the judges impressed and all agreed that theirs was a “viable business concept and proposal”.

After weeks of hard work and various obstacles along the way, our Pro-Start team placed fourth in the nation. Each member of the team took home scholarships of more than \$10,000 along with numerous prizes and awards!

The ACAHA family is so proud and wants to congratulate the ProStart team, which includes five of our ACAHA seniors. In their honor, the New Jersey Restaurant Association held a ceremony at its headquarters in Trenton on Monday, May 21st to celebrate New Jersey's win at this prestigious event.

Mary Beth Brace and John Branda
Academy of Culinary Arts and Hotel Administration



NJ Restaurant Association Recognizes ACAHA Seniors

Recently, two of our ACAHA seniors received exciting news that they were being recognized by the N.J. Restaurant Association for an outstanding award. They both won the N.J.R.A. Educational Foundation Silver Plate Award. To qualify for the scholarship, they had to demonstrate their avid interest in culinary arts and the hospitality industry and also write an essay detailing their passion. Due to the strong influence of our academy, the task came naturally to our ACAHA seniors. They have come a long way since their freshmen year and we are proud to introduce them into the hospitality field. The New Jersey Restaurant Associate Silver Plate Award is a symbol of their hard work and determination. They will be honored at a ceremony in Trenton this month attended by industry professionals, educators and N.J.R.A. officials.

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Academy of Culinary Arts and Hotel Administration

BCA DECA Students Storm Salt Lake City, Utah



Thirty-one DECA Marketing Club business students attended the 66th annual International Career Development Conference, April 28th - May 1st in Salt Lake City, Utah. Forty-four students qualified to participate but business seniors could not attend due to a conflict with IB testing.

They joined 15,000 other DECA finalists from every state in the United States, as well as students from Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Guam, Singapore, Hong Kong and Great Britain.

Next year's international competition will be held in Anaheim, California, April 23-28, 2013.

Al Noto and Michelle Pinke
BCA DECA Advisors



BCA Takes First and Second Place in Teen 2 Teen Competition

The Allstate Foundation and USA TODAY Education are pleased to announce the top three ranked winning teams in the Teen 2 Teen: Terminate Texting Competition.

The top three competition entries demonstrated excellence in their submissions and reflected creativity in developing effective and far-reaching marketing tools to communicate the importance of teen safe driving.

Rankings are as follows:

1st Place: "Heads Up. Phones Down" project; Bergen County Academies; Teacher: Alfred Noto; Submitted by ABF Class of 2014 student

2nd Place: Bergen County Academies; Teacher: Alfred Noto; Submitted by ABF Class of 2014 student

3rd Place: Midland Park High School; Teacher: Brian Ersalesi

I will be in contact with sponsoring teachers later this week to coordinate the collection of information required to award prizes.

Meanwhile, thank you for your participation in the T2T: Terminate Texting program. Congratulations on your students' achievement!

Marcie Peck
USA TODAY Education

The BCA Summer Creative Writing Program—Register Now!

The BCA Summer Writing Program still has room in the Poetry course, and the Fiction course is filling up, so act quickly! Classes are kept small so that students get a lot of individual attention to their work.

Details at www.bergen.org/summerwriting.

Richard Weems
English Department

Musical Notes

Updates and Spring Concert June 5th

What a great year! Students performed in over 16 settings- from a jazz club, to a convention, a competition and formal concerts in our auditorium. We participated in various honors ensembles (county, regional, all-state) and welcomed guest artists on harp, flute, saxophone and harmonica. Students put themselves "out there" and succeeded in various competitions and reached individual goals set in classes. On a personal level, I was glad to see the such a large number of students accepted in honor ensembles- almost 30 instrumentalists- as well as a high level of student leadership. The acquired discipline and skills will be a part of these people wherever they go in life.

This year was also a trial run for some new ideas that have long been in the planning stage. We have our own online music registration page to make it more convenient for students to request a music course. This can be accessed by going to www.bergen.org/music.

Prototypes of new instrument projects have been built and tested: flute, drum and an



amplifier. Students will be able to learn about physical properties of these instruments and specialized techniques such as soldering, stretching natural drum heads, finishing, and circuitry components. Along with the instruments students build in Luthier's Workshop (mandolin, ukulele, guitars) we now have quite a lot of options. So, I'll be merging all of this into a new course entitled "Musicians Workshop". The hands-on nature of the course and exploration of students' natural curiosity aligns perfectly with the tenets of BCA's mission and vision.

We still have a bit to go before summer begins, so we are all looking forward to seeing you at the **Spring Concert on Tuesday, June 5th @ 7:00 p.m.** We'll also be celebrating at our 6th annual "Groove Out". This is where PAPA parents, administrators, teachers and music students come together for a recognition ceremony, lunch and time to be kids and have fun in the name of music.

Mr. Michael Lemma
Music Department



BCA Writing Accolades Continue ...

BCA students continue to reap rewards for their hard work on their writing:

An AVPA/Theatre Class of 2013 student was selected to attend *The Record's* 19th Annual Diversity in Journalism Workshop. This month, she will be in hands-on workshops with reporters, editors, photographers and artists to explore the cutting-edge of journalism on mobile, web and tablet platforms.

An ACAHA Class of 2013 student was accepted into *The Apprentice Writer*, published by the Writers Institute at Susquehanna University. The magazine elicits submissions from high schools in 20 states and has a circulation of 11,000.

Congratulations to all!

Richard Weems
English Department



World Premiere of New Play: *Madeline J. Small is Getting Smaller*

Get ready for the final production of the 2011-2012 theatre season! For the first time ever, BCA is presenting the world premiere of a new play especially written for our students. AVPA/T commissioned New York playwright Emily Feldman who wrote this spring's play *Madeline J. Small is Getting Smaller* about Madeline Jean Small, a high school junior who starts to shrink and keeps on shrinking. Ms. Feldman met with students last school year and wrote the piece reflecting upon the issues and concerns brought up by our students – stress, the need to achieve, fears about the future...something that every BCA student, let alone *any* high school student, encounters. This production marks the continuing tradition of the past five years of staging the spring production in-the-round with audience sitting on stage on all sides of the action and providing for a more intimate and immediate setting. In addition to the cast and crew, two senior students have designed the set, and students in Mr. Pavlu's Stage Crew and Ms. Pero's Costume Design electives have built the sets and designed the costumes.

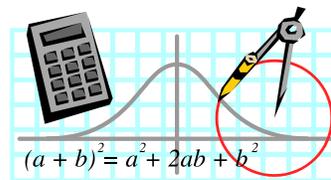
Because seating is limited and the spring production tends to sell out, order your tickets now with the enclosed ticket flyer – Saturday, June 2nd at 2:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. and Sunday, June 3rd at 2:30p.m. Note that this is Relay For Life weekend so plan a break during your walking to be one of the first ever to see this exciting new show.

Stephen Kaplan
Teacher of English and Theatre

BCA Math Team News

We'd like to congratulate the entire BCA math team for their outstanding achievements this school year. Here is the list of BCA Math Team Accolades:

- One Senior – 1st place, USAMO (with perfect score of 42)
- One Sophomore – Honorable mention, USA(J)MO
- AIME – 68 qualifying students
- USAMO – 3 qualifying students
- USA(J)MO – 9 qualifying students
- Princeton (PUMaC) – 5th Place
- Duke (DMM) – 3rd and 5th Place
- Stanford (SMT) – 2nd Place
- Lehigh – 1st Place
- Ciphering Time Trials – 1st Place
- Mandelbrot – 2nd Place
- ARML local – 2nd Place



Having 12 members qualify to take the prestigious U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiad is a school record. Of the one senior and two juniors who took the USAMO, one attained a perfect score and earned 1st place. He will be honored at the 41st USAMO Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. in early June, along with the eleven other top scorers on the USAMO. Our younger team members are not far behind either. One sophomore received an honorable mention on the USA(J)MO.

Currently, the math team is busy preparing for the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML), which will be held at Penn State University on June 2nd. Best wishes to all the team members!

Fang Xia and Anna Sun
BCA Math Boosters Club

Class of 2012: It is hard to believe that we are almost done and this is our last PPO newsletter as class parents. Our four years at BCA have flown by. We have many fond memories, especially from our major events throughout the years: the Freshman Potluck dinner, Card Party, Cabaret, and Fashion Show. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents and for supporting our numerous fundraisers along the way – movie nights, Texas citrus sales, Open House bake sales, and sales of BCA products. We are so appreciative of your never-ending support. However, the best part of the last four years was getting to know each of you and sharing our BCA experiences together. The Class of 2012 and their parents are fabulous! We wish our seniors much success in the next chapter of their lives. We wish you – our fellow parents – calmness and comfort as our children move on to college and other new experiences. We hope we will see you in the future at alumni events! Thanks for the memories! **Christine Ogden:** christinemogden@yahoo.com and **Sooji Park:** Soojipark1@gmail.com

Class of 2013: Hello Everyone! It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of junior year already. We have so many things to be thankful for including seeing our lovely, beautiful kids at their fabulous junior prom. It was truly "a night under the stars" at the Old Tappan Manor with dinner, dancing and well deserved fun! We are also so grateful for all the parents who volunteered their time and joined us at all the junior year activities. We love working with you and we are so glad we have gotten to know so many of you. *** On that note...calling all volunteers for our final activity of the year-setting up and serving at the BCA graduation on Thursday, June 21. Junior parents traditionally work to make this a special night so let us know if you'd like to help. *** Our newest fundraising effort is the BCA planner for the 2012/2013 school year. It's the same calendar book that our kids have used each year-it's now our turn to sell at the school. Look for our order forms in this newsletter and on the ppo website academyppo.com under 'school store.' We will have them in stock before the end of the school year and will continue to sell throughout the summer. Very handy for every student and for your calendar appointments as well. Looking forward to having one more casual coffee (and tea!) before the end of the school year so keep a lookout for that email. We always look forward to time spent with you!

Mary Ellen Breen mmbreen@optonline.net

Lisa Caron lisa.caron3@verizon.net

Class of 2014: It's hard to believe that our children are almost halfway through their time at BCA! But let's consider the glass half full instead of half empty and look forward to the fun events yet to come! We're already starting to plan Junior Prom and next year's events. To help us with all our preparations we are happy to announce that Dawn Schildhorn Williams will join us as Class Mom. *** Class rings can be ordered on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 during lunch mods. Please see: <http://messagefromjostens.com/BERGENCOUNTYACADEMIESRINGORDERDAYS> Have a great end of the school year and summer. We look forward to another wonderful year that will be here before you know it!

Nieves Martino and Pat Zuber
bcaclass2014@gmail.com

Class of 2015: Wow, this year has just gone by in a flash and this will be our last report, writing as Freshmen parents. Our event organizing year has gone out with a bang though, after Saturday's fabulously successful car wash at the picnic. The weather was just gorgeous and the freshmen did a great job washing lots and lots of cars, everyone involved seemed to be having a lot of fun, so a great big thank you to all those students who pitched in and got wet for a good cause. The biggest accolade however must go the Stokols family, Marshall and Pamela organized the car wash so it worked like a well oiled machine and for that we are very grateful, the whole effort raised over \$800 for the class. *** Class council are in the process of organizing a Movie night for the whole class, this is planned for Monday 18th June (but could change) which means it will be after Field Day. Watch out for emails requesting help or food if they need it. *** I know everyone is busy at this time of year, but we thought we'd sneak in one more social coffee before the year end. This will be on Wednesday 6th June at 9.30am at Panera Bread on route 4 west (the same plaza as Kohls and Party City) it would be great to see everyone there. *** A big thank you to all of you who have helped and supported us this year by donating goods and your time, you know who you are and we're lucky to have you in our class!

Have a fabulous summer everyone...

Lizzie Trimm: Lizziemtrimm@gmail.com

Donna Tittensor: jays92@optonline.net

BCA Relay for Life

June 2nd- 3rd 2012

PAPA HAS ITS OWN TEAM

Mamas&PAPAs

PPO HAS ITS OWN TEAM

PPO DRIFTERS



Please Join Our Teams or Donate

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=40009&pq=entry Then search for the Mamas&PAPAs or the PPO DRIFTERS- then join or donate questions Karen Lustig kelustig@aol.com

Please join the BCA Community at Relay 4 Life June 2-3 to raise funds for a cancer cure

This is an overnight relay-style event where teams of people camp out around a track. Members of each team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. *You can meet up with your team for a portion of event; it is not required to stay overnight*

Food, games and activities provide entertainment and fundraising opportunities
Family-friendly environment for the entire community

*Join the PPO Drifters Team or the PAPA Team
if you don't have a team yet -- we need you!*

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**Support BCA relay for life by donating at www.relayforlife.org
and then enter bergen county academies.**

**You can make a donation, buy a luminaria in honor or memory of someone,
or join us on June 2-3 by joining a team.**

Any questions, please contact Karen Lustig 201- 666-0709 kelustig@aol.com

Relay for Life Reminders:

1. All student teams must have an adult chaperone
2. In order to stay after 11:00pm students must have raised \$100 dollars



~Special Thank You from the
PPO Picnic Committee~

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time setting up, preparing materials, welcoming families, grilling, serving and representing parent Academy organizations. Special thanks also to our BCA musicians and Mr. Lemma for a stellar music contribution. We also want to thank our outstanding custodial and grounds staff for all their hard work and for always giving above and beyond! *They are the best!*

Thanks to our student reps, SPARK members, teachers and administration for their help giving our Class of 2016 a warm welcome! It was a perfect picnic day of great food, music, BCA musicians, dancing, greeting the Class of 2016, welcoming and a great opportunity to catch up with BCA friends.

**The 2012 PPO Picnic Committee
Monica Rome, Gloria Chau, Heidi Mannik-Springsteen, Eileen Yi, Won Kim**

Creating the Dr. Ostfeld Garden



We hope you have had the opportunity to visit the Dr. Ostfeld Courtyard Garden. Dr. Ostfeld was actively interested in the quality of life of BCA's hard working students. He was an original supporter of the PPO and attended every PPO event as an active liaison with the parent population at Bergen County Academies. His sudden death in December 2010 was a profound loss to our school.

Dr. Ostfeld had suggested years ago to parents the idea of using designated school gift funds for the restoration of the courtyard. He also stated how nice it would be to have a fountain. Something that would set the tone for a peaceful outdoor location for students and the BCA community to enjoy.

The alcove area to the left of the auditorium, through years of use and the impact of the elements had gradually become unnoticed and underused.

The PPO community had decided years ago to earmark school gift funds for this project. In addition, there has been a surplus each year that has been designated for the courtyard. The PPO has been successful in securing funds by using vendors such as Costco, Restaurant Depot, etc. as well as in obtaining food donations, items for baskets and events through the efforts and generosity of our parents. In addition, the student council, the Class of 2011, as well as other previous classes have donated surplus funds to support this project.

The landscape design work was completed along with hardscape installation in the patio area during April 2011. This included repaving the original patio. We are particularly thankful for the work of **Dennis Ferraioli** (*of Dennis Ferraioli Landscape Design and Maintenance, Hackensack, New Jersey*) who provided the landscape design, the hardscape installation and the perennial garden plantings. His attention to detail, his professionalism and flexibility, and the workmanship provided set the tone and provided the foundation for an outdoor BCA gathering location. Dennis provided a donation of a Japanese maple tree in the southern corner of the garden. He recently updated the garden with maintenance and plantings.

The water feature in the garden was installed during the April 2012 break. **Jerry Romano**, *of Liquid Designz (Washington Township)* installed a beautiful natural stone water feature that allows for viewing the water from the courtyard as well as from inside the building. His enthusiasm and interest in building a feature that would bring the courtyard a peaceful, dignified and respectful tone is greatly appreciated.

Courtyard furniture was delivered first week of May 2012. **Tom Veilbig** *of Backyard Living in Ridgewood.* was extremely helpful in making an appropriate selection for this area. This purchase includes three square tables and twelve chairs and received partial funding from the Class of 2011.

Students and alumni visited Dr. Ostfeld and kept him up-to-date, sought his advice and feedback. He was always interested in hearing about the paths of our BCA students. In closing, we hope that you will be reminded of the connections he made with our students, the contributions he made to BCA and how deeply he cared for the Bergen County Academies Community.

Dr. Ostfeld Courtyard Garden Committee
Julie Gleason, Christine Ogden, Monica Rome, Ruth Walsh, Mary Wang



Parents And Patrons of the Arts

PAPA is wrapping up a year of amazing involvement and volunteerism from parents who helped make every AVPA production and performance possible and we are looking forward to an even better year starting in the fall. We'll wrap everything up with our annual year-end dinner -- stay tuned for details -- as we say a bittersweet farewell to graduating senior parents (who are welcome to stay on as alumni members).

We encourage all parents with a student in AVPA, in choir, in a musical ensemble or in any theatrical production to join PAPA; everything we do and every penny we raise goes to support the Arts at BCA, but we need your help to do it. A membership form is available on the PAPA page of this PPO website and the \$10 membership is guaranteed only through the summer. We also have a few committee chair positions available, so let us know your interests.

In case you haven't found us yet on Facebook, we are there as "PAPA at BCA". "Like" us to keep up with great pictures, links and other updates.

Our final raffle of the year is for a pair of tickets to *The Book of Mormon*. The winner will be drawn at the Sunday performance of the Spring play (see below). Tickets are \$5 or three for \$10.

Don't forget. . . .

Saturday, June 2 at 2:30pm & 7:30pm and Sunday, June 3 at 2:30pm

BCA Spring Play *Madeline J. Small is Getting Smaller*,
an original play commissioned by AVPA-Theatre

Saturday, June 2 - Sunday, June 3

Support PAPA's "Relay for Life" Team. Find us on the track and visit <http://bit.ly/PAPArely> for more information or to make a donation.

Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00pm - Spring Instrumental Concert
Concert Band, Orchestra, Guitar & Mandolin Orchestra, Jazz Band
and other terrific ensembles will play!

Monday, June 11 - 10:45am- 4:00pm - *Groove Out* at Van Saun Park
Students who have been in one or more instrumental groups this year,
sign up with Mr. Lemma for a groovy day of fun and food.

Tuesday, June 12 - 6:30 - 9:30pm - 12th annual Choir Banquet
Doc Finley and the Academy Choirs celebrate an award-winning year at Seasons Restaurant. Students
should see Doc for sign up.



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7PM to 8PM (Registration starts at 6:30PM)

Bergen County Academies (Gymnasium)

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Hackensack, NJ 07601**



Donation:

\$5.00

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Dear Parents and Guardians,



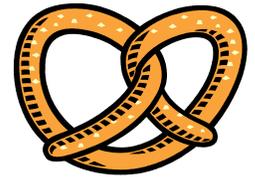
The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual **Field Day** on June 18, 2012. This event has been a tradition at the Academy for many years and provides the students with a day to have good competitive fun and take a well deserved break from academics. The students will be participating in over 80 events from the traditional sports to three legged races, pie eating, video games, and much more.



On field day we also have a free, all school barbeque in the lower lot. The barbeque consists of: hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, cheeseburgers, tossed salad, drinks, and watermelon. This is where we need your help! In order to accommodate 1,100 students, the estimated expenditure is over \$6,000! The majority of the expenses are paid for by generous donations from our Academy families. Financial contributions of any size are greatly appreciated to make Field Day a success! We also need **many** Volunteers to assist with the BBQ and make it our best yet.

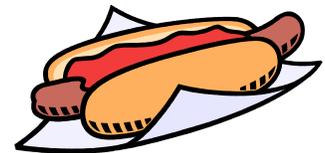
Aside from the monetary contributions the following is needed for Field Day:

- Water (large volume)
- Uno Cards
- Nerf Balls
- Coolers
- Non-carbonated beverages (i.e. ice tea, lemonade, fruit punch)
- Non-perishable individually wrapped snacks (i.e. chips, pretzels, cookies)



Thank you. Let's think Field Day~!

Student Name: _____
Name of Parent: _____
Address: _____



Checks should be made payable to: "Field Day"
Please mail your donations to: Maria Careri
Bergen Academies
200 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, N.J. 07601

P.S. Any items donated can be brought to the school at your convenience.
Please email marcar@bergen.org if you would like to volunteer or call at 201-343-6000 ext. 2277



**BCA Theatre Department
Ticket Order Form**



**MADELINE J. SMALL
IS GETTING SMALLER**

by: Emily Feldman

Saturday, June 2

2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, June 3

2:30 p.m.

Bergen County Academies Auditorium
200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Theatre Department, Ticket Reservations and Upcoming Events
201-343-6000 ext. 2300

**PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY BELOW
FOR YOUR RECORDS, NOTE YOUR TICKET ORDER ABOVE**

DETACH THE BOTTOM HALF AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, ATTN: DR. STRUM
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO BCA STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND

TICKET INFORMATION

Name:						
Phone:						
Cell:						
E-mail:						
Ticket Type	June 2 2:30 p.m.	Price	June 2 7:30 p.m.	Price	June 3 2:30 p.m.	Price
Adult (\$12)						
Student/Senior (\$10)						
Teachers/Staff						
Total						

We thank you in advance for your generosity towards the support and growth of BCA's
theatre department!

For All BCA Parents
A great way to mingle with
other parents at the start of the new school year

Why not attend our
Annual Fall “Meet & Greet”

A Wine and Tasting Tour

(Enjoy an array of cheeses and snacks paired with appropriate wines)
at Jerry’s Homemade Gourmet & More
410 S. Dean Street, Englewood

Sunday, September 30, 2012
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per couple or \$20 per person kindly requested

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ACAHAPA’s “Meet and Greet” or <http://goo.gl/8dI1C>

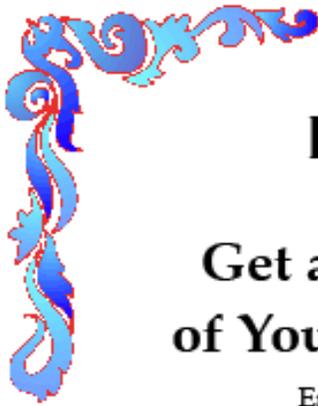
*If you prefer, this form and a check, payable to PPO/ACAHAPA, can be mailed by
September 23rd to: Michelle Sicklick, 177 Pascack Rd., Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677*

Name _____ Email _____ Academy _____

Tel. # _____ # of Attendees _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Join us as we welcome our freshman parents!

Please contact Michelle Sicklick 201-930-8707 for further information



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Get a Professionally Made DVD of Your Student's BCA Graduation

Enjoy graduation knowing that you'll get your own professionally produced DVD, commemorating this key event in your student's life.

Cost: \$30

Filled orders will be mailed to address provided in the form below approximately 2 weeks after graduation.

Important: DVD is copyrighted and protected against duplication.



Student's Name:		Academy:	
Address:			
Town:		Zip Code:	
Phone No:			
Email Addr:			

Please make checks payable to: PAPA

Quantity:	_____ @ \$30 each
Total Amount:	
Cash enclosed:	

Check #:	
Name on Acct:	

Send this completed form, along with your check to:
Karen Lustig
133 Saddlewood Drive
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

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BCA logo on
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Name: _____ Academy: _____

Year: _____ IGS teacher: _____

Email: _____

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