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BAC NEWSLETTER

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Letter from Jaime Nicklas, Educational Director:

Our school has expanded this month! We have accepted a new student, Vincent, into the “little kids” classroom. Our “big kids” classroom has expanded to five, with Peter joining this group of older students.

We have also hired a new teacher, Lhea Welsh. Lhea comes to us with two years of experience working with children with autism and a background as an art teacher. Maude Wiltshire has transitioned to the “big kids” classroom. We are excited about all these changes and welcome the new additions to the BAC community!

BAC In The News!

As many of you know, the BAC will soon be featured in an article in *The New York Times*. Last week a reporter visited our school for several hours to observe our teaching method and to interview Jaime and Sydnee. On Thursday, March 19th, the reporter returned to the school with a photographer to take photos of our students and teachers in action. Look for the article this coming Sunday, March 29th, in the Metro Section!

Piano Program

This month we are happy to announce the beginning of our new music program. A piano has been generously donated to the BAC by Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Two of our instructors, Marcia Daly and Sally Guidry, will be leading a music enrichment course. Within this course, each of our students will receive one on one music instruction revolving around the piano for a half hour each week. We will also integrate a mix of drumming and singing to make this a truly fun and fulfilling experience for all of the students. We are excited about giving them this opportunity to further their music appreciation, fine motor development, and to develop an enjoyable leisure skill.

Volunteer Spotlight

Kyle Keggereis is a professional musician, based in Brooklyn, who has been donating his time to the BAC. He is currently on break from touring as a stand-up bass player for artists Carrie Rodriguez

and Marc O'Connor, and is exploring an interest in learning about autism and Applied Behavior Analysis. He has been shadowing teachers and working with our students since early March. On a recent afternoon, Kyle and a friend performed songs for our students on the bass and a ukulele. The students loved dancing and seeing the enormous bass! They also performed for the students in our Tuesday Afterschool Playgroup. We are thrilled to have Kyle involved at our school!

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 9 -10th, 2009 – School closed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday

April 13 – 17th, 2009 – School Closed for Spring Break

April 22nd, 2009 7:30pm – Lecture “Developing Socialization Skills”

April 24th, 2009 1:00pm – Early dismissal for staff training

May 1st, 2009 – Tuition deposits due for '09-'10 school year

May 1st, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm – BAC Family Picnic

May 2nd, 2009 11:00am – BAC Bake Sale

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