



## Support for Haiti

The SGA is organizing a Red & White Valentine's Day Bake Sale that will take place on Tuesday, February 16th. There will also be a Red & White grub day with a donation request of \$2.00. All funds will go to the Red Cross to assist with the Haiti Relief Fund. We would like to make a big contribution to this very important cause and will offer the bake sale to all levels (3-6, 6-9, 9-11, & MYP).

We need your help in gathering enough baked goods and are requesting donations from MYP and 6-9 parents/students. All baked goods can be dropped off in the staff room on Tuesday morning.

Thank you to Mrs. Helen Thompson and the P6 student council for organizing a collection of goods to add to the containers organized through the Genesis Foundation. We sent over a full car load of medical supplies, ropes, tarps, canned goods and water. Thank you for your contributions.

We would also like to recognize and thank two other groups who are taking an extra effort to help those in Haiti. The M2 Blue class for volunteering to make and distribute red ribbons and the M4 class for taking on a hot dog and hamburger bbque lunch for the MYP students. These efforts will be a great assistance to the school's contribution and we love that you are going that extra mile!

## M5 Personal Project Fair

Remember today is the day for the M5 personal project presentation. This is a requirement of graduation and each student has completed extensive research and developed a project that is of interest to them. Please come join us in the Somersfield Common Room today

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 10:00-12:45**

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May 7th  
*Start planning trips  
now!*



# Quebec Trip Open House

February 2nd—February 9th  
M2's and M3's Language B French Trip

Students will be visiting Montreal and Quebec and will see the Olympic Games Complex in Montreal, art galleries, the Antoine-Bassard school, museums, the Montmorency Falls and an exhibition on the Mummies of Egypt.



On Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we held our annual Open House for those interested in our P5, P6 and Middle Year Programmes. Student and parent ambassadors did our school proud by conducting very informative tours of our school. The tours were followed by a presentation by Mrs. Victoria Brewer who spoke on our Upper Elementary Programme, Ms. Rheanne Stevens who discussed the transition into our Middle Year Programme and Mrs. O'Connor who spoke on the IB Curriculum.



Our student ambassadors were: Shamar Morris, Philip Smith, Edward Fischer, Tess Spencer, Amy Gressier and Shannon Stapley.

## Science Fair

The MYP science fair is on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45-12 in the gym.

All M1-M3's are participating.

Almost 20 judges coming from our local science community.

Perfect time for all in our school community to come out and support our students, and to learn about the MYP science program!

## 6-9 Montessori PD

Charles Terranova from Sea Coast Montessori Training Center was at Somersfield the week of January 16th-22nd observing 6-9 teachers Nadia Khan, Tracy Osborne and Tiffanie Outerbridge. All are in the final stages of obtaining their Montessori Qualifications! Congratulations ladies!



Our parent ambassadors were: Kris Rathjen, Susan Smith, Jenny Bradley, Carolyn Fischer, Donna Richmond and Megan Troake.

Our school continues to be a popular choice in the community. We thank our ambassadors for their continued support by joining our volunteer programme, and for promoting our school.



Stacey-Lee Williams  
Admissions/Parent Relations

# Casa dei Bambini

It is great to see Mrs. Wallace back at school after taking time out to have her son Max. Upon her return parents held a lovely morning tea to welcome her back and to thank Mrs. Steede for the wonderful job she did during Mrs. Wallace's absence. Mrs. Steede has now moved from the classroom into her learning support role for the 3-6 level. The staff and children were also delighted to see Mrs. Turner return after being absent for a number of weeks. Ms. Lightbourn covered for Mrs. Turner during her absence and enjoyed her experience with our little ones. Ms. Lightbourn has now resumed her role as Somersfield's floating substitute teacher. Thank you Mrs. Steede, Ms. Lightbourn, Mrs. Outerbridge and Ms. Haycock for being so adaptable and resilient in keeping the classrooms running so smoothly; you are very much appreciated.

Mrs. Natalie Card, who supervises our 3-6 Enrichment and Afterschool Programmes, has assumed an additional role of supervising the children during the teachers' afternoon planning time, so no doubt your children have mentioned her to you. In fact, Mrs. Card has gleaned so much from her experience working with children that she decided to pursue a teaching career! She has now started her Montessori studies to attain this goal. We are delighted she has chosen this path as she is a most enthusiastic, well organized, nurturing and caring person.

We have interesting times ahead of us. *Come Visit Us Day* is set for Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and class observations will be scheduled for March. Also, the teachers have selected various projects to support our *Acts of Kindness* initiative as well as fundraisers for *World Vision*. *Acts of Kindness* support our local community; the children give of themselves to a specific group of people by writing letters, drawing pictures and visiting them if appropriate. More about these various initiatives will be sent to you via the class newsletters, so be sure to read them and note the dates and times of any upcoming events. As a reminder, please be sure to attend an insightful presentation called *Boys Adrift* by Dr. Leonard Sax on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m.

I am sure you are aware that the school will be sponsoring various activities in support of the people of Haiti through the *Bermuda Red Cross*. Our thoughts are with them always as they struggle to overcome this horrific tragedy.

Staying healthy! Pack nutritious, healthy snacks for your children such as fruit, vegetables, cheese and yogurt, and ensure that their water bottles and lunch pails are emptied and washed every day to help reduce the spread of germs and keep at bay these terrible colds that are going around. In addition, since the weather is so unpredictable, please provide a change of clothes for your child to keep at school; you never know when that extra sweater will come in handy.

As you can see, we are very busy at the 3-6 level. Along with you we work towards instilling a love of learning in your children and guiding them towards becoming independent, curious, self-assured responsible individuals.

Gwen Fahy  
3-6 Division Head

# Did You Know...

Dr. Christopher is leading Somersfield for public and private partnership? Somersfield are sharing two opportunities with members of the public and with local math teachers:

1. Dr. Leonard Sax, author of "Boys Adrift; The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men." will be presenting here at Somersfield (for free) to the general public on Monday, February 8th, 2010 7:00-9:00pm.

2. Math Educators Network and Support Group. This professional development and networking opportunity is open to all upper primary and middle school math educators. The first of a series of meetings led by Rosanna Luzarraga will be on Friday, February 19th, 2010, 6:00pm-7:30pm at Somersfield. Participation is free. This initiative is kindly sponsored by Somersfield Academy, BELCo, Arch and Nephila.

We have a new Somersfield website? Visit [www.somersfield.bm](http://www.somersfield.bm) and email Mrs. Megan Troake if you have any comments or additions! We hope you enjoy the new look!

That we will be switching our hot lunch service from Flying Chef to the Bermuda Hospitality Group Ltd.? It will be served 4 days a week with many healthy lunch options. Please look out for more information to be sent out by Parent Relations Director Ms. Stacey-Lee Williams!

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## Spanish Guest

The M3s had a Bermudian guest speaker come in last week to talk about her job as a Spanish translator in Puerto Rico.



### Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.

We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.