In like a lion and out like a lamb…still waiting for the lamb!!

It has been a busy, but energizing stretch here at *The Grove*. Here are a few thoughts that immediately pop into my mind: Spring Fever, Gala Wrap Up, Dead Fish Art, and Publisher’s Luncheon.

Let’s start with the Gala. What a wonderful night. A huge thank you goes out to the committee for endless hours of incredibly difficult planning and hard work. And a huge thank you to everyone that supported this event by attending and participating and/or helping to acquire goods and services for the auction. I was so happy to see everyone there enjoying themselves. It was my number one goal of the event that our guests have fun. I believe we met that goal!! The second goal of the event was to have a net profit of $30k. We are still gathering and collecting the last of the expenses, but I can confidently say that we have succeeded in surpassing that goal. The money that was raised will go into our operating expenses, including a percentage that will be used for financial aid offerings. Thank you again, each and every one of you, for supporting this great event! (And go figure, that me – the one always with the camera, did not take one single picture the entire night!)

Ok, what do you get when you cross a very creative teacher that is on vacation with a group of eager 3-6 year olds that do not seem to have a very discerning sense of smell…Dead Fish Art, of course!
Thank you Amanda Doyle for a wonderful morning of biology, ecology, smellogy, art (and maybe Drew had a culinary lesson later!)

The 6th graders are gearing up for a busy spring! The planning of the senior trip is well under way. The Nutmeg Luncheon is on April 12th for the 9-12 room and their parents. Senior projects are taking over! The projects cover the gamut – Snow and Weather, Parasites, Vegetarianism, Publishing, Space Travel, Hydrogen Engines, and Devon Cattle. Wow! Below is a picture of Jason gathering publishing research from our own Jotham Burrello- a teacher of writing and publishing at the college level, as well as the owner and publisher of Elephant Rock Productions, which publishes both books and videos (thank you Jotham for the amazing video that premiered at the Gala). Jason also has met with our own Justice Riccardi, a well known and published writer. Good luck to all the 6th graders, we look forward to seeing your presentations in June!!

Housekeeping:

- Please get your contracts in for next year. We have a steady stream of new families coming to visit our school and our classrooms. The sooner we get the contracts, the easier it is for us to know how many available spots we are looking to fill.

- Muffin Monday – April 1st (no, really, it is no joke!) Join us after drop-off on Monday to enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin!

- Wednesday April 3rd PA Meeting: Kristin Ancker will be our guest speaker. She is the owner and principle of a consulting company – “Montessori in the Home.” I have talked with other Montessori schools that have had her come and speak and they have all been very very pleased with how useful and hands-on the information is. Please sign up if you will be attending. Everyone is welcome. We will be offering day care for those that need it.

Keep thinking spring!
In Peace,

Sue