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A Message from the Head of School, Kathleen Grove

Dear Alumni, Families, and Friends of Wakefield Country Day School,

Sometimes I find myself wondering, "What makes our school such a special place?" Certainly, it is not the facilities, though their non-institutional nature lets a visitor know right away that he is not in the typical school. And, while our faculty is outstanding, teachers retire and new teachers are hired. Despite the changes in staff and even in students and families, the hard-to-define special quality persists. Current educational jargon might label this quality as the "culture" of the school. Wakefield Country Day School's culture comes from that unique combination of high expectations in academics and behavior and nurturing and caring. Faculty, staff, and the students themselves collaborate to support this culture that encourages and, yes, expects each person to work hard and achieve. Perhaps this is a "consensus of culture." When a parent of a new student toured our school recently (having transferred his son from an expensive D.C. prep school), he exclaimed over and over about the warm family-like climate, saying, "I see why my son is so happy here." Like in a family, in our school each child is known, and this allows us to facilitate the development of each individual. From the first day, the student is guided and challenged to become virtuous, knowledgeable, fit, giving, and cultured. These goals for the graduate come from our mission which guides all our decisions, from curricula and books to hires and athletics. Some alumnae from the Class of '90 came to the Homecoming Reception in October and enjoyed sharing reminiscences about classmates, teachers, and the school itself as they took pictures of one another in memorable locations. Their excitement about what has changed and, much more importantly, what has not changed emphasized to me the significance of our school's culture. Each graduate leaves us with a strong feeling of self-confidence: he or she is well-educated, well-mannered, service-oriented, and honorable, attributes that remain at his or her core forever. Each student has been known and valued as an individual in our community, a very special place. Our graduates leave us and take us with them.



Kathleen Grove
Head of School

The Five Pillars – Service Service Abroad

In early June, Wakefield Country Day School Spanish teacher and soccer coach, Gustavo Tisera, and his wife, Viviana, and daughter, Mari, led a group of students and some parents to Buenos Aires, Argentina and then to the city of Salta. From there, they traveled to the small town of Tartagal, near the Bolivian border. From this town, they made a 15-mile trip into the jungle; this took three hours using off-road vehicles.



The purpose of the trip was to assist the Indian Wichis tribe in their remote village with their El Paraiso School. As it was currently winter in Argentina, school was in session; so the group was able to see the local students in class and the type of instruction that they receive. The group spent

parts of three days visiting the village. As a service project, students at Wakefield had raised funds during the year to help the students at the Argentinean school. They had

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Wakefield CDS Hosts Successful Art Show & Auction

On Saturday, December 4, Wakefield Country Day School held a successful fundraising event at the School. It was the ninth straight year for "Art from the Heart," a Gala and Art Auction. This year's theme was Picasso's blue period with Spanish food and music.

Guests were treated to passed Tapas, a Champagne diamond raffle, the sounds of Trio Caliente and the chance to bid on oil paintings, drawings, acrylic

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brought some electronic equipment with them as gifts; but found the school building to be without electricity. So the group decided to use some of the funds that were raised to purchase solar panels for the building. They also brought some medicine and educational materials. The school building is a one-room structure. It educates about 30 students in grades 1 through 7. The first thing that the Wichis students have to do in school, like some of their American counterparts, is to learn Spanish. A boyhood friend of Mr. Tisera has been working with the school for a number of years and helped arrange the trip. During their few days in the Wichis village, the visitors also befriended the local students and children by playing soccer, enjoyed a village celebratory meal and gifts from the Wichis, and learned about a way of life quite different from their own. Two Wakefield parents who were on the trip, Ashley Smith and Ann Benecke-Smith, said that the trip provided a great variety of cultural and personal experiences. "From the big city of Buenos Aires to the small cities of Salta and Tartagal, to the mountains of northwest Argentina, we experienced a wide range of people and places which helped us to develop a greater understanding of the country and its people." Their son, Alex, a 5th grader, said "the trip was amazing;



the most enjoyable part was helping and hanging out with the Indians. I now understand how fortunate everyone here in the States is." He told the Wichis teacher that he will return and visit again when he is 16. The Smith family plans to keep in touch with the teacher, whose name is Selva, her family and the school.

Upon their return to Buenos Aires, the group visited the American Embassy where, by all accounts, they made a very positive impression. Most of the students and parents returned to the United States in mid-June. Two seniors, Ian McCool and Alex Hernandez, remained to spend another month with the Tiseras in a full immersion Spanish study program. Another traveler, Carl Liles, a 10th grader, said "the most enjoyable part of the trip would have to be the food. Most of the food was locally grown and very tasty. The barbecues they have are excellent and the steak is superb." He added, "the educational value of this trip was immense. The exposure to the people and the culture was pretty tremendous and revealing. I had always thought of Argentina as one of the more wealthy and bountiful countries of the world, but the reality is much different. On a more positive side, I discovered that Argentines are generally a very friendly group of people. They also have a very strong emphasis on family ties." Other members of the group were Zebediah Becker, Elizabeth Guevremont, Alexander Grove, Konstantin Langenberg, Joseph Manson, and Abigail Whitaker.

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Wakefield Sophomore Stars in Play

Wakefield Country Day School sophomore Katie Brown, of Front Royal, starred in a recent production at the Wayside Theatre. The play, *Houdini*, ran in three performances on October 1 and 2. Brown played Bess Houdini, the protagonist's wife. "I really enjoyed the play and being in it," Brown said. "We did many of Houdini's famous tricks in the performance; so it was a good learning experience, both about him and his magic." This was an entirely student-done performance. The original play, which was about the life of Harry Houdini from the age of 10 until his death, was written by high school students over the summer as part of the Youth Performers Workshop. All the actors in this production were local high school students. The play was part of the theater's Education in Action series.

Wakefield Students Visit Lynn Care Center

The Kindergarten Class from Wakefield Country Day School traveled to the Lynn Care Center in Front Royal on Friday, October 29. As part of a Class service project, the students took the residents sugar-free candy, as well as homemade cards and Halloween decorations. Led by their teacher, Jennifer Deal, the kindergartners recited a Halloween poem and sang a song for the residents of the care facility. Both groups enjoyed the experience immensely.



Canned/Dry Boxed Food Drive Ends with Great Success

Wakefield students and families concluded an extremely successful canned food drive this fall by collecting more than twice its goal of 1,200 cans/boxes. A new school record of 2,600 cans/boxes of food, an average of 11 per student, was amassed for the food drive. Mrs. Lori Perry's and Mr. Brad Boelter's 5th grade class collected the most cans, followed by Mrs. Christine Chatelain's 4th grade and

Mrs. April Heddleston's 2nd grade classes.

As one of several service projects during the year, the food drive was organized and led by the student government. The student government president, senior Bret Heddleston, introduced the canned food drive at a weekly Assembly in mid-October. He said that the School is gathering food for the Rappahannock Food Pantry, which hopes to provide Thanksgiving meals to 250 families. For its success, the 5th grade class won an ice cream party, and all students enjoyed a non-uniform day for reaching the ambitious goal. All the food was delivered to the Rappahannock County and Page County Food Banks.



Guest Speakers Extol the Virtue of the Month

Part of Wakefield's educational process is focusing on a virtue each month. This year, various community members are coming to school to speak briefly at the first Assembly of the month about the virtue of the month and its significance in the adult world. The first such speaker was Colonel Mark Dick,

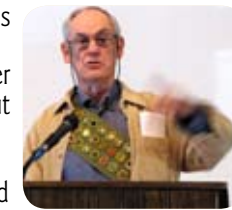


who talked about honor. Col. Dick, stepfather of a Wakefield Upper School student, serves as the Program Manager of the Joint Trauma Analysis for the Prevention of Injury in Combat with the Headquarters of the United States Medical Research and Materiel Command. In his remarks, Col. Dick described the role of honor in a variety of contexts. He praised Wakefield's students for their participation in a rigorous academic program at school and urged them to think twice before they "push send" in today's world of lightning-fast technology, where one can lose one's honor or reputation in the blink of an eye. Col. Dick even engaged the lower school students through an analysis of Sponge Bob and the importance of making good decisions and behaving honorably. The second speaker, Judge Dudley Payne, spoke about responsibility. Judge Payne used two anecdotes to interest his audience in the virtue of responsibility. He spoke first about a call he had received from a young adult who had run off the road and flipped over while texting. He described all the "unintended consequences" of this action, from loss of insurance to potential loss of employment. Next he described a teenager who came before him having

been charged with driving at 92 miles per hour in a 55-miles-per-hour zone on Route 211. In part due to her flippant attitude in court, he suspended her license, gave her 100 hours of community service, and put her on probation. She returned to his court appreciative of his intervention and the lessons that it taught her.

Judge Payne retired as Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts for Fauquier, Loudoun, and Rappahannock Counties in 2007.

The third speaker, on charity, was Hal Hunter. Mr. Hunter, a retired business executive, and his wife, Beverly, have been recognized by many organizations; they were most recently named Citizens of the Year by the Rappahannock News. Hunter's son, Shawn, graduated from Country Day. Mr. Hunter began the Rappahannock Food Pantry for which Wakefield's students collected canned food this fall. Hunter wore his Eagle Scout sash and began by talking about the attributes he learned from scouting.



Given the many scouts in the audience and the two Wakefield students who were recently recognized as Eagle Scouts, this was an appropriate beginning. Then he went on to cite the many religions that teach the value of charity and the research that shows the benefits of charity (it makes you feel good and is associated with good health, long life, and good grades and SAT scores). He urged everyone to do a good deed daily because it is as good for you as for the recipient.

Scholarship Students Honor Veteran Alumnus by Lisa Cieplak

All Saints Day was a fitting day for four students to visit Arlington Cemetery to honor a young man in whose name they attend Wakefield Country Day School. 2ndLt. Leonard Cowherd III, a native of Culpeper, graduated from Wakefield in 1999 and continued his education at the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 2003. He served his country

honorably in Operation Iraqi Freedom and was killed in 2004 by sniper fire and a rocket-propelled grenade. He was 22 years old.

A close-knit community such as Wakefield was shaken by the loss of one of her finest graduates. Leonard's two brothers and sisters also had attended WCDS and one of those siblings, his twin brother Charles, taught AP History and Government there for a number of years.

Searching for a way to pay tribute to a young man who had demonstrated respect for himself and others, excelled in academics, athletics, and character, the School's Board of Directors decided to create a scholarship program in Leonard's name. In October of last year, the Board legally established a fund known as the 2ndLt. Leonard M. Cowherd III Scholarship Fund. This need-based scholarship covers the tuition expenses of four years of prep school, provided the student continues to demonstrate academic and moral excellence. Students must maintain at least a second honors average throughout each academic year, and perform a minimum of 20 hours of community service.

Wakefield has four current Leonard Cowherd scholars, Hunter Kapp, Amanda Carroll, Michael O'Heir, and Greg Czekaj. Each student was selected on the basis of his or her academic achievement, character, leadership and involvement in extracurricular activities. Students submit essays expressing how they will uphold 2ndLt. Cowherd's legacy if they are selected.

The experience of seeing Cowherd's grave was a powerful one for these students. According to Greg Czekaj, "seeing Lt. Cowherd's grave amongst so many other brave and amazing individuals, showed me how he affected his school, community, and everyone he knew."

Amanda Carroll, a Cowherd scholar for two years, says that without this scholarship "I wouldn't be here. With this scholarship I will be able to reach higher than I could before. I am truly thankful that out of this horrible tragedy came something good." Michael O'Heir expressed how the experience made him appreciate, more deeply, the gift he has been given. Hunter Kapp, the very first Leonard Cowherd scholar, shared that "the trip to Arlington was eye-opening. Reading and hearing about the impact Leonard had on his community has inspired me to push myself to be a better student and overall a better person." It is the goal of Wakefield to offer at least one scholarship per class per year, funds permitting. Donations, are always appreciated and are tax-deductible. For more information, please contact Jim Hart at 540-635-8555 or visit www.wakefieldcds.org.

Academics

Wakefield Announces New Teachers

On August 25th, WCDS welcomed five new teachers to its Faculty. **Brad Boelter** teamed up with Lori Perry as a fifth grade teacher.

Boelter taught for six years at Powhatan School and has 13 years experience in teaching grades four through six in independent schools. He comes to Wakefield as he is seeking a school "that provides a strong academic foundation" and "an excellent sense of community spirit." With a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kenyon College and Teacher Licensure from the College of Santa Fe, Boelter has a particular interest in mathematics.

Jennifer Deal instructs the Kindergarten class. Deal has a Bachelor of Science from James Madison University and graduate credits in reading from the University of Virginia. She taught kindergarten for five years at Rappahannock County Elementary School; while there, she mentored Wakefield's 3rd grade teacher, Becky Ernest. Mrs. Ernest told her of her own joy at being part of our school community and urged her to come to Wakefield. Deal's former principal described her as an excellent primary teacher who worked patiently and sensitively with young children and could challenge them to achieve at their highest levels. Deal's twin boys are in the prekindergarten class at the School.

Stephen Dowell earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Culture and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at the University of Georgia. He just completed a teaching apprenticeship program at the University and is looking forward to applying the experiences of this program to teach mathematics in the upper school. Dowell's mathematics professor identified him as among the top mathematics students entering the University who maintained excellent work. Dowell also brings knowledge of public speaking (as a member of the Demosthenian Literary Society) and an interest in lacrosse. He is an alumnus of Wakefield and the son of the registrar and college advisor, Marsha Dowell.

David Knizewski previously taught instrumental music during the 2008-2009 school year. Knizewski will provide both instrumental music instruction and vocal music instruction. He is primarily a clarinetist and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Shenandoah University. Knizewski is excited about providing an integrated music program at the school that he once attended. He recently completed a two-week session on the much-respected Kodaly elementary music curriculum whose goals are "comprehensive musicianship, music literacy, and love of music."

Dr. Elizabeth Scoville will teach pre-algebra. Dr. Scoville has her Doctorate in structural engineering from Clemson University. She was a Fulbright Scholar at Virginia Tech where she completed her Masters degree, and she worked as a mathematics instructor at the university in her native El Salvador. (Her mother-in-law is Polly Scoville who once taught English as a Second Language at Wakefield.) Her professor at Clemson concluded his lengthy recommendation by saying, "Again, you are fortunate to have Elizabeth as a candidate, she will be an excellent math teacher and an incredible role model for students in your school." Dr. Scoville's son is in first grade and her daughter attends preschool.



Latin Students Capture Awards at the State Convention

On November 21st and 22nd, 39 students from WCDS attended the Virginia Junior Classical League Convention in Richmond. Approximately 1,400 students from all over the state attended the convention. There they took academic tests, entered performance competitions, and submitted arts and crafts projects for judging. These students brought home 184 awards.

Sean Brown

3rd Classical Art Test, Level II, 6th Roman Life Test, Level II, 7th Modern Myth, Grade 9, 8th Roman History Test, Level II, 9th Vocabulary, Level II

Katie Brown

3rd in Constructed Charts, 3rd Latin Literature Test, Level III, 3rd Ink Artwork, Grade 10, 3rd Watercolor Painting, Grade 10, 4th Oil Painting, Grade 10, 4th Pencil Artwork, Grade 10, 6th Classical Art Test, Level III, 6th Pastel Artwork, Grade 10, 8th Modern Myth, Grade 10, 10th Derivatives Test, Level III, 8th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 10

Gabriel Cancio-Bello

4th Photography, Grade 7-8

Kendall Carroll

2nd Photographic Group, Grade 7-8, 7th Pottery, Grade 7-8, 10th Roman History Test, Level I

Anna Clark

6th Jewelry, Grade 7-8, 8th Modern Myth, Grade 7-8, 10th Derivatives Test, Grade 7-8

Brier Clough

1st Mosaic, Grade 7-8, 1st Game, Grade 7-8, 6th Classical Art Test, Level I, 8th Roman Life Test, Level I, 8th Pottery, Grade 7-8, 10th Mixed Media Artwork, Grade 7-8

Aaron Corbett

1st Maps, Grade 7-8, 2nd Classical Geography Test, Level I, 8th Game, Grade 7-8 10th Omnibus Test, Level I

Marc Cugnon

2nd Latin Literature Test, Level III, 3rd Charts, Grade 10, 4th Classical Art Test, Level III, 4th Roman Life Test, Level III, 8th Roman History Test, Level III, 8th Modern Myth, Grade 10, 10th Derivatives Test, Level III

Maeve Dale

7th Group Photography, Grade 7-8, 9th Tee Shirt Design, Grade 7-8

Joseph Dowell

2nd Small Model, Grade 7-8, 5th Modern Myth, Grade 7-8, 6th Roman History Test, Level I, 6th Classical Geography Test, Level I

Rachel DuMez

1st Impromptu Art, Grade 10, 2nd Small Model, Grade 10, 3rd Poster, Grade 10, 3rd Felt Pen Artwork, Grade 10, 6th Classical Art Test, Level III, 6th Charcoal artwork, Grade 10, 7th Modern Myth, Grade 10, 8th Mosaic, Grade 10, 8th Pencil Artwork, Grade 10, 9th Mixed Media Artwork, Grade 10, 9th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 10

Alex Foster

3rd Classical Geography Test, Level II, 4th Modern Myth, Grade 9, 6th Classical Art Test, Level II, 9th Roman History Test, Level II

Alyssa Hamilton

1st Miscellaneous Artwork, Grade 7-8, 4th Roman Life Test, Level I, 9th Map, Grade 7-8

Emily Hennessey

5th Dramatic Interpretation, Level II Girls

Henry Johnson

2nd Modern Myth, Grade 10, 5th Classical Art Test, Level III, 7th Latin Literature Test, Level III

Megan Kelley

5th Roman Life Test, Level I, 7th Reading Comprehension Test, Level I, 6th Tee Shirt Design, Grade 7-8, 10th Doll, Grade 7-8, 10th Pottery, Grade 7-8

Brittany Kwolek

1st Doll, Grade 10, 3rd Photographic Group, Grade 10, 5th Photography, Grade 10 9th Modern Myth, Grade 10, 10th Classical Art Test, Level III

Lily Lauben

1st Roman Life Test, Level IA, 1st Textiles, Grade 7-8, 2nd Reading Comprehension Test, Level IA, 2nd Impromptu Art, Grade 7-8, 2nd Watercolor Painting, Grade 7-8, 3rd Omnibus Test, Level IA, 3rd Sculpture, Grade 7-8 5th Roman History Test, Level IA, 5th Derivatives Test, Level IA, 5th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 7-8

Carolina Leonard

2nd Roman History Test, Level I, 2nd Computer Enhanced Photography, Grade 7-8 3rd Mythology Test, Level I, 3rd Photographic Group, Grade 7-8, 3rd Charcoal Artwork, Grade 7-8, 4th Omnibus Test, Level I, 5th Roman Life Test, Level I 6th Modern Myth, Grade 7-8, 7th Latin Language Test, Level I, 9th Pottery, Grade 7-8, 5th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 7-8

Jessica Leskovec

3rd Derivatives Test, Level IA, 5th Roman Life Test, Level IA, 5th Reading Comprehension Test, Level IA, 7th Map, Grade 7-8, 8th Mythology Test, Level IA 8th Tee Shirt Design, Grade 7-8

Makenzie Magaro

5th Modern Myth, Grade 10, 5th Charts, Grade 10, 6th Photographic Group, Grade 10, 7th Roman Life Test, Level III, 8th Photography, Grade 10

Monica Marciano

1st Roman History Test, Level I, 3rd Large Model, Grade 7-8, 5th English Oratory, Grade 7-8, 5th Doll, Grade 7-8, 5th Tee Shirt Design, Grade 7-8, 9th Omnibus Test, Level I

Sam Mullany

1st Charcoal Artwork, Grade 7-8, 1st Felt Pen Artwork, Grade 7-8, 1st Oil Painting, Grade 7-8, 1st Pastel, Grade 7-8, 1st Cartoon, Grade 7-8, 4th Ink Artwork, Grade 7-8, 5th Classical Geography Test, Level IA, 8th Mixed Media Artwork, Grade 7-8 9th Roman History Test, Level IA, 8th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 7-8

Caroline Murray

7th Pencil Artwork, Grade 10

Abe Nolan

5th Large Model, Grade 7-8, 6th Mixed Media Artwork, Grade 7-8, 7th Roman History Test, Level I

Ixel Ochoa

3rd Classical Art Test, Level IA, 5th Pastel Artwork, Grade 7-8, 5th Watercolor Artwork, Grade 7-8, 8th Roman Life Test, Level IA, 8th Derivatives Test, Level IA 9th Reading Comprehension Test, Level IA, 10th Roman History Test, Level IA 10th Oil Painting, Grade 7-8

Shane O'Heir

3rd Felt Pen Artwork, Grade 7-8, 4th Pencil Artwork, Grade 7-8, 10th Reading Comprehension Test, Level I, 10th Watercolor Artwork, Grade 7-8

Chris Parios

4th Classical Geography Test, Level I, 4th Large Models, Grade 7-8, 5th Roman History Test, Level I, 7th Modern Myth, Grade 7-8, 7th English Oratory, Grade 7-8 8th Omnibus Test, Level I



Rachel Paulisch

1st Classical Art Test, Level II, 1st Roman Life Test, Level II, 3rd Modern Myth, Grade 9, 3rd Pencil Artwork, Grade 9, 9th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 9, 7th English Oratory, Grade 7-8 8th Omnibus Test, Level I

Rebecca Paulisch

1st Roman Life Test, Level I, 2nd Pencil Artwork, Grade 7-8, 3rd Map, Grade 7-8 4th Roman History Test, Level I, 4th Doll, Grade 7-8, 10th Overall Individual Achievement, Grade 7-8

Chris Payne

6th Small Model, Grade 7-8, 7th Large Model, Grade 7-8, 7th Ink Artwork, Grade 7-8, 8th Photography, Grade 7-8, 9th Roman History Test, Level IA

Ashlyn Ramey

9th Derivatives Test, Level IA

Madison Romine

4th Computer Enhanced Photography, Grade

7-8, 7th Modern Myth, Grade 7-8, 8th Classical Geography Test, Level IA, 9th Roman Life Test, Level IA

Michael Stone

2nd Classical Art Test, Level II, 6th Modern Myth, Grade 9, 6th Roman History Test, Level II, 6th Roman Life Test, Level II

Hannah Tufts

6th Computer Enhanced Photography, Grade 10, 8th Latin Literature Test, Level III

Karis Tschopp

1st Derivatives Test, Level IA, 4th Roman Life Test, Level IA, 6th English Oratory, Grade 7-8, 9th Miscellaneous Art, Grade 7-8

Harper Van Ness

3rd Photography, Grade 7-8, 4th Derivatives Test, Level IA, 7th Roman Life Test, Level IA

Tad Wojcik

4th Small Model, Grade 7-8, 4th Felt Pen Artwork, Grade 7-8, 7th Derivatives Test, Level I

Wakefield First Graders Visit Scrabble School

A yellow school bus pulled up to the Scrabble School on Friday, October 22. It brought Jennifer Thede's first grade class to the Rappahannock African-American Heritage Center. The last time a first grade class came to Scrabble, the year was 1968. Built in 1921, Scrabble School is one of more than 5,000 African-American schools built across the South with the help of Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington. With few remaining, the National Trust for Historic Preservation lists Rosenwald Schools among America's "most endangered" places. The Heritage Center, which opened May 1st, tells the story of the historic Rosenwald School as an example of the segregation African-Americans endured during the Jim Crow era. Mrs. Thede's class already knew that Scrabble School was where African-American children attended classes "a long time ago." Heritage Center staff member Susanna Spencer (also

the Librarian at Wakefield), told the first graders about school days at Scrabble with stories related by Scrabble School alumni. Several children tried out the antique desks as the class compared an old lunch box and hand-held slate to their modern equivalents. Substitute pizza and ice cream, and the Wakefield students completely understood the enthusiasm Scrabble students had for special days, such as "soup day" and "ice cream day." The visitors to history had questions about the school's teachers, the playground, and the old school books that were on display. Ms. Spencer and Mrs. Thede talked about the "Story Wall" that illustrates the Scrabble School story in pictures and words. The students were excited to experiment with the interactive computer screen that features alumni describing what it was like to go to school at Scrabble. The two teachers had to remind the youngsters that the people on the screen used

Students and Alumni Earn National Academic Awards

On September 15, the School announced its most recent student and alumni winners of AP awards and recognized its ten Advanced Placement Scholars. Seniors Zeb Becker and Bret Heddleston were named AP Scholars with Honor with an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Additionally, Seniors Alex Hernandez, Hunter Kapp, Ian McCool and Christine Pankow were named AP Scholars with three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher. Alumni winners were as follows. 2010 Graduate Adrian Wassel was named an AP Scholar with Distinction due to his average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. 2010 Graduates Annelise Reidel, Andrew Smith, and Abigail Whitaker were named AP Scholars.

About 18 percent of the nearly 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award. Later in the month, Wakefield announced that Zeb Becker is a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. The senior received this recognition because he placed among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Additionally, Senior Alex Hernandez has been named a 2010-2011 National Hispanic Recognition Scholar. He is one of about 5,000 students nationwide to receive this award, from a pool of over 200,000 eligible recipients who identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino. Hernandez was recognized and presented the certificate that he earned at Wakefield's weekly Assembly on October 20.

Hernandez earned this award based on his academic Grade Point Average (GPA) and on his performance in the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT standardized test. Only those students with GPAs of 3.5 (on a scale of 4) and higher are named Scholars.

to be little, too. The field trip back in time ended with the first graders thanking Ms. Spencer for telling and showing how it was going to school "way back then" when it wasn't like it is today. The Rappahannock African-American Heritage Center is sponsored by the Scrabble School Preservation Foundation. It shares the school with the Rappahannock Senior Center at Scrabble School, which is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wakefield 10th Graders Visit Harpers Ferry

by Henry Johnson, grade 10

On November 16, students from the 10th grade class at Wakefield Country Day School made a memorable trip to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The purpose of the trip was, in the words of student Marc Cugnon, "a remarkable opportunity to see

part of American history in our own backyard." The students traveled by bus with parent, Suzanne Albert, and English teacher, Lisa Ramey. The bus arrived at the Harpers Ferry Visitors Center where the class met its guide and boarded a van for the ride downtown. After being dropped off, the group hiked a portion of the Appalachian Trail. It led to Jefferson's Rock, a large boulder from which Thomas Jefferson surveyed the valley of Harpers Ferry. Looking out from this rock, the students had the same spectacular view of the river gorge and surrounding cliffs that inspired Jefferson to write, "this scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic." The group returned to town and spent an hour exploring the various shops and museums.

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Wakefield Country Day School First Quarter Honor Roll 2010-2011



Head of School Honors: Katie Brown (10), Marc Cugnon (10), Makenzie Magaro (10), Christine Pankow (12)

GRADE 1 SECOND HONORS Liza Dearing Tyler Stringfellow	Lily Shahida Cade Short Brooke Woodward	Maeve Dale Jessica Leskovec Lily Lauben Willow Lynn Ixel Ochoa Ashlyn Ramey Ashley Rhein Karis Tschopp
FIRST HONORS Nicholas Barnes Caleb Childress Lincoln Day Alex Diehl Samuel Geffert Max Packwood Alex Phillippe Anika Pruntel Scott Scoville Farah Shahida Justin Smith Bea Youngquist	GRADE 5 SECOND HONORS Ben Cotter Catherine Deane Anthony Elar III Amanda Gilliam Connor Glennon Andrew Kwolek Emma McGunigal Kathryn Phillippe Emerson Shepard Owen Youngquist	GRADE 9 SECOND HONORS Alex Foster Sydney Penza Michael Stone
GRADE 2 SECOND HONORS Gray Gilliam Halden Smith	FIRST HONORS Bernie Cieplak Channing Entrican Joseph Gold Douglas Griffin Drake Lynn Christopher O'Heir Connor Poe Jackson Romine Grace Seaborn Alexander Smith Landon Thede Josie Vernick	FIRST HONORS Sean Brown Emily Hennessy Sarah Nelson Sam Nolan Kimberly Pankow Rachel Paulisch Ahmed Rahimi
FIRST HONORS Austin Farley Bailey Heinzelman Alexis Johnston Brett Jordan Jazmyn Kenney Pierce Kiser Samuel Klopp Griffin Landis Peter McMahon John Mullins Mari Tisera	GRADE 6 SECOND HONORS Jonathan Carrier Brianna Rodriguez Tara Salak	GRADE 10 SECOND HONORS Daniel Chadduck Luke Dumont Sam Lilburn Caroline Murray Conor O'Heir
GRADE 3 SECOND HONORS Breda Clough	FIRST HONORS Campbell Baker Lucas DuMez Gage Landis Nicholas Leskovec Haze Packwood Tanner Perry Tommy Sullivan Tatum Vaught Harrison Wells	FIRST HONORS Grace Albert Alexandra Cancio-Bello Rachel DuMez Henry Johnson Brittany Kwolek Konstantin Langenberg Mary Leskovec Carl Liles Alejandro Rodriguez Will Scaring Hannah Tufts Shannon Weir
FIRST HONORS Emma Cotter Brighton Craig Jefferson Day Hannah Frost Jack Gilliam Cailey Glennon Sara Hale Julia Kolesnik Michael Marciano Aidan McGunigal Martin O'Heir Molly Packwood Brielle Phillippe Casey Poe Cole Romine Jackson Seaborn Locke Shepard Jason Smith Hannah Thede Parker Traxler Shannon Vernick	GRADE 7 SECOND HONORS Gabriel Cancio-Bello Kendall Carroll Alyssa Hamilton Taylor Jones Abe Nolan Shane O'Heir Rahmet Rahimi Julia Weir	GRADE 11 SECOND HONORS Amanda Carroll Benjamin Hopkins Daniel Larner Maxime Manzi
GRADE 4 SECOND HONORS Tori Stringfellow Drake Summers Alec Williams	FIRST HONORS Brier Clough Aaron Corbett Joseph Dowell Megan Kelley Carolina Leonard Monica Marciano Christopher Parios Rebecca Paulisch Tad Wojcik	GRADE 11 FIRST HONORS Greg Czekaj Xiaolu Fu Woody Hazel Marina Ishizuka Will Mullany Michael O'Heir Michael Pearson Brian Shafran
GRADE 4 FIRST HONORS Connor Baker Sam Barnes Tatiana Calderon Rachel Cieplak Lucy Clark Porter Gilliam Shannon Kelley Brooke Miller Eva Parios	GRADE 8 SECOND HONORS Tim Johns Sam Mullany Chris Payne Freya Rodriguez Madison Romine Seong Won	GRADE 12 SECOND HONORS Laura Bancroft Sarah Wells
	FIRST HONORS Zeb Becker Lauren Castle Isabelle Eastham Bret Heddleston Alex Hernandez Jonathan Leskovec Jessica Lester Ian McCool Cynthia Rodriguez Brittany Spence Victoria Turner	

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Afterwards, they met by the river where their guide explained the history of John Brown's raid. The class then performed a skit on John Brown's struggle in a tiny 20-30 brick firehouse, the very spot on which the abolitionist had made his last stand. From there, they went to a museum where they learned further information about John Brown and Harpers Ferry. Students were impressed by the museum's insightful videos and its large collection of weapons. The group ate at a restaurant in town what one classmate described as "some of the priciest yet most delicious food." After the meal, the class re-boarded its bus and returned to school. Students unanimously viewed the trip as a

fun and informative experience. Katie Brown remarked, "because of visiting Harpers Ferry, I gained important insights about John Brown and his role in Virginia's history." The students thanked Mrs. Ramey for planning the trip. They also expressed appreciation to Scott Clough for driving the bus, thus making their experience possible.



Wakefield Country Day School Announces College Acceptances

College advisor Marsha Dowell has announced the following college acceptances already this year:

- ★ Zebediah Becker has been accepted, early decision, at the College of William and Mary.
- ★ Isabelle Eastham has been accepted at Lynchburg College, and at Mary Baldwin College, with a \$61,000 scholarship offer.
- ★ Christine Pankow has been accepted at Old Dominion University, at Bridgewater College, and at Roanoke College with a \$70,000 scholarship offer.
- ★ Brittany Spence has been accepted at Bridgewater College.
- ★ Sarah Wells has been accepted at Mary Baldwin College with a \$62,000 scholarship offer.

Wakefield Participates in Trout in the Classroom Program



Wakefield Country Day School's 6th Grade Class is participating this academic year in the Trout in the Classroom program. The effort is being led by teachers Margaret DiDomenico and Jeff Perry. The Trout in the Classroom program began in New York State. It has made its way across many of the eastern states. In Virginia, it's

a cooperative project among a local school, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Dominion Power and Trout Unlimited. Participating schools, like Wakefield, receive brook trout eggs in late September and raise the trout that hatch through early spring.

WCDS Fall Sports

by Athletic Director, Mike Costello, CAA



I reflected on the fall season and it has been another championship fall. There were a total of 113 student athletes participating in athletics this fall. This fall was highlighted by our Varsity Soccer and Varsity Volleyball teams repeating as DAC Division II regular season champions! The volleyball team did not lose a single game in DAC Division II play while maintaining a 30 game winning streak all the way through the conference championship match! They repeated their tournament championship. This is a record and is unparalleled in recent history. This has been a wonderful way to start the school year. The Middle School girls' Cross Country team was Co-Regular Season Champions in the VMSC and took first place at the VMSC Championship race. We finished the season with a DAC tournament championship in Varsity Volleyball. Our student athletes have played in or run in 7 championship events! Eight of our athletes have been named All-DAC, and two have been voted the Co- Player of the Year in DAC D2 ... it simply has been a blessed championship fall. I would be remiss if I did not personally thank my Student Assistants for all of their help: Tim Johns-8th grade, Alex Foster-9th grade, Makenzie Magaro-10th grade, and Amanda Carroll-11th grade. They collectively worked 47 hours of community service for the athletic department this fall. They have been invaluable to the athletic department.

Varsity Girls' Volleyball

*2010 DAC Division II regular season champions
2010 DAC tournament champions*

Varsity volleyball had a magical season finishing 16-1 with the lone loss coming in non-conference play at Wakefield School early in the season. The girls avenged this loss in a tightly played match on October 28th where they squeezed out a 3-2 win on senior recognition night. The girls methodically swept: Quantico, Tandem Friends, R-MA, Massanutten Military, Riverfront Christian, SVCA,

Fresta Valley and Emmanuel Christian. The girls' solid team play led to an 8-0 DAC Division II regular season record, all of which were 3-0 sweeps. The 30 games won in the conference during the regular season and tournament is a record! The girls hosted Tandem Friends in the semi-finals and quickly dispensed them to host Randolph Macon Academy on 11/5, Championship Friday. The girls went to work as they had all season and promptly added the DAC Division II tournament championship to their dominant regular season championship. The scores for the championship match were: 25-17, 25-13 and 25-15.

The team captains, Isabelle Eastham, Christine Pankow and Amanda Carroll, did a wonderful job of leading the girls to another championship season. The good job done by Coach Suzanne Zylonis was recognized when she was named the DAC Division II Coach of the Year for the second straight time. Congratulations to the team and Coach Zylonis for a repeat regular season and tournament championship season! This year's seniors have had a big impact in athletics and specifically volleyball. The seniors are: Laura Bancroft, Isabelle Eastham, Jessica Lester, Christine Pankow, Cynthia Rodriguez, Brittany Spence and Victoria Turner. We will miss them greatly!



Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball

The junior varsity volleyball team had a great season finishing with a record of 8-1 for the second straight year, but against a more difficult schedule. The Owls' one loss came against a strong Rappahannock County team early in the season. The girls beat Rappahannock the next two times they played them. The team won another close match when they swept Strasburg High School's "B" team 2-0 on October 26th. The scores of that match were: 25-18 and 26-24. The girl's other victories came against: Emmanuel Christian, Chelsea

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All - Conference Athletes

DAC Soccer:

First Team All-DAC
Brian Shafran
All-DAC
Daniel Chadduck
Greg Czekaj

DAC Coach of the Year:

DAC Varsity Soccer
Gustavo Tisera
DAC Varsity Volleyball
Suzanne Zylonis

DAC Volleyball:

DAC Division II Co-Player of the Year
Christine Pankow
First Team All-DAC
Amanda Carroll
Isabelle Eastham
Christine Pankow
All-DAC
Kim Pankow



Athletes of the Month

September Female Athlete

The September Female Athlete of the Month was Isabelle Eastham. Isabelle was a co-captain of the varsity volleyball team. She contributed this season with 14 offense-destroying blocks, 32 earned points in kills and tips, and an 82% serving consistency mark. She is consistently looking to improve, always collegial with her teammates and the younger players, and very professional. She is an asset to the team, and to the overall program.



September Male Athlete

The September Male Athlete of the Month was Michael O'Heir. This young man has steadily improved during the varsity cross country season. He ran to a 14th place finish in a DAC race held at Fredericksburg Academy in early September. He finished 8th overall in the most recent DAC meet held at Great Meadows in The Plains on 9/28. He had an excellent finish in the Quantico Middle High School Invitational that had over 100 runners when he ran to a 2nd place finish.



October Female Athlete

The October Female Athlete of the Month was Christine Pankow. Christine was a co-Captain of the varsity volleyball team. She led the team to a perfect 8-0 record in the month of October when the team did not lose a single game in any Delaney Athletic Conference Division II match. She is a leader on and off the court having been named to the Head of School list following the end of the first grading period. She was voted first team ALL-DAC and Co-Player of the Year in our division.



October Male Athlete

The October Male Athlete of the Month was Brian Shafran. Brian led our varsity soccer team in scoring during the month of October with 18 goals. Our record for the month was 6-1. He was voted first team All-DAC. He earned First Honors following the first grading period.



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Academy and Saint Michael's. Alex Cancio-Bello and Hannah Tufts will move on to the varsity team full-time next year, and they will be missed. Congratulations to the girls and Coach Zylonis on another great season.

Middle School Girls' Volleyball

The middle school volleyball team had another winning season finishing 7-4-1. The girls earned the number two seed in the VMSC tournament with a 4-2 regular season record. They defeated the following schools: Rappahannock County, Mountain View Christian, Riverfront Christian, SVCA, Chelsea Academy and Bethel Christian. The first round of the tournament paired them with Riverfront and the result was an easy 2-0 sweep. The girls hosted SVCA in the semi-finals and were upset 2-0 by the hard charging Patriots. SVCA went on to win the VMSC tournament. Congratulations to Coach Ann Pankow and the team on another winning season! All of the players on the roster contributed to the winning season. The team will miss the following eighth graders: Amy Chadduck, Anna Clark, Ashlyn Ramey, Ashley Rhein, Madison Romine and Karis Tschopp.

Varsity School Boys' Soccer

DAC Division II regular season champions

Varsity soccer had another championship season. Coach Gustavo Tisera and Coach Tom Shafran did a great job molding a championship team. The Owls won the DAC Division II regular season championship after sweeping Fredericksburg Academy and Emmanuel Christian. The boys also defeated Wakefield School on October 26th 4-2 to secure the regular season championship. During the season, the boys defeated the following schools: Mountain View Christian, the Front Royal Flames, Chelsea Academy and MMA. The team finished the regular season with a 5-1 DAC record and 9-3 overall. They hosted Emmanuel in the semi-finals of the DAC Tournament and jumped out to a lead. The result was a businesslike 6-0 shut-out. The Owls hosted Wakefield School in the DAC championship on



11/5. The score was locked at 1-1 at the half and remained that way through regulation play. The boys gave up one goal in the first five minute overtime period and another one in the second overtime period to see their season come to an end with a 10-4 record. The senior members of the team, Bret Heddeleston, captain Zeb Becker and captain Ian McCool, have been a part of several championship seasons and will certainly be missed. Congratulations to Coach Tisera, Coach Shafran and the team for a championship season!

Middle School Boys' Soccer

Our middle school soccer team came on strong at the end of the season. The team earned a bye in the first round of the VMSC tournament with their 3-2 regular season record. The boys recorded conference wins over: RMA, Saint Joe's and SVCA, and non-conference wins over: Community Christian, Mountain View Christian, and Bethel Christian. The boys hosted SVCA in the semi-finals, but the Patriots did all the scoring in a 4-0 win on their way to a victory in the finals. Congratulations to the boys and to Coach Lavonne Adkins for another winning season. The team will miss the following eighth graders next year: Tim Johns, Sam Mullany and Seong Won.

Varsity Cross-Country

Varsity cross country was coached by Alex Popkin again this year. The team was small but consisted of good quality runners. There were not enough runners to score as a team, therefore they competed with the top runners of the other DAC schools and some non-conference schools. Henry Johnson and Michael O'Heir routinely finished in the top 15 at all the regular season DAC meets. Henry was the overall champion of the non-conference meet at MMA on October 4th and was the overall Top Male Finisher at the WCDS 5K Fall Fun Run two days earlier. Michael was the top finisher at the DAC Championship Race, coming in at 16th place. He also ran in the VISAA State Cross Country Championship held at Woodbury Forest on 11/12. The race featured over 300 male runners. The girls were led by Ixel Ochoa who ran for both the middle school and varsity teams. Ixel finished in the top 20% at all the meets she ran in and out of the conference. She finished 12th at the DAC Championships to medal



and earn All-DAC honors. Sarah Wells was the team's lone senior and will be missed. She finished in top 10 at the non-conference meet held at MMA. Congratulations to the runners and Coach Popkin on a good season!

Middle School Cross-Country

2010 VMSC girls regular season champions

The middle school cross country team had a good year. Our girls' team finished first or second in all of the VMSC sanctioned meets. The girls won a share of the VMSC regular season championship by finishing second, at the meet held at Riverfront Christian on 9/28, and first, at the meet held at R-MA on 10/12. The boys' team finished third at these two meets. The girls' team finished first at the VMSC championship race held at Riverfront on October 15th. Alyssa Hamilton finished second overall. Ixel Ochoa finished third and Megan Kelley finished fifth to secure the championship. These three girls won medals for their placements. The boys' team comprised of Lucas DuMez, Chris Payne and Jackson Romine tied for second place in the VMSC Championship race. Lucas DuMez medaled with a third place finish overall. All of the runners improved their times over the season. Coach Sharon Payne and Coach Julie Romine led this group well. The team will miss their eighth graders: Lily Lauben, Jessica Leskovec and Ixel Ochoa. Congratulations to both the team and the coaches for a very good season!



Varsity Girls' Tennis

Our developing varsity tennis team had several competitive matches to include a close 4-3 loss to Middleburg Academy. The girls hung tough against a schedule that was shortened by rain and one school dropping their team. The girls played all their matches on the road. The team was led by their lone senior, captain Lauren Castle; she will be missed. Hannah Tufts did triple duty this fall playing JV & Varsity volleyball, and Varsity Tennis. Her tennis skills and overall game enhanced the team. Thanks to Coach Mike Brown for guiding the team and hauling them all over the region. Special thanks to Coach Mike Costello who stepped in and took the team to one of the early matches. Congratulations to the team and Coach Brown for a good season!

WCDS Fall 2010 Athletic Award Winners

The following students received special awards from their coaches at the Fall Awards Ceremony held on Friday, November 12:

Boys Varsity Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Brian Shafran
Most Improved Player: Zeb Becker
Coach's Award: Ian McCool

Boys Middle School Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Gage Landis
Most Improved Player: Sam Mullany
Coach's Award: Joseph Dowell



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Most Valuable Players: Isabelle Eastham and Christine Pankow
Co-Coach's Award: Amanda Carroll and Jessica Lester

Girls JV Volleyball

Most Valuable Player: Kimberly Pankow
Coach's Award: Hannah Tufts

Girls Middle School Volleyball

Most Valuable Player: Ashlyn Ramey
Most Improved Player: Madison Romine
Coach's Award: Anna Clark



Varsity Cross-Country

Most Valuable Runner: Henry Johnson
Most Improved Runner: Michael O'Heir
Coach's Award: Ixel Ochoa

Middle School Cross-Country

Most Valuable Runner: Lucas DuMez and Alyssa Hamilton
Coach's Award: Megan Kelley

Girls Varsity Tennis

Most Valuable Player: Lauren Castle
Most Improved Player: Shannon Weir



Fall Events

A Crescendo of Fun - Spirit Week and Homecoming Weekend

Spirit Week built up to a crescendo of fun, a.k.a. Homecoming Weekend, on Friday, October 1 and Saturday October 2. During Spirit Week, students arrived at school as twins, wearing clashing outfits, crazy hats and dressed as older versions of themselves. The Seek game, sponsored by upper school teacher, Lindsey Zanchettin, to raise money for Breast Cancer Research, added to the excitement of the week as students and faculty steadily eliminated their targets. Sophomore Makenzie Magaro won the \$50 prize in the final scavenger hunt round.



Friday afternoon the entire school enjoyed a terrific pep rally organized by Julie Vaught and Mike Costello. Students cheered for our school's teams as a total of 110 students lined up by teams in the gym! Upper and lower school students competed in cheering, a "pinball" volleyball game, a tennis/basketball shoot, and a pass-the-hoop relay, accompanied by encouragement and laughter from the spectators. Pep Club members led the cheers and raced around the gym carrying a large American flag and a WCDS flag. The pep rally concluded with the Wakefield Singers leading the student body in The Star Spangled Banner. After school, Upper school girls competed in a powder puff football game, coached by Upper school boys refereed by Mr. Costello and Mr. Shafran. The blue team, coached by senior Ian McCool, prevailed over the team coached by senior Zeb Becker, 5-0.! From the field, the Upper school students raced back into the school for the Men in Pink Fashion Show. A ticket to the Key Club bonfire entitled the bearer to attend the fashion show, enjoy the chili dinner, and attend the bonfire. The fashion show featured many of the Upper school boys and several Faculty members, all wearing an article of pink clothing, from polo shirts to ties to madras shorts to a Santa hat. Christian Martinez, Class of 2010, returned to narrate the showing as each young man walked out on the stage in the gym and then down the center of the gym on a "runway" defined

by an oblong arrangement of chairs and pink luminaria. The audience cheered as each "model" appeared, one walking a pug in a pink blanket. After the fashion show which raised money for breast cancer research and the dinner, Upper school students headed out to the bonfire and car smash. The Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department stood by as the flames rose and left soon after the Capture the Flag game started out on the soccer field.

In the meantime, alumni and parents gathered in the auditorium for snacks and wine-tasting provided by Narmada Winery. Four young women from the class of 1990 toured the school and took many pictures of themselves posed in various memorable locations! The next morning brought the annual 5K Fun Run on the back roads behind our school. A small group cheered the runners as they crossed the finish line. The beautiful morning combined with the spirit of the competitors to make for a successful race, with younger runners encouraging their parents and retracing their route to run the last few yards with them! A few hours later the Fall Festival was in full swing, with many appealing booths, from the ever-popular hot dogs and moon bounce to funnel cakes. Families could choose among such appealing options as pony rides, hay rides, face painting, book sales, car washes, baked goods, pumpkin sales and, new this year, a gold fish derby. Mr. Liles won the 50/50 raffle and donated most of his winnings back to the senior class (thank you!).

As the Fall Festival began to shut down, soccer players, young and old, collected on the soccer field for the alumni/student soccer game. We all cheered for "Wakefield," as players aged 10 to over 30 ran up and down the field in a hotly contested game, won finally by the students.

These same students appeared just hours later at the front door for the Homecoming Dance, dressed in finery and looking dazzling. As usual, students had transformed the auditorium into an inviting venue with round tables with candles, candy, and nuts and with a buffet of snacks and cold drinks. An alumnus from the University of Richmond returned as D. J. providing music



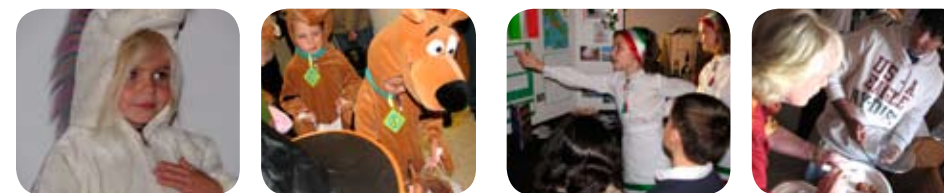
for grades nine through twelve to enjoy. Many thanks to Mrs. Marsha Dowell for working with the student government to sponsor the dance and to all the chaperones who joined in: Angeline Cancio-Bello, Jeff Day, Stephen Dowell, and Gustavo Tisera!

WCDS students Host a Variety of Halloween Activities

At its weekly Assembly during Halloween week, two groups of students performed appropriately scary poems for their schoolmates. First the Fourth grade students took the stage to recite "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe. Each student took a turn stepping forward to recite his or her stanzas from this lengthy poem. Two students wore raven-like capes, and all the students spoke the final spooky word, "Nevermore." Then the Twelfth grade performed its dramatization of "The Hollow Men" by T.S. Eliot. The students walked solemnly into the School's auditorium, dressed in black with white and silver masks. As they recited the lines of this famous poem, sometimes singly, sometimes in unison, sometimes onstage, sometimes from backstage, the threatening mood increased in intensity until the final, well-known line: "This is the way the world ends, this is the way the world ends, not with a bang, but with a whimper." The older students in the audience followed the action and the poetry, while the younger ones squealed with excitement at the costumes and gloom.

Halloween Friday was celebrated in a variety of ways by students from preschool to grade 12. Students in grades four through seven had the option of going through the haunted classroom, as did students in the Upper school. A senior dressed as a nurse and adopting a British accent led the brave into Mr. Rob Griffin's room which had, of course, a literary reference: "One Flew over Wakefield's Nest." The concept of a hospital provided the designers with many gruesome opportunities. Screams emanated from the room during the 2-3 minutes of travel through the fearsome sights.

In the early afternoon, the preschool through kindergarten performed poems and songs in the auditorium for a very appreciative audience of parents and Faculty. The princesses and superheroes, animals and ghosts, then paraded through the school, trick-or-treating at each



office and classroom. The day ended with all the lower school students changing into costumes for their classroom celebrations including the traditional grade four mummy-making in the courtyard. Friday evening Upper school students attended the Haunted Coffee House. Mrs. Youngquist and Ms. Zanchettin were almost unrecognizable in their straggly wigs and false, warty noses, preparing for their presentation of the witch scene from *MacBeth*.

International Week Celebrated at WCDS

November 15 was the start of International Week at Wakefield Country Day School. WCDS is fortunate to be a school where students and faculty can learn about other countries first hand by listening to and getting to know young people who come from those countries! At assembly on 11/17, Mrs. Kathleen Grove invited Mrs. Youngquist to the podium. Mrs. Youngquist, who works with the eight international students attending WCDS this year, introduced each student. Each International student narrated a powerpoint presentation about his or her country, describing famous sights, food, sports, and aspects. Prem Thakkar spoke about India, Maxime Manzi about Rwanda, Marina Ishizuka and Yuki Kato about Japan, and Harry Xiao and Jonny Yu about China. Predictably, the younger children responded most enthusiastically to the slides of gorillas (Rwanda), pandas (China), and cartoons (Japan). Everyone applauded all the international students for their excellent English and willingness to share. The physical education classes recognized international week with the annual walkathon. The children walked "around the world" with the international students who introduced themselves to the classes and answered questions about their home nations. Music from other countries accompanied the brisk circuits around the gym. The walks conclude with snacks and chats with the upper school students. International week concluded on Friday with the traditional



International Day. Throughout the day, younger students circulated earnestly among the displays, completing passports and sampling foods from other nations. Older students and younger students educated their classmates, participated in crafts, and played games from other countries. The International students actively contributed, having shopped for and prepared samples of their special cuisine, donned their national costumes, and shared dance, origami, and other components of their cultures, while a guest demonstrated Tae Kwan Do. The day culminated in a soccer game between China, Japan, Korea and the U.S.A. Team U.S.A. won the final with an exciting follow-up shot by junior Greg Czekaj. Students went home happily tired and a bit more enlightened about their world. Many thanks to the families who assisted with the food and displays in the booths this year!

Wakefield Announces Book Fair Success

Wakefield Country Day School's Librarian, Susanna Spencer, described this fall's Book Fair as a resounding success. For the first time, the School surpassed the \$3,000 sales mark. This means that Wakefield's library receives 25% cash profit, and then some. The Rappahannock County Library helped greatly by purchasing \$750 worth of books. The School is extremely grateful to Dave Schaffer and Cindy Arbelbide of the Rappahannock Library and to John McCarthy, County Administrator, for demonstrating such great support. Volunteers who helped to make the success of the fair possible included Brandi Day, Kathy Elar, Emily Frost, Bob Gausman, Steve Hudak, Lucille Niessen, Leigh Parios and Joanne Smith. The Book Fair's very special guest—Duckie, the reading dog—was a big hit. Several children read books to him when they visited the library during the fall festival. Duckie and Spencer are affiliated with Waggin' Hearts, a local chapter of Therapy Dogs Inc. (<http://www.therapydogs.com/>).



Ways to Give to Wakefield Country Day School A Development Primer

Schools such as Wakefield cannot provide the type of education that dedicated students need and deserve simply from the funds that are provided by charging tuition. Many of the extras, the distinguishing features of a school's program, are possible because of the dollars that come to the school through fundraising. There are many ways that schools go about generating these additional funds, known as the "margin of excellence." The ones that Wakefield uses are listed and described below. In the future, in the summer issue of the Huntly Herald, we will endeavor to list all of the many donors who support Wakefield in these varied ways. When those lists are compiled and published together, it will be more obvious how generous our many benefactors continue to be to the School. For this support in its many forms, we are most grateful.

Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal is the bedrock of Wakefield's fundraising each year. The dollars raised through the Annual Appeal are generally unrestricted; this makes them especially valuable as they can be used each year wherever the need is greatest. The Annual Appeal focuses as much on participation as on dollars raised. It is open to all constituencies of the School: Parents; Alumni; Grandparents; Friends; etc.

Scholarships

Scholarship funds allow Wakefield to attract and reward deserving students, who enrich the community with their presence. They are especially important today as Financial Aid has become an important part of the School's budget. Wakefield has a few named funds, including the 2nd Lt. Leonard M. Cowherd III Scholarship Fund and the Old Dominion Hounds Scholarship Fund. Gifts can be made to named funds or can be unrestricted for general scholarship use. New named funds are always welcome.

Special Events

Special events are fun and bring fundraising dollars to the School. Those who attend can be from the School's community or from outside it. Wakefield has two primary events, a Spring Auction and Art from the Heart in December. Other events, like the Fall Festival, contribute to Class trips and functions. Many wonderful Parents and volunteers help to make these events successful each year.

Capital Gifts

Every School has projects, such as renovation and new construction, that require an influx of cash to complete. These projects are paid for primarily through fundraising with individual donors. Gifts are made to support specific projects or programs and are expended in that way.

Estate Gifts

While not everyone associated with Wakefield can make a large gift during his or her lifetime, many can do so through their estates. The School welcomes such support and would like to know about them beforehand so that the donor's wishes can be both understood and honored.

Gifts to Athletics

Direct support is often made to the Athletics program. This is sometimes the work of the Boosters Club. Such gifts are for uniforms, equipment, training, etc. As well, the Athletics Department conducts events, such as a Poker Tournament, to raise funds.

Gifts to the Library

Individuals and organizations often contribute books to the Library to increase and modernize the School's collection. Cash gifts for book purchases are made as well.

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Volunteer of the Month

The School has begun the process of recognizing adult volunteers who provide special service each month. Because Wakefield is fortunate to have many volunteers who deserve such recognition, one person from those nominated is chosen randomly to be that month's recipient of this award. The winners to date have been September-**Terri Farley**, October-**Lisa Geffert**, and November-**Wendy Johnston**. We congratulate them on earning this special acknowledgment of their service.

Wakefield benefits from the volunteer service of a wealth of parents and friends. For their devotion and support, we offer thanks to the following:

- Office Manager Brenda Jones thanks Patrice Nelson for volunteering to go to Costco for lunch items.
- Athletic Director Mike Costello thanks Mary Kay McCool for coordinating concessions; Tom Shafran for refereeing these events on Homecoming week: Powder Puff Football game and the alumni/current player soccer game, and for refereeing the International Day Soccer Competition; Jim Hart for refereeing the alumni/current player soccer game for Homecoming, for refereeing the International Day Soccer Competition, and for operating the scoreboard and making announcements for volleyball season; Lindsey Zanchettin for operating the scoreboard and making announcements for volleyball season; and Joanne Smith for assisting with Middle School Cross Country this fall.
- Lori Perry thanks all of the 5th grade parents for Fall Festival, International Day, RAWL service project, and field trip participation. Nearly every parent contributed to one or more of the events.
- Lisa Ramey thanks Susan Jordan and Jacqueline Summers for helping prepare senior thesis materials; and Suzanne Albert for chaperoning the Harpers Ferry trip.
- Robert Griffin thanks Thomas Mullany for sharing his expertise on political cartooning with two Media Arts classes.
- Becky Ernest thanks the wonderful and supportive parents of her class for always pitching in wherever help is needed.
- Kathi Magaro, Scott Clough, Christine Chatelain and Julie Vaught all thank Jacqueline Summers for her many hours of service - for copying and assembling the school directory, being a substitute bus driver and teacher and for her help in the 4th grade with a wonderful Halloween party, International Day and photocopying.
- Julie Vaught thanks Tom Shafran for helping out with gym class (subbing); Jim Hart and Mike Costello for being guest speakers for golf and tennis, respectively; all the parents for their contributions to the walk-a-thon with a special thank you to Joanne Smith for her extra efforts to make the walk-a-thon a success.

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works and ceramics. Art works from more than 20 local artists were displayed and sold to the highest bidder. Preliminary totals put the dollars raised at over \$20,000.

Nancy Moon, Brooke Gilliam and Lucille Niessen chaired the show. Dayn Smith and his fellow chefs, including student assistant Greg Czekaj, provided the wonderful food. The Social Committee consisted of Ann Benecke-Smith, Karen Dick, Mrs. Kathleen Grove, Melissa Harris, Rosita McKee, Mary North Cooper, Donn Smith, Jay Speer, Caroline Walker and Suzanne Zylonis.

Artist and Parent, Tom Mullany, painted two striking Picasso reproductions. Suzanne Zylonis hung the show, with Deborah DuMez, and made a dazzling Picasso diptych along with Wakefield's students. Marilyn Hart helped to choose the pieces in the show and conducted a walking tour of the pieces in the show at the event. Participating Wakefield artists were Philip Ernest, Chris Johns, Kerrie Mullany, Tom Mullany, Kathie Russo, Lynne Summers, Peggy Weed and Brenda Van Ness.

Student volunteers were Amanda Carroll, Isabelle Eastham, Bret Heddleston, Alex Hernandez, Hunter Kapp, Carl Liles, Ian McCool, Will Mullany, Ixel Ochoa, Michael O'Heir, Christine Pankow, Kimberly Pankow, Michael Pearson, Cynthia Rodriguez, Freya Rodriguez, Prem Thakhar, Lucy Van Ness and Harry Xiao.

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Memorial Gifts

Often, when a person associated with the School passes, the family will indicate that gifts in person's memory can be made to Wakefield. This is valuable and welcome support. Memorial gifts can be made to all the funds listed above.

Honorary Gifts

As well, gifts can be made in honor of a living person—perhaps a friend, a teacher, administrator or coach. These gifts are welcome also.

Gifts in Kind

Wakefield greatly benefits from contributions of material, such as computers, AV equipment, microwave ovens, refrigerators, sports equipment, etc. Such gifts improve the School and free up budget dollars for other purchases.

Post Script

If anyone has any questions about any of these giving areas or, most importantly, wants to add their support, please contact Jim Hart, Director of Development, at jhart@wakefieldcds.org or at 540-635-8555, ex. 231.