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lamplighter events

Summer Camps Begin

June 8, 2009

New Family Reception

August 20, 2009

Welcome Back Playground Parties

August 21, 2009

Parent Intake Conferences

August 24 & 25, 2009

First Day of School

August 26, 2009

Luminary Society Reception

September 10, 2009

Lamplighter Carnival

October 16, 2009

Halloween Parade and Picnic

October 30, 2009

All School Program

December 12, 2009

Dolores Evans Speaker Series

February 1, 2010

mission statement

Lamplighter is a nurturing, child-centered community built on academic and personal excellence, trust, and respect for diversity in each other and in our society. Lamplighter inspires life-long learners who are self confident, self reliant, and creative critical thinkers.

diversity statement

Diversity will strengthen the education of Lamplighter children and enrich the lives of all members of the Lamplighter community. Lamplighter will, therefore, strive for the lamps that we light to reflect the ever-changing community in which we reside. We value individuality and encourage all children to reach their potential, while respecting their similarities and differences. We are united in purpose and committed to working together to accomplish the mission of The Lamplighter School.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lamplighter's Diversity Work Group, please contact Matt Brenner, Director of Admission and Community Services at 214.369.9201. The group meets several times throughout the school year to support the school's diversity efforts.

non-discrimination statement

In compliance with federal and state laws, The Lamplighter School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid program, athletic and other school-administered programs, or the employment of staff.

The **lamppost** is written by Melisa Dorrill, Sandy Diamond, Kerri Geller, and Lali Rambeau and edited by Susan Alterman.

Comments:

If there's something you've always wanted to see in the **lamppost**, feel free to send in your suggestions. Ideas are always welcome. The deadline for all articles, photographs, and news for the Fall 2009 issue is September 1, 2009.



During their trip to Austin, Lamplighter Seniors ran into Royce Poinsett '82.

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Second graders had another successful pioneer journey this year, including a stop at Soda Springs.



On behalf of the Lamplighter Board of Trustees I am pleased to announce the contract extension for Dr. Arnold Cohen, Head of School, through 2012. Lamplighter has been fortunate to have a small but impressive list of leaders throughout its history. From Natalie Murray and Sandy Swain to Pat Mattingly to Arnold Cohen, each of these leaders came with a distinct personality and style, yet they have all embodied important core values – a dedication to young children, a passion for education, an innovative approach, and a nurturing spirit for both Lamplighter and its students.

Upon arriving in 2000, one of Dr. Cohen's first initiatives was to raise faculty salaries, making them comparable with other independent schools in the area. This ensures that Lamplighter is consistently able to attract and retain the finest and most talented teachers. Dr. Cohen also felt it was important to increase the scope of diversity in the school and curriculum to reflect that of our community and the world which awaits our students. Now as you walk the halls of Lamplighter you can appreciate the panorama of cultures and ethnicities represented and know that we as a school are richer because of it.

Another item of high priority was to energize and expand the school's culture of giving. In 2000 the school lagged behind its peer elementary schools with an endowment of slightly over \$100,000. Today, through Dr. Cohen's leadership and the hard work of the Advancement Office Staff and Volunteers, the endowment stands at over 4.4 million dollars. Endowment is crucial to any institution because it helps maintain financial strength and supports strategic initiatives such as faculty salaries and financial aid. This effort has been of primary importance as we strive to secure Lamplighter's future.

Much of Dr. Cohen's recent efforts have been rooted in Lamplighter's Strategic Plan, *The Path Well Chosen*, which was created in 2006. In three short years, his leadership has led to the implementation of nearly every item listed in this plan. If you have not yet read *The Path Well Chosen*, you can find a copy on the school's website on the page titled Fulfilling our Mission.

Dr. Cohen's leadership efforts also extend beyond Lamplighter's campus. For the past eight years he has served on the board of trustees of The Winston School. His expertise has been valued in his role as the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee of the Independent Schools of the Southwest. And in an effort to give back to the independent school community, he has served four times as a mentor for the NAIS/E. E. Ford Fellows Aspiring Heads Program.

While it is exciting to reflect on the past decade, there is still important work to be done at Lamplighter. I feel confident that with Dr. Cohen steering the ship, we will not only weather the course, but sail to a bright and lasting future for the school. On behalf of the Lamplighter Board of Trustees, I extend my appreciation to Dr. Cohen for his dedication to the school and to his many achievements. Please join us in celebrating his decision to extend his contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Foxworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Foxworth
Chairman, Lamplighter Board of Trustees



***WE CONGRATULATE OUR
NEWEST LAMPLIGHTER
ALUMS,
THE CLASS OF 2009!***

Noble Alden
Victoria Alder
Laura Arroyo
Bo Baker
Rose Bassel
Peyton Bell-Hunter
Adam Bergman
Sophie Bernstein
Paris Bland
Carolina Campbell
Donny Carty
Chandler Crates
Joel Danilewitz
George Dau
Holmes Davis
Jason Davis
Zach Drazner

Parish
St. John's
Good Shepherd
ESD
Winston
Undecided
Parish
Levine Academy
Parish
Hockaday
ESD
Greenhill
Undecided
St. Mark's
ESD
Greenhill
Levine Academy

Hudson Fernandes
Morgan Flood
Alex Gilmour
Jeff Grimes
Natalie Groves
Tate Hakert
Sophie Hart
Edward Heidarian
Tommy Hessel
Melanie Kerber
Jack Kraus
Austin Krohn
Lauren McDaniel
Kailey McNeal
Lea Meyers
Johanna Mondragon
Evan O'Brien

Greenhill
Good Shepherd
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St. Rita
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Hockaday
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Parish
Hockaday
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Greenhill
Good Shepherd
Greenhill

Sydney Palis
Whit Payne
Abby Price
Johann Schwarz
Alex Shaw
Emma Siegel
Ali Simenc
Matthew Sims
Claire Spigel
Jared Steinhart
Benjamin Stromberg
Zayna Syed
Frank Thomas
Hyer Thomas
Alden Vose
Danielle Weiss
Emma Wooding

Good Shepherd
St. Mark's
Lakehill
St. Mark's
Hockaday
Undecided
St. John's
ESD
Levine Academy
St. Mark's
Greenhill
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St. Mark's
Undecided
Winston
Good Shepherd

Election Excitement

The year 2008 was a monumental election year. Of course there was Obama vs. McCain, but the real story was if the cow would be named Beefy or Katie. How will the pig feel about being named after a Star Trek character? And is Diamond an appropriate name for a male goat? These were the agonizing issues that faced our pre-kindergarten voters on Election Day. With popsicle sticks in hand, they entered the playhouse voting booths determined to have their voices be heard. By day's end, the results had been tallied, and Lamplighter history books will show the farm animals for 2008 as Katie Cow, Obi Wan Kenobi Pig, Diamond (bearded) Goat, and Alvin the Chipmunk Goat.



Teaming with Cooper

This year Lamplighter's fourth graders teamed up with The Cooper Institute and 60 Dallas area schools to participate in the FitnessGram "Centers for Excellence" project. The goal of the program is to enhance the promotion of physical activity and fitness in youth. "We were attracted to this program because it allowed students to set individual goals and compete with themselves," explains Kathy Ritz, Motor Skills Teacher. "An added benefit of the program is that it allows me to track results and adjust my curriculum."



Winning Words

This semester third grade students were asked to brainstorm how the new president's educational platform might relate to current students and schools. Using their ideas and information on the web, students composed letters describing how this might affect their own education. Shelby Schultz was recognized for her contribution, which will be published by the *Harvard Educational Review* later this year.



Shopping made Easy

Showing your Lamplighter Spirit is now easier than ever! Thanks to the efforts of Alum and Pre-K Mom Aimee Whitaker '85, school merchandise like t-shirts, ball caps, umbrellas, and children's apparel can now be purchased online and shipped directly to your doorstep. Whitaker, who has a background in website development, offered her services after noticing that the school did not currently have an online store that could serve alumni, grandparents, and the greater Lamplighter community.



Gingerbread Man Invasion

Kindergarten classes were seeing gingerbread men everywhere they looked, from the kitchen to the playground. Soon they even began showing up at the students' homes. These sweet rascals were photographed messing up beds, cluttering up playrooms, stealing cookies, and other mischievous acts. The theme made for a delicious month of tall tales and adventurous stories.



Fans on Facebook

This spring Lamplighter launched its Facebook Fan Page to connect with alumni and friends of the school. Among other items, fans can find news, pictures, reunion information, and upcoming events. Within just a few weeks the site has added nearly 100 fans and hopes to continue to grow as a social networking site and meeting place for friends of the school.

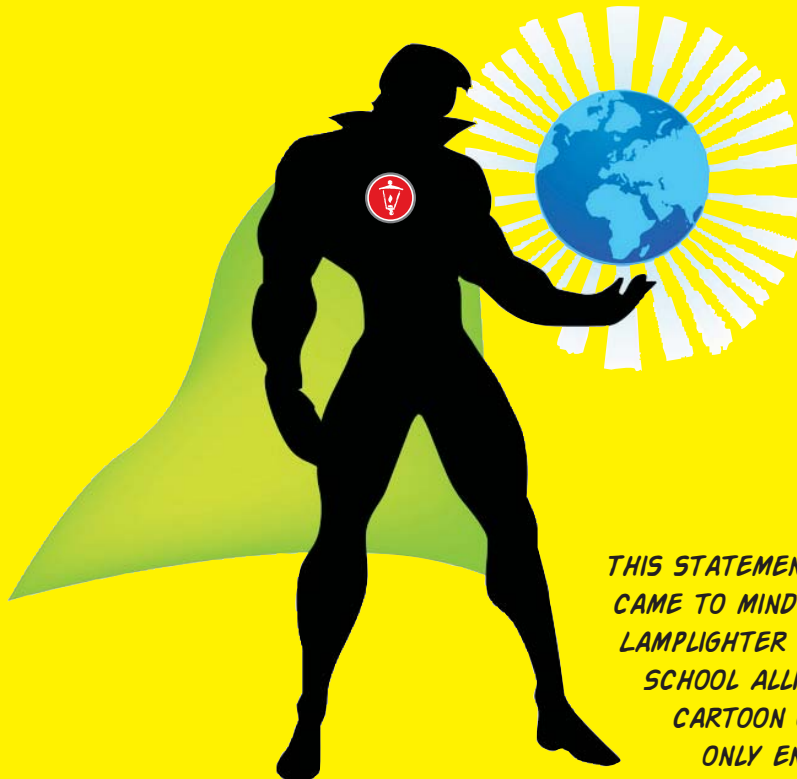


Poetry Prizes

Two Lamplighter students were selected as finalists in the Dallas Public Library Youth Poetry Competition from among 2,400 entries. Melanie Kerber received the honor for her poem titled *In the Night*, and Logan Krohn was selected for both *Love and Speed*. The poems will be published in a printed anthology by the Dallas Public Library.

LAMPLIGHTER GREEN POWERS UNITE

BY ELIZABETH BAYER
- FIRST GRADE TEACHER



**EARTH! WIND!
WATER! FIRE!
HEART! BY
YOUR POWERS
COMBINED,
I AM CAPTAIN
PLANET!"**

THIS STATEMENT WAS THE FIRST THING THAT CAME TO MIND WHEN I WAS TOLD THAT LAMPLIGHTER HAD JOINED THE GREEN SCHOOL ALLIANCE. I WAS REMINDED OF THE CARTOON CREATED IN THE 1990S TO NOT ONLY ENTERTAIN VIEWERS BUT TO ALSO

INCREASE AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. ARE WE NOW THE SUPERHEROES JOINED IN AN ALLIANCE IN BATTLE TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT? WELL, ACTUALLY WE ARE.

LAMPLIGHTER HAS LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND TEACHING CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING NATURE THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASSES, COMPOSTING AREAS, AND RECYCLING EFFORTS. IN FACT, LAMPLIGHTER IS THE ONLY SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS RECEIVED THE ENERGY STAR AWARD FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN INCREASED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PLANET EARTH BY JOINING THE GREEN SCHOOL ALLIANCE (GSA), WHICH CONSISTS OF K TO 12 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE UNITED TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

IF YOU HAVE EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH OF AN





IMPACT ONE PERSON CAN MAKE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE GSA WAS INSPIRED BY ONE LITTLE BOY AND ONE MOTHER AND WAS STARTED BY ONE FACILITY MANAGER, ONE BUSINESS OFFICER, AND ONE HEADMASTER. THE PROGRAM WAS THEN LAUNCHED BY ONE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 11, 2007. WITHIN ONE YEAR, AS A RESULT OF MANY ONES WORKING TOGETHER, GSA HAD BECOME A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDED SCHOOLS ACROSS THE U.S. AND ABROAD.

AS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, LAMPLIGHTER HAS SIGNED THE GREEN SCHOOLS ALLIANCE COMMITMENT AT THE CLIMATE STEWARD LEVEL. WE HAVE COMMITTED TO CALCULATE OUR SCHOOL'S CARBON FOOTPRINT AND HAVE PLEDGED TO REDUCE IT OVER TIME. WE HAVE ALSO AGREED TO MONITOR AND REPORT OUR PROGRESS TO THE GSA.

TO HELP ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, LAMPLIGHTER FORMED A GREEN TEAM HEADED BY MARYNELL MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, AND MADE UP OF FACULTY, STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY, AND EVEN A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE. THE TEAM'S MISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF OUR PRESENT ENERGY CONSUMPTION, EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE GROWING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FACING OUR EARTH, AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE OUR COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL CARBON FOOTPRINTS.

TO KICK OFF THE GREEN TEAM'S EFFORTS WE HAD OUR FIRST GREEN HOOTENANNY ON MARCH 13, 2009. EVERYONE WORE GREEN AND STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WERE REMINDED OF PROPER RECYCLING TECHNIQUES. WE EVEN SANG EARTH FRIENDLY SONGS, INCLUDING A NEW RECYCLING RAP LEARNED ESPECIALLY FOR THIS EVENT.

THE GREEN TEAM IS ALREADY GEARING UP FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR. PLANS INCLUDE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TRASH WE PRODUCE FROM LUNCHES AND INCREASING THE USE OF REUSABLE CONTAINERS. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GREEN TIPS IN THE E-NEWS ABOUT HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR FAMILY'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.



International Night 2009

On April 16, 2009 students and their families toured 23 different countries at Lamplighter's International Night. This year fourth grade students served as ambassadors, waving flags in their appearance in the opening ceremony's Parade of Nations and assisting at the tables of the countries they represented.



As families toured the Hall of Countries, they had their passports stamped while studying artifacts, sampling foods, and playing games indigenous to the locations represented. The long time favorite henna tattoo booth was again popular with visitors of all ages.

Crowds were entertained on the Global Stage by a variety of local artists, including Flamenco dancer Ines Hermosa-Kenny, Spanish guitarist David Quintana, Nrutyashala Indian Dancers from Greenhill, the Emerald School of Irish Dance, and the Swedish Women's Educational Association Choir.

Before ending their Grand Tour, families found time to relax at the outdoor International Bistro. Twinkling lights and guitar music set the stage for a memorable meal provided by Picasso's Pizza, Royal China Restaurant, and Preston Hollow Catering.

Gracias, danke, xie xie, dekuji, merci, epharisto, grazie, spasiba, and arigato to Carola Rayburn and her International Night Committee for providing this fun-filled and educational evening.





News from the Parents' Association President



In addition to being a true privilege, serving as this year's LPA President has provided me with incredible insight as to why Lamplighter is such a special place. Our children are so fortunate to have dedicated parent volunteers who truly go the extra mile to support the children, the school, and the community at large. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all volunteers and especially to the efficient, talented, proactive, and insightful members of the 2008-2009 LPA Board for their countless contributions.

Lamplighter students benefit both directly and indirectly from the numerous programs provided by the LPA. Pizza

Friday remains a student favorite due to the quality and efficiency of the Special Lunch program, and many a child has shared their belief that this year's Carnival and International Night were the best ever! All over town children proudly sported their spirit wear, which can now be purchased online at www.shoplamplighter.com. This new online store was a joint effort of the LPA Board, parent Aimee Whitaker, and the school administration, which has been so helpful throughout the year.

Parents are always happy to learn about ways the LPA pampers our talented faculty and staff. In addition to supplying snacks for the monthly staff meetings and during conferences, the LPA provided welcome gifts to new faculty and staff members, chair massages for Valentine's Day, and cash gifts in both December and May. The LPA also assisted the school with the Media Center Open House to add valuable library resources while simultaneously honoring faculty and staff members. Finally, Grade Level Coordinators assisted teachers with specific needs or requests for their classrooms.

In addition to making record contributions to a number of charities in the Dallas community through our Community Outreach Program, the LPA presented the school with a check for over \$250,000. Resources like these, which were made possible thanks to the generosity of the entire Lamplighter Community and the well-run fundraising and financial activities within the LPA, will serve as building blocks for future generations of Lamplighter students. I am so grateful for the efforts and contributions made by past and current volunteers and know that next year's LPA Board will carry on the strong tradition of volunteerism at Lamplighter which, in my opinion, helps to make this school one of the best and most unique in the country.

Sincerely,

Angela Crates

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 P.M. Pre-K Coordinator: Aimee Whitaker

120 Dresses - 2 Enchanted Evenings



When Carrie Ford, Kelli Chabria, and Sheryl Maas began their work on the 2009 Auction, they had never heard of Ball High School in Galveston. Little did they know that they would be responsible for making dreams come true for over 100 junior and senior girls whose lives were forever changed by Hurricane Ike. "Our hearts went out to that community," commented Ford. "We decided to ask the Lamplighter Community to donate the dresses they wore to Auction to the girls in Galveston for their prom."

"We were amazed at how eager people were to get involved," noted Kelli Chabria. Parents, grandparents, faculty members, and alumni collectively gathered 120 dresses and numerous shoes and accessories. "We are so proud of the \$270,000 we raised at the Auction for Lamplighter, but this was like the icing on the cake," said Ford. "It was the gift that keeps on giving."

Director of Advancement Sandy Diamond made preparations with members of Ball High School's staff to distribute the dresses. She was joined by Trustee Jennifer Mosle and Class of 2004 Alumni Coco Freling, Kate Mosle, and Maggie Fobare. Early on the morning of April 29, 2009 they set up shop at the school. "Watching them smile and dance about in 'the perfect dress' was such a heartwarming experience. Everyone was smiling that day," said Diamond.

On May 23 when the students of Ball High School gathered for prom, perhaps for a few hours they put the hardship and devastation of Hurricane Ike behind them and enjoyed feeling like care-free high school students. At least that was the hope of a thoughtful group of Lamplighter fairy godmothers.



Alumni Week 2009



Alumni Week 2009 was a great success as Lamplighter buzzed with alumni of all ages. The final day began in the auditorium where everyone enjoyed a hootenanny and visited with friends. After the hootenanny, over 60 people gathered in the Art Room for a festive lunch to honor this year's Spirit Award recipients, former Board members and alumni parents Drs. Carmen and Ludwig Michael and former art teacher Teel Gray. Head of School Arnie Cohen gave the opening remarks and Lucy Wrubel introduced our Spirit Award recipients. Each recipient spoke about Lamplighter memories and the impact the school has had on their lives. It was a day of reconnecting with old classmates, meeting new friends, and celebrating the school that is close to all of our hearts. That evening Margaret Flanagan Solomon '77 opened up her home for an Alumni Cocktail Reception. To learn more about the 2009 Spirit Award Winners turn to page 16.

1. Teel Gray, former Lamplighter art teacher, received the Lamplighter Spirit Award for her everlasting impact on students and service to the arts.



2. Ted Nurre '80, current Alumni Council President, enjoys spending time with Bradley Miller '77 and Kevin Ross '78.



3. Jennifer Mosle, Eugenia Hudson King '75, and Karen Sheinberg Pollock '76



4. Pat Lola former Lamplighter Faculty member. and Lucy Reeves Wrubel '78 5. Hillary Jenkins '78 and Kevin Ross '78 take a moment for a picture. 6. Drs. Ludwig and Carmen Michael receive the Lamplighter Spirit Award for their life-long dedication and support of Lamplighter.



Show - N - Tell

Alumni Week Show-n-Tell guests captivated current students' minds! It was a treat to have adult alumni in the classrooms sharing their special talents and just spending time with students.



Photo 1: Kevin Brand '76 demonstrated spinning his pottery wheel for students.

Photo 2: Aimee Marquess Whitaker '85 and Jennifer Rosenthal Carr '81 cooked up a storm in kindergarten making bird nests with the students dressed in Jennifer's apron and chef hat designs.

Photo 3: Flauren Fagadau Bender '90 shared a favorite story with second grade.

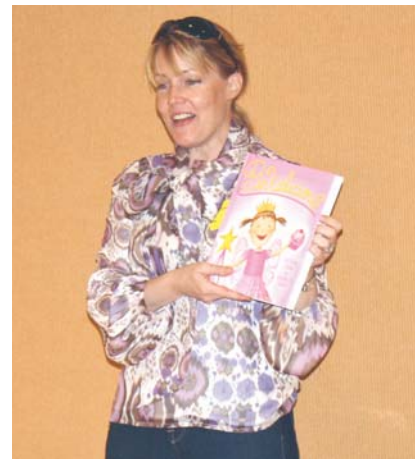


Photo 4: Lucy '79 and Steve Wrubel presented a film they produced about the emotions of crowds during Italian soccer games to third and fourth grade students. They discussed how thousands of people experience the same emotions simultaneously. They also talked about the special photography equipment they used to capture their idea.



Photos 5 and 6: Margaret Flanagan Solomon '77 read *Pinkalicious* to pre-kindergarten students and treated them to homemade muffins with strawberry frosting.



The Lamplighter Spirit Award was established during the 50th anniversary of the school in 2003 to recognize individuals who embody the spirit of Lamplighter. To receive the award, a person must have the qualities of a life-long learner, be willing to take risks in his or her field, and display creativity in his or her chosen path of life. The 2009 Lamplighter Spirit Award winners are:



TEEL GRAY

Teel Gray began working at Lamplighter in 1972 and was Lamplighter's first full time art teacher. She and Lamplighter founders, Natalie Murray and

Sandy Swain, shared the same approach to early childhood education, recognizing the uniqueness of every child and his or her creativity.

After leaving Lamplighter, Teel started a new career as a professional calligrapher. She attended numerous workshops and studied under master calligraphers from all parts of the country. Teel retired as a calligrapher in 2007.

Teel is married to William Gray, a retired attorney, and has three sons. Scott is a lawyer, Kirk is an electrical engineer, and Brent is a doctor. She also has seven grandchildren. Teel is an avid supporter of the Women's Council at the Arboretum, The Kimbell Art Museum, The Dallas Museum of Art, and The Nasher Museum.

For her influence in the lives of Lamplighter students and on the school's culture, the Lamplighter Alumni Association is proud to award the Lamplighter Spirit Award to Teel Gray.

Are you interested in nominating someone for the Lamplighter Spirit Award? Contact us at 214-369-9201 ext. 378.

DR. CARMEN MICHAEL



Carmen Michael has been a constant and dedicated friend to Lamplighter. Her children, Andy and Susan, both attended the school. Carmen was on the Lamplighter Board of Trustees from 1977-1984 and has remained an avid supporter.

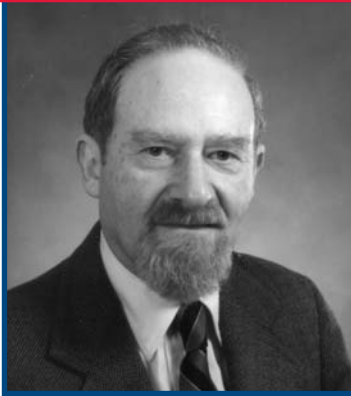
Carmen received a B.A. from Southern Methodist University, an M.A. in Psychology from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Western Reserve University. Carmen is currently Professor Emeritus for the Department of Psychology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. At UT Southwestern Carmen held numerous positions. From 1951-1958 she was the Chief Psychologist and was a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychology from 1954-2003.

Currently, she is an Honorary Life Member of Community Homes for Adults and the Visiting Nurse Association. She is Honorary Director for the Epilepsy Foundation of Dallas/Ft. Worth. Throughout her life she has received numerous awards, including the Carmen Miller Achievement Award given by the Mental Health America for Greater Dallas and the Texas Psychological Association 2004 Distinguished Professional Contribution Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Service.

For her long time dedication and service to Lamplighter and other institutions in Dallas, the Lamplighter Alumni Association is proud to award the Lamplighter Spirit Award to Dr. Carmen Michael.

Alumni Profile

DR. LUDWIG MICHAEL



Ludwig Michael has been associated with the school for many years. His children, Andy and Susan, attended Lamplighter. Ludwig has always believed in the Lamplighter mission and the school's value in the community. He has served on the Board of Trustees at Lamplighter since 1984 and is currently a Life Trustee.

Ludwig received a B.A. and M.D. from New York University and completed his residency in Otolaryngology from Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He received his post-graduate degree in Otolaryngology from Washington University. Ludwig was a Captain in the Medical Corps in the U.S. Army at Borden and Walter Reed Medical Center.

Ludwig has been in private practice in Dallas since 1948. He was the Chief of Otolaryngology at Presbyterian Hospital. Currently, Ludwig is on the Medical Staff at Baylor University Medical Center. He is certified by the Board of Otolaryngology and is a Fellow for the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Otolaryngology, and the American Triological Society. Ludwig was the President of the Foundation for the Callier Center for Communication Disorders and is a Life Member of the Dallas County Medical Society and the Texas Medical Society. Dr. Michael is Professor Emeritus of Otolaryngology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

For his long time dedication, inspiration, and continued service to Lamplighter, the Lamplighter Alumni Association is proud to award the Lamplighter Spirit Award to Dr. Ludwig Michael.

Living and Learning from Pre-K to Life Stephanie, Nick, and Olivia Rogan - Alumni Class of 2000



Triplets Stephanie, Nick, and Olivia Rogan attended Lamplighter from 1993-2000. Each of the Rogans has found a unique way to express their

love for learning and creativity, which was fostered at Lamplighter.

Stephanie Rogan attends the University of Pennsylvania and remembers that her teachers always "believed in me one hundred percent."

Stephanie credits Lamplighter for her self confidence and work ethic.

Stephanie's favorite Lamplighter memories are hootenannies and square dances. She also remembers the feeling of community and the friendly and loving atmosphere. When Stephanie returns to Lamplighter to visit, she is always pleasantly surprised when her former teachers remember her name.

After graduating from Greenhill, Nick chose to take a gap year devoted to travel and work. This spring he will sail from Thailand to Greece as part of a semester at sea program. Nick believes that his classes on Greek mythology at Lamplighter are the reason he has always wanted to go to Greece. After finishing his semester at sea he will attend Harvard University and plans to study math. Nicholas has fond memories of Lamplighter. "This school is the reason I love to read.

Lamplighter made reading fun and my teachers encouraged me to read things that interested me," remembers Nick. His favorite Lamplighter memories are the opera, graduation, and carnival.

Olivia says that, "Lamplighter always encouraged me to formulate strong opinions and to be vocal about sharing them." Olivia is currently attending Yale University, where she is studying in the Ethics, Politics, and Economics Program. She is part of the Yale Debate Association and is helping start a non-profit college counseling program called Ready Set Launch, which serves low income high school students in the New Haven area. As for her days at Lamplighter, Olivia remembers writing and performing in the opera, participating in Lamplighter Layers, and weaving on the loom.

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60's



Lamplighter Founders Natalie Murray and Sandy Swain stand with Andy '68, Susan, and Carmen Michael in front of Lamplighter's new campus in July of 1969. – Photo courtesy of Dr. Ludwig Michael

70's

Salah Boukadoum '77, owner of Audacity of Soap, created an Obama soap featuring an image of the president-elect. The company donates a portion of each sale to the Yellow Ribbon Fund, a charity that provides assistance to families of injured U.S. military personnel.

Melissa Gail Watt '76 and her 11-year-old daughter live in Boca Raton, FL. Melissa teaches art at her daughter's school, Pinecrest. She is also a painter and currently exhibits her artwork in Boca Raton.

Hilary Jenkins '78 is currently living in Dallas and is a concierge at The

Mansion on Turtle Creek. Hilary feels that Lamplighter continues to influence her throughout her life. The teacher that impacted her the most was Mrs. Tomlin, who taught her how to escape to other worlds through literature. One of her favorite Lamplighter memories is performing in the French play.



80's

Jennifer Bryan '80 lives in Kansas City. She plays the violin for ProMusica. Jennifer was in Dallas in October 2008 playing in a concert at the First United Methodist Church.

Ted Nurre '80 and his wife have a new baby boy. Michael Theodore Nurre, III (Trace) was born November 11, 2008. He joins sister Tessa Elisabeth Nurre.



Jennifer Brekke Albert '81 is currently living in Dallas. She was married in 1994 and has 3 children: Justin (12), Ashleigh (7),

and Jordan (2). Jennifer and her husband, Andrew, own Picasso's Pizza and Grill, which has 3 locations in Dallas.

Ashley Geller '84 gave birth to Griffin Henry Geller Green on March 10, 2009. Ashley recently moved back to Dallas.



Justin Jones '81 is currently living in Southlake, TX.

Royce Poinsett '82 has joined the Austin office of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore where he is a member of the law firm's Legislative and Government Relations section. Previously Royce served as counsel to Texas Governor Rick Perry and then as counsel to Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick. Royce lives in Austin with his wife, Hawley, and their twin baby girls.

Rachel Davidoff Ladin '83 ran in the Boston Marathon on April 20, 2009.

Ashley Miller '87 is a stay-at-home mom with her first child, Caroline. Ashley and her husband, Chris, live in the Lakewood area of Dallas. She graduated from Texas Christian University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Erin Jones Rudsenske '87 lives in San Francisco with her husband, Wes, and sons Logan and Miles.

Courtney Jones Johnson '89 and Brian Johnson had their first

baby, Peyton Olivia, on January 28, 2008. Courtney and her family recently moved back to Dallas. She is enjoying her new role as a stay-at-home mom. Her husband, Brian, works for a private equity firm in Dallas.

Randall Johnson '89 is currently living in New York City with his wife, Deborah.

Jennifer Kitner Mintz '89 is currently living in New Orleans and is the Digital Education Coordinator at the National World War II Museum.

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Savannah Wright Cobb '90 married Michael John Luther on September 27, 2008 in Maui. Savannah attended Columbia University in New York City and earned her Master's Degree in Religion. They currently live in East Brunswick, NJ.

Carey Chafouleas '94 lives in Lewisville, TX. She is engaged and will be married on October 18, 2009.

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Wes Critcher '01 attends Bishop Lynch High School and will be attending the University of the Ozarks in the fall.

Elizabeth Barnes '02 attends Episcopal School of Dallas. She

attended a writing workshop at Kenyon College this past summer. Elizabeth is a student voice columnist for the Dallas Morning News.

Natalie Jaynes '03 is in the 10th grade at Parish. She plays volleyball with the Nitro Volleyball Club and is on the teen board at the Ronald McDonald House.

Marshall Stone '04 earned his Eagle Scout in November 2008, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. For his Eagle Scout project he built an outdoor chapel at the Town North YMCA.

Megan Sims '06 received the second highest score on the Middle School American Math Competition exam that was held this fall at the Episcopal School of Dallas. This spring Megan participated in the state Middle School Math and Science competition, placing 5th in number sense, 7th in general math, and 7th in science. Megan's poem *Night Walk* was selected as a finalist in the Dallas Public Library Poetry Competition and published in their annual book *Express Yourself!* She received a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement on the National Latin Exam and won the Mythology Bee at Episcopal School of Dallas. Megan was also chosen to participate in a Gifted Girls' Conference at Southern Methodist University.

Coleman Walker '07 lives in Ft. Worth and is attending Ft. Worth Country Day School.

Charles Adams '08 is now living in England with his family.

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2nd Annual Lamplighter Alumni Phonathon

On February 5, 2009 seven Lamplighter alumni participated in the 2nd Annual Lamplighter Alumni Phonathon held in the Office of Advancement, connecting with old Lamplighter friends in a fun evening of camaraderie. The phonathon helped raise funds for the Alumni Faculty Salary Support Endowed Fund which helps support competitive compensation for our wonderful faculty.



College Care Packages Tradition Continues

In early January the Advancement Office mailed care packages to 50 Lamplighter Class of 2001 alums who are currently freshmen in college. The care packages contain Lamplighter goodies, candy, popcorn, hot chocolate, gum, and other special treats.





A record 750 grandparents and special friends filled the school to visit their young loved ones for Grandest Friends' Day 2009. After being treated to refreshments and a musical performance, guests visited classrooms. Students happily shared their computer projects, books, and journals with their friends. Many grandparents took the time to view the newly blooming gardens and say hello to the school's cow, goat, pig, and chickens. A few of those feeling young at heart took a spin on the zipline or tried their hand on the see-saw.

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