

# PROVIDENCE ACADEMY NEWS

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## Spring 2008

### From the Principal's Corner

As we look back on the calendar it's hard to believe that August 20, 2007 started a brand new year for PA. Our students adapted quickly to their new surroundings and routines, formed friendships and began a year of intensive learning. Our small student - teacher ratio has allowed each individual to receive instruction designed to their learning style; this is something we take much pride in. No one can slip "through the cracks" unnoticed.

The primary reason our students have made so many gains thus far is the result of our



Thanksgiving Feast 2007

dedicated and extremely organized staff. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work in many schools but rarely do I cross paths with two professionals in one class as organized and structured as Mrs. Reekie and Miss Megan! Their experience and expertise is truly a gift to our students and stands for all that we strive for here at Providence Academy.

I'd like to take this moment to thank them, our parents, our board and all of the professionals that make us who we are.

### Learning is Fun

Through out the year events are celebrated. Just as families have traditions, we have adopted a few here at school. In October, we welcomed the Fall season and it's fun by carving pumpkins. Of course the carving part was performed by the adults but all the design and cleaning of the slimmy seeds was done by our students. The seeds were then cooked and some of tried them for the first time...yummy.

In November we enjoyed our Thanksgiving Feast outside much like the first Thanksgiving was shared. Our students designed their Native American attire, parents and staff shared their culinary talents and we all enjoyed a variety of treats.

December is always an active month for all. Mrs. Reekie and Miss Megan hosted an active "snowed in day". Yes, we were snowed in, in Florida! All the traditional activities like decorating cookies, reading stories, doing crafts and even making snow in our sunny back yard filled our day. Parents and Grand-parents shared their time to come in and do all these wonderful activities.



## Karate!

There is no doubt that Physical Education is the highlight of the day for our students! Each day we have the unique opportunity to attend Central Florida Championship Karate studio where we receive private group instruction. Since September we have seen confidence soar, techniques mastered and motivation increase. Our "white belts" became "yellow belts" then progressed quickly to the next level.

Not only do our students benefit physically, they also learn discipline, respect and enhance their memory skills. We sincerely appreciate and thank our talented Sensei's.



## Yoga!

Every other Monday, techniques in Yoga are taught, it's a much calmer class, but still quite a workout.

## Fun Friday!

Every Friday is "Fun Friday". We have Pizza for lunch and time for group game activities in the afternoon. It's always a good time to build cooperation and social skills.

## Fundraising

From Golf Tournaments to a celebration of Chinese New Year, Providence Academy will hold fundraisers throughout the year. Tell a friend and enjoy the events.