

## FROM THE HEAD TEACHER'S DESK!

*Dear Parents,*

*The children in Years 3 & 6 are preparing for the Bahamian GLAT exam that they will sit during the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May. The IOWA Standardized tests have arrived and we look forward to administering them during the 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All students in Years 1-6 will be sitting these examinations and will be tested in the core subjects only. There will be an information booklet for parents coming home shortly explaining how you can help at home to prepare your child. You may also like to check out more information regarding the IOWA tests by going to [www.riverpub.com](http://www.riverpub.com) and clicking on the IOWA link.*

*We know that examinations can be a stressful time for all involved, including the parents. We aim to ensure that we are here to offer help where needed and assist you with any concerns or queries you may have.*

*I am in the process of finalizing the school calendar for our next academic year. This will be posted on our website ASAP as I know some of you are eager to start making travel plans for next year.*

*Thank you for your support and praise as we continue striving to provide the best possible experiences for your child, both academically and socially.*

*Lisa Goudie  
Head Teacher*

School closes on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at  
12:00 noon  
for Easter Holiday

## Swimming



Swimming will resume for all classes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please be reminded that girls are to wear navy blue Speedo style swim suits and boys are to wear navy blue swim trunks. Children with hair longer than ear-length are required to wear a swim cap. Junior school children are to come to school dressed in sport kits with swimwear, towel and flip flops packed. Children will not be allowed to participate in swimming unless they are properly attired.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 3rd**  
*Dollars for Duds.*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*School closes for Easter Break 12:00 noon*

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*School Opens swimming begins!*

## Photos

*We hope you have all received your child's school photograph by now. Big thanks to photographer Craig Adderley who has once again, captured our children beautifully. If you would like to order more copies of your child's class or individual photos please bring in a copy of the picture with details of size and quantities on the back and hand them in to the Welcome Center by Thursday 2nd April.*

## E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival

During the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> our students in Rising 4s and higher participated in The E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival. I wish to acknowledge and congratulate those students on representing The Meridian School with dignity and poise.

**Latajha Beneby** - Rising 4s (Solo Singing)

**Mia Brown** - Rising 4s (Drama)

**Katelyn Callender** - Rising 4s (Drama)

**Kellan Rahming** - Rising 4s (Drama)

**Asia King** - Rising 5s (Solo Singing)

**Rising 4s** (Drama)

**Rising 5s** (unison Singing)

**Years 1-3** (Bahamian Singing 8 and under)

**Years 3-6** (Gospel or Anthem Singing & Bahamian Singing 12 and under).

We have not yet received final results and will publish same when available

### BOOK FAIR THANKS

A special thanks to all of you that came and supported our book fair. A total of \$280.00 was raised for our school which will be used to purchase new books

We are still waiting for National Insurance numbers for some of our Grade 3 & 6 students. We need these to process papers for their GLAT exams next month. Please hand them into the Welcome Center A.S.A.P.

## Dance Dance



Dance the afternoons away in the music room at Meridian School. Now there are opportunities for ages 2 - 12 years old!

**Wednesdays 3:50 - 4:45**  
Age 4 - 6 year olds  
with DGR Dance school  
\$150/Ten weeks

**Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm**  
ages 7 - 12 year olds  
With National Dance School.  
\$150/Ten weeks

**Wednesdays 3:15 - 3:45**  
age 2-3 year olds  
with DGR Dance school  
\$100/Ten weeks

For more information come along to the respective class and talk with the teachers concerned.



## New Menu

Please visit the Welcome Centre after the Easter Holiday for a copy of the new menu for third term. Remember, you will be required to complete new lunch orders for your children.

## PTA

The PTA will hold a Chat & Chill on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the music room. We will discuss the upcoming International Family Fun Day. Babysitting will be provided.


## Kennedy Center Trip

We will be visiting Orlando and The Kennedy Space Center in June. Children ages 8 and higher are eligible to attend. The cost of the four day, three night adventure is \$750.00 inclusive. If you are interested, please collect additional information at the Welcome Centre. Deadline for applications is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



## Summer Camp 2009

Calling all future Scientists, Engineers and Physicians!!  
Summer camp 2009 is all about science!!  
5 weeks of experiments, gadgets, exploration and more  
\*Featuring material and themes from Nasa Educational Services  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>  
\$50 req. fee \$150/wk \$650 Month



## Where are Meridian students going?

As our school grows and more children begin to matriculate into larger schools, we are often asked about our students rate of success when applying to high school. This year there are 10 children in our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Below is a list of our students and the examinations in which they were successful. We are so proud of these children as they have all worked extremely hard and will represent us well!

Andre'	St. Andrew's School - Boca Raton, Florida
Demitrius	Kingsway Academy
Emily	Tambearley School
Greganique	Queen's College & St. Augustine's College
Lyndrea	St. Augustine's College
Noah	Aquinas College & St. Augustine's College
Sienna	St. Andrew's School
Thema	Lyford Cay International School
Tyler	Lyford Cay International School
Wallicia	St. Andrew's School

# SWIM BABIES SWIM

They're  
Back!!!!

BABY & YOUNG CHILD SURVIVAL SWIMMING  
LESSONS AT THE MERIDIAN SCHOOL



ages 6 months to 5 years

**"Does your child have the necessary skills to survive an accidental fall into any body of water?"**

**We gently and safely teach aquatic survival skills & swimming to babies and young children.**

## Babies 6-12 Months

Babies 6-12 months learn how to hold their breath, come to the surface of the water and go onto their back to float and rest.

Your baby will learn how to reach this position through many repetitions and gentle placements into the water. The lessons are private in that the instructor works exclusively with your child during their lesson. It will take approximately 5-6 weeks to accomplish these skills.

## Babies & Young Children 13 Months - 5 Years

Babies and young children 13 months through children 5 years of age learn how to hold their breath, open their eyes, come to the surface of the water, and to either turn or swim back toward the safety from which they fell. If they sense the need for air, they learn how to lift their head to breathe or how to go onto their back and float face up, thus allowing them to rest. They can hold this resting position until they are ready to turn back over onto their tummy to continue swimming to an edge or to go back onto their back to rest.

Skills are taught through many repetitions and gentle presentations into the water. The lessons are private in that the instructor works exclusively with your child during their lesson. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks to accomplish these skills.

## Refresher Lessons

Retention of skills varies from child to child, therefore, refresher lessons are recommended for the first few years until these skills are stabilized. It takes approximately 3-4 weeks to refresh these skills.

## Certified Instructors

These lessons are brought to you by Jann & TJ Holub, certified Infant Survival Swimming Instructors, involved in aquatics for over 30 years each and specializing in baby and young child survival swimming.

## Course Details

Lessons are five days per week, Monday thru Friday, for up to 10 minutes per day.

Lesson Locations: The Meridan School @ Unicorn Village and Lyford Cay School.

Cost: \$85 per week. One time registration fee for new students \$35

Information [www.swimbabiesswim.com](http://www.swimbabiesswim.com) and for reservations contact [swimbabiesswim@gmail.com](mailto:swimbabiesswim@gmail.com)

**"This course not only teaches children life-saving survival skills but also enables them to learn to swim at a very young age, therefore, giving them confidence in the water for the rest of their life."**

**"We've never forgotten that swimming is fun, we want them to remember that too!"**