

Planting Multicultural SEEDs at Nichols School

by Heather Jenkins Fix '90, Diversity & Community Coordinator

It is my great pleasure to introduce a new program that is being implemented as part of efforts in the area of diversity and equity. The National SEED Project on Inclusive Curriculum has been assisting schools in the U.S. and abroad in order to create experiential, multicultural professional development opportunities. SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) was created by Dr. Peggy McIntosh, Dr. Brenda Flyswith-hawks, and Ms. Emily Style to promote gender equity and multicultural professional development in public and private schools. I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to spend eight days in July at the National SEED Project on Inclusive Curriculum's 2005 New Leaders' Workshop.

The philosophy of the SEED program is based upon faculty-centered professional development to encourage the integration of multicultural education into the general school curriculum. Via monthly seminars, designed to foster collegial interaction,

the acquisition of new and diverse forms of knowledge, and the tools to integrate multiculturalism into classroom practices and general school life, Nichols faculty/staff volunteers will learn this process of personal and professional self-discovery.

Basically, SEED is a book club; however, it is rather intense regarding the content, curriculum, and methodology. We will be reading one book per month as selected by the National SEED Project. At our monthly meetings, we will discuss these materials with one another, while engaging in self and group-discovery through interactive, experiential learning activities.

I will provide updates on our SEED work for the community as it is my hope that this is the first of many multicultural SEEDs to be planted at Nichols. If you have questions about the SEED program or what's on tap regarding diversity at Nichols this year, please contact me (extension 358 or by email: hjenkins@nicholsschool.org.)

Nichols Community Aids Hurricane Relief Efforts

At the all-School meeting on September 12 held around the flagpole, Headmaster Rick Bryan detailed Nichols' commitment to helping the needy. Then, Hurricane Katrina was fresh on our minds. The School is currently accepting cash donations from the Nichols community to assist those affected by Katrina and now, Hurricane Rita. For every four dollars raised, Nichols will match with a dollar. Tuesday, September 27 was an All-School "dress down day". Students contributed a minimum \$2 in advisory in exchange for a waiver of the dress code. Additionally, Nichols will not serve desserts in the dining hall for three weeks, adding that savings to the fund. All proceeds from the US Homecoming dance also will be donated, in addition to a percentage of the sales from the bookstore and campus vending machines. If you have been waiting to make a personal contribution to relief efforts, please mail a check to "Nichols School – Hurricane Relief Fund" in care of the Development Office. Funds raised will be allocated to the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bryan also stressed Nichols' steadfast commitment to fighting poverty and hunger locally. Monika Nagy, Nichols' community service coordinator, said that there will be optional opportunities for students to take part in community service projects on Professional Day (October 13), as well as throughout the year. Nichols will continue to participate in food drives for the Western New York Food Bank and will work with other schools in the area to reach out to the people most in need in Buffalo.

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Parents' Association

Parent Coffees

Early morning, informal gatherings of parents by grade level. An opportunity to meet other parents in your child's grade and discuss issues pertaining to the particular age and grade. All Parent Coffees are held at 7:45 AM in the Mitchell Hall Conference Room. October meetings are:

6th Grade	Monday – October 3
10th Grade	Thursday – October 6
7th Grade	Tuesday – October 18
11th Grade	Thursday – October 20
8th Grade	Tuesday – October 25
12th Grade	Thursday – October 27

Parents' Association General Meetings

The Parents' Association meetings are held in the Rand Dining Room, Mitchell Hall, at 4 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Monday, November 7
- Monday, January 9
- Monday, March 6
- Monday, May 8

For information, contact: Linda Fox,
Director of Parent Relations and Special Events,
716-876-3450 (lfox@nicholsschool.org)

Admissions Office News

Since fifth and ninth grades were closed early last year, we are encouraging our current families who have children interested in attending Nichols to begin the admissions process as soon as possible. Applications for admission and tuition assistance paperwork may be obtained by calling the Admissions Office at 332-6325.

“SEE US IN ACTION” programs for parents wishing to sit in on classes will be held from 8:30-10:30 AM on the following days:

Upper School:

- Thursday, Oct. 6
- Thursday, Oct. 27
- Tuesday, Nov. 15
- Thursday, Jan. 5

In addition, a special “See Us in Action” session will be offered for

our current eighth grade families on Tuesday, December 13.

Middle School:

- Tuesday, Jan. 17
- Thursday, Feb. 16
- Thursday, Mar. 16

The MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is set for Sunday, January 29, from 1-3 PM.

ADMISSIONS TESTS will be held from 8:45-11:45 AM on Saturdays, October 22, December 10, January 21, February 25, and Friday, November 11.

Please call the Admissions Office (332-6325) to register for “See Us in Action,” or for one of the admissions tests, or to arrange a student visit.

Nichols Theater at the Fringe!

Late this summer, the Nichols US Theater program traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, where they performed as part of the American High School Theater Festival contingent of the world famous Edinburgh Fringe Festival. With the knowledge that Nichols was one of only 30 American High Schools selected to participate in this international event, our students performed *Hush: An Interview With America* by James Still with admirable skill and pride. As part of a program, consisting of professional and student productions from all parts of the globe, Director Kristen Tripp Kelley and the ensemble could not be more pleased with the positive audience response to the European premiere. A Scottish festival reviewer wrote “Considering it’s a high school production, the standard of this play is excellent.” When Nichols students were not performing *Hush*, they enjoyed watching plays in every language and genre imaginable, and exploring the unforgettable city of Edinburgh, as well as the breathtaking landscape of the Scottish highlands. It was an added pleasure to have several Nichols families in Edinburgh to cheer the troupe on. The cast and crew wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the Nichols community for the support given to this project over the past year.

Participants included: Kristen Tripp Kelley (Director); Ray Kelley, Kevin Costa, Renee Klein-Costa (chaperones); students John Barlog, Mike Angelakos, Brian Arnold, Torre Franz, Lulu Vera, Dan Wiedenhaupt, Brooke McAdam, Dan McAdam, Paul Salamon, Liz Vogel, Nora Williams, Max Yellen, Ben Sorgi, Drew Keim, Brian Moreland, Lexie Hare, Aayush Chandan



US Fall Play
“Metamorphoses” by Mary Zimmerman
A fresh look at the writings of Ovid
November 10-12, 7pm
Glenn and Awdry Flickinger Center
\$5

College Connection

2005-06 STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

PSAT: Juniors and Sophomores

October 12, 8 AM

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) will be given to all juniors on Wednesday, October 12 from 8-11 AM. The PSAT is a practice run for the SAT and is generally the first step in the college admissions process. The junior year PSAT score also is used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Competition, a national scholarship based on academic merit and the PSAT score. Pre-enrollment for the test will take place during a Form Meeting.

As well, we will be pre-enrolling and administering a Practice PSAT (PPSAT) to the sophomore class to help them become familiar with standardized testing in the areas of math, critical reasoning, and writing skills. We hope the practice test and then the supplied answers will be helpful in anticipation of next year's PSAT/NMSQT.

The cost for both tests is \$12 and will be billed to each student's account. Look for detailed information in a future school mailing. Should you have questions or think you may qualify for a fee waiver, please contact college counselors Jim Kramer or Chris Writer or your child's dean.

SAT I and II Test Dates:

October 8	(Stand-by only; see college office)
November 5	(late fee deadline: Oct. 12)
December 3	(deadline: Oct. 28)
January 28	(deadline: Dec. 22)
April 1	(SAT I only -- deadline: Feb. 24, not held at Nichols)
May 6	(deadline: Apr. 3)
June 3	(deadline: Apr. 28)

Nichols School Code: 331-080

Nichols Test Center Code: 33-276

ACT Test Dates

(Nichols is not a test center):

October 22	(Stand-by only; see college office)
December 10	(deadline: Nov. 4)
April 8	(deadline: Mar. 3)
June 10	(deadline: May 5)

Mark Your Calendars!

The second annual National College Fair will be held at the Buffalo Convention Center on March 21-22. Nichols' juniors will be bused to the fair on the morning of March 21. Families are encouraged to attend the evening program also on March 21.

SENIOR PARENT NEWS

The college search year began on September 12 with the College Information Night. Our thanks to John Young, Director of Admission at Hobart-William Smith Colleges and Stan Zatkowski, Senior Assoc. Director of Admission at Boston College, who led us through the admission process.

College Representative Visits

The college office is a busy place this time of year. Not only are we talking with seniors and their parents, but also with college admissions representatives who are visiting Nichols. We expect more than 50 colleges to schedule visits this fall; they provide a personal introduction to learn about a variety of campuses. Seniors may be excused from class if they have submitted a permission form in advance. For an up-to-date list, please check the daily calendar or college office page on the Nichols web site.

Early Procedures Night

October 5, 7 PM, Flickinger Center

If your senior is contemplating applying to college as an Early Decision (binding) or Early Action (non-binding) applicant, or will be applying to a rolling application school (decisions are made as applications are received), this program will help explain deadlines, procedures, recommendations, and pros and cons.

Seniors only:

Early Procedures Workshop

October 6, 2:55-3:30 PM, Junior/Senior Area

(For students who could not attend evening program)

Regular Procedures Workshop

November 8, 2:55-3:40 PM, Junior/Senior Area

(All seniors who need help with regular decision applications)

Parent Appointments

Senior parents, please call your child's college counselor to set-up an appointment to discuss your senior's college search. We've spoken with many parents, but would like to include all senior parents. We also are having on-going discussions with seniors about their plans.

Jim Kramer (ext. 215)

Chris Writer (ext. 219)

Verdian Dates:

October 1—Senior portraits due

October 15—Senior pages due

November 1—Senior ads due

\$75 for 1/4 page, \$150 for 1/2 page

\$300 for a full page.

Contact by e-mail: rmontesano@nicholsschool.org



Middle School News



"Books and Bagels"

MS Parent Book Club

•Tuesday, November 15, 8:15-9:30 AM
What It Takes to Pull Me Through: Why Teenagers Get In Trouble and How Four of Them Got Out, by David L. Marcus

•Tuesday, February 28, 8:15-9:30 AM
The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century, by Thomas L. Friedman

•Tuesday, May 2, 8:15-9:30 AM
Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder, by Richard Louv

MS Arts

Note Change:

The MS Holiday Concert has been changed from Thurs., December. 15 to **Wed., December 14** (6:15 PM reception, 7:00 PM concert).

2005-06 Drama Season

•November 1 at 9:50 AM
Asian Theatre Acting Styles Exhibition
Performed by the 1st term 8th Grade Drama Class

•November 2 at 9:50 AM
The Odyssey, a farcical adaptation of Homer's epic
Performed by the 1st term 7th Grade Drama Class

•January 12 at 9:50 AM
Masks and Puppets Exhibition
Performed by the 2nd term 8th Grade Drama Class

•January 13 at 9:50 AM
Seagirl, a Chinese story
Performed by the 2nd term 7th Grade Drama Class

•March 15 at 9:50 AM
Wiley and the Hairy Man, a story from the bayou
Performed by the 3rd term 7th Grade Drama Class

•March 17 at 9:50 AM and 5:00 PM
The Man That Corrupted

Hadleyburg, an adaptation of a Mark Twain story
Performed by the 3rd term 8th Grade Drama Class

•May 25 at 9:50 AM
The Atomic Adventures of Nikolai Nikolaevich, a satire with a Russian storyteller
Performed by the 4th term 7th Grade Drama Class

June 2 at 9:30 AM
Mini-Medieval Mysteries, Miracles, and Moralities
Written and performed by the 5th Grade Class for the Reunion Class of 1956

Character Corner

by Wendy Amato (x122)

Welcome back to the school year! There are many exciting things happening with the MS Character Education Program. The continuing SecondStep classes that your children participate in will begin soon; look for future information. One of the newest programs being implemented is the "Parent-Child Book Club," (not to be confused with the parent book club that John Munro sponsors). The Parent-Child Book Club will meet three times during the year. A book will be chosen for each meeting. It is hoped that both parent and child

read the book, and come to the book club meeting to discuss it. The meetings are 3:30-4:30 PM on November 16
January 18
March 22
More information about this program is forthcoming. The MS Parent Chats last year were a success and we are continuing them this year! The Parent Chats are a time for MS parents to discuss common concerns. Meeting dates are:
November 30- Stress Management
February 8-Peer Pressure/ Relationships
May 4-Ethics/Morals

The MS Parents' Committee on Character Education has been busy collecting school supplies. Thank you to all of you who have contributed -- we have over two blue bins full of supplies! On September 26, parents met at the Middle School to sort the school supplies and take them to both the Child Advocacy Center and Gateway-Longview. They also toured these agencies.

As always, I look forward to working with you and your children. Do not hesitate to call me with questions!

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale

Have you missed the annual wrapping paper sale? You can order on-line at www.innisbrook.com. Please be sure to use the Nichols School number 118510. The School receives 50% of all orders; the funds are used to enhance our technology program. Thank you for your support.



Salutes

National Merit Scholars

Nichols is proud to announce our nineteen 2006 National Merit Scholars in the senior class:

• Commended Students (top 5% and 202 or higher on Selection Index):

Ali Best, Dan Collins, Danika Conolly, Willie Edge, Hanna Gisel, Ankit Kansal, Jina Kim, Andrew Lepore, Christy Lundquist, David Montani, Steve Ruotsi, Ashley Takacs

• Semifinalists (representing less than 1% of each state's high school seniors, Semifinalists are the highest-scoring National Merit program entrants and are the only participants who may advance in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring):

Kiran Bojedla, Courtney Douds, David Farhi, Malcolm Kim, David Plotkin, Divya Samuel, Dan Wiedenhaupt.

• This summer, **Lourdes Vera '08** was the stage manager for A.R. Gurney's '47 play, *The Dining Room*, at Colloquial Theater, a local student-run company.

• **Geoff Abrahams '08** is the only WNY roller hockey player in his age group selected for Team New York. In August, Team New York won the national AAA roller hockey championship. Earlier, Geoff's local

roller hockey team, The Buffalo Wings, won the TORHS national championship.

• Since July, fencer **Eileen McIver '07**, who trains at the Fencing Center of Buffalo, has won a 7th place medal at Pomme de Terre held in Boston, a third place medal at the New York State championships in Rochester, a second place medal at the Empire State games in New Paltz, and a second place medal at the Ryerson Invitational in Toronto.



• US Mathematics chairperson, **Amanda Simmons**, was a presenter at the University of New Orleans Math Conference and the 22nd annual Anja S. Greer Conference on Secondary School Mathematics, Science and Technology held at Phillips Exeter Academy. Both are prestigious international conferences.

• **John Munro**, Middle School Head, has received an NAIS/ Edward E. Ford

Fellowship for Aspiring Heads for the 2005-06 academic year. Through intensive programming, mentoring, and specialized projects, NAIS/E.E. Ford Fellows develop their leadership capacities and learn about the major issues facing independent schools.

• **Josh Ring** (US science) has been studying the science of Green Buildings and earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accreditation (August 2005).

• Nominated by People, Inc., food service director **Mark Shaffer** received the 2005 Certificate Award by the New York State Rehabilitation Association at NYSRA's annual conference (September 26-28) in Albany.

• Facilities Director **Skip Bossinger** and his son were in Mobile, AL assisting with relocation efforts after Hurricane Katrina. He hopes to return in October to volunteer his expertise preparing 30 train barges, pushed by tugboat, leaving Mobile

with needed supplies for New Orleans and harder hit areas.

• **Corinne Damerou-Best** worked on a new repertoire of songs inspired by and including her children, **Ryan '11** and **Ali '06**.

• **Ann Newall** ran Nichols' Summerquest program, prepared for this year's Band program, and will start her Masters thesis this fall.

• **Kate Olena** performed Molly Bloom from James Joyce's "Ulysses" in Irish Classical Theatre's Bloomsday Celebration, and she became a member of Alleyway Theatre's resident company.

• **Kerry Ring** produced her beautiful baby, Claire, and still had the energy to teach for Dance Masters of America, an organization that trains dance teachers.

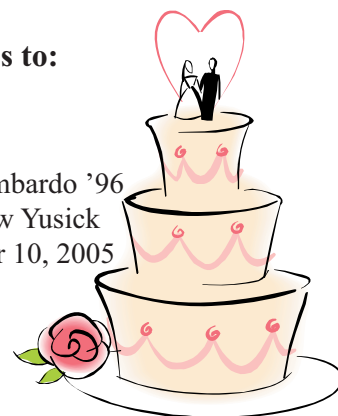
• **Carol Vacanti** attended "Art Practice Intensive," a series of workshops in painting, design techniques, educational philosophy, and reflection. Her works graced the walls of Regan Hall in the first week of school.

Wedding Congratulations to:

Heather Jenkins '90
to Jamie L. Fix
July 29, 2005

Aranya Maritime
to Gillian Brown
July 8, 2005

Laura Lombardo '96
to Matthew Yusick
September 10, 2005



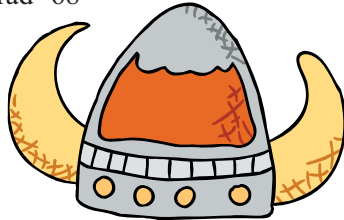
Viking Sports

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Kicking off the Homecoming weekend (September 30-October 1), eight alumni were inducted into the Nichols Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 30.

Congratulations to:

Robert Gregory "Greg" Conrad '68
Brian E. Gasuik '83
John W. Henrich '59
John J. Johnson '77
Risa Williams McMillan '81
John P. Meegan '77
Allen Short '43
George B. Truscott '55



In addition, Bob Guldner, Facilities Department, was presented with the Athletic Service Award for his 35 years at Nichols.

Fall Teams Adapt to MML

Nichols has become a member of the Msgr. Martin League once again. For the football team, it is status quo since they have been a member of their small school division for a number of years. For the cross country teams, however, the change has meant a beefed up schedule with more contests. The girls varsity volleyball team, which has been improving each year, has catapulted over the .500 mark. The soccer teams, who play against both large and small school divisions in the Catholic association, are finding increased competition against the large schools. Our boys golf team, known for its undefeated seasons, has found some tougher competition in the MML and is working to overcome two early losses. As MML members, these teams have the opportunity to earn league championships and All-League recognition, and to advance to the state championships through the Catholic association.

Girls tennis, however, remains an independent as the MML plays in the spring. As well, field hockey has continued its affiliation in the Canadian Independent School league where the competition and travel have their own demands. The changes in league affiliations over the past five years have not been without downsides, but the reasons for entering the MML are to provide more equitable competition across sports and to reduce the travel time and costs for our teams.

FALL VARSITY SPORTS ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
(TIME TO BE ARRANGED)

The Big Green Athletic Dinner and Auction

Wednesday, November 9

Save the date for a fun evening while raising money for the Athletic Department. Invitations will be mailed soon and Nichols is looking for donations of sports tickets or memorabilia, wine, or anything you might want to donate for the Big Green Auction. To make a donation or if you have any questions, contact Linda Fox in the Development Office at lfox@nicholsschool.org or 876-3450. The Big Green Chairs are Suzanne Arthur and Vicki Via.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Family Skate Nights

Friday, November 18

Friday, January 20

Friday, February 24

Nichols Ski Days:

Monday, January 16 – at Kissing Bridge

Monday, February 20 – at Holimont

Wish List:

Physical Education is in need of equipment in good condition:

- Softball and Baseball gloves
- Tennis and Badminton rackets in good repair
- Boys and Girls Lacrosse sticks
- #4 or #5 Soccer balls

Women's D-I Ice Hockey Showcase

See Nichols alumnae play again on their "home" ice:

Saturday, October 29

12 PM-U. Vermont vs Niagara U.

3 PM-Boston C. vs Princeton

Sunday, October 30

12 PM-Princeton vs U. Vermont

3 PM-Niagara U. vs Boston C.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Rosh Hashana Chicken Patty on a bun Available with lettuce & tomato Sliced cheese Au gratin potato	4 Beef Raviolis in red sauce Mixed vegetables Rolls, Salad bar	5 Beef Goulash in red sauce, rolls salad bar Vegetable Du jour Grated Cheese	6 Chicken Tenders Roasted red potatoes Mixed vegetables	7 Hot Dogs Mac & Cheese Chili, Sauerkraut Chopped Onions
10 Columbus Day SCHOOL CLOSED FALL WEEKEND	11 Hamburger on a bun Or vegetable patty French fries Lettuce, tomato & Cheese Pudding w/topping	12 Yom Kippur Pierogies Vegetables, rolls Gravy, sautéed Onions, mushrooms Fruit crisp w/topping	13 Professionals Day	14 Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni Vegetable, Meat Lovers Salad Bar Popsicles
17 Chicken Nuggets Baked potato Veggies Salad bar Marble cake	18 Herb roasted Chicken, mash Potatoes w/gravy Corn, rolls Mandarin orange cake Enter Text Here	19 Beef Shepherds pie Rolls Salad bar Mixed vegetables Lemon Bars	20 Hot ham & cheese omelette bun Roasted red potatoes Corn on the cob Salad bar Apple crisp with w topping	21 Brunch Lunch French toast Sausage Potato pancakes Fruit Ice cream bars
24 Chicken Patty Sandwich Au gratin Potatoes Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Oreo cake	25 Pepperoni hot pockets Mixed vegetables Pasta salad Salad bar Lemon Cake Enter Text Here	26 Pork rib patty sandwich Baked potatoes Coleslaw Baked beans Roasted vegetables Jell-O Cake	27 Meatballs in red sauce & served on a sub roll Coleslaw Grilled Vegetables Chocolate Chip cake	28 Grilled cheese sandwich Potato salad Chips Vegetables Mango buddies
31 Halloween Mexican Chimichanga Pollo con queso Rice, beans Guacamole Dessert				

A La Carte

Daily selections include:
 Soup station
 Salad bar, 26 random items
 Deli meats
 Tuna salad
 Plain tuna
 Sliced breads
 Peanut butter & jelly
 Granola
 Milk: skim, 2%, whole
 Chocolate
 Juice dispenser
 Bananas
 Apples
 Oranges

New items

Apple and orange
 Juice will now be
 available in the milk
 cooler

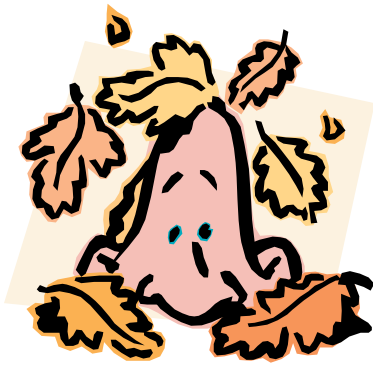




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October 10 - School Closed
Columbus Day

October 13 -- No Classes
Professional Day

November 11 -- No Classes
Veterans' Day
US Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Making Connections and Making a Difference at Nichols

Bev and Mike Caffery
John '73 and Jane Cox Hettrick '78
2005-06 Annual Fund Parents' Division Co Chairmen

are pleased to announce that
the 2005-06 Parents' Division will kick off this year's drive
with a continental breakfast
on November 1 at 8 AM in the Conference Room, Mitchell Hall.

Enjoy good company and delicious treats while supporting our
Nichols students.

If you would like to help, please contact Bev, Mike, Jane, John,
or Joyce Angert in the Development Office at 876-3450.

Your participation makes the difference.
We can't do it without you!



Library Volunteers
The Upper School Library
is looking for volunteers.
If you would like to help,
contact Heather Glogowski at
hglogowski@nicholsschool.org or
875-8212, ext. 259.

