

Annual Circle of Caring Breakfast set for November 2

The School's sixth annual *Circle of Caring Breakfast* will be held on **Saturday, November 2, from 9-10:30 a.m., at the Oakland Baptist Church Family Life Center.**

All proceeds from this event go to the School's efforts to make a difference in the everyday lives of the children in our School and to assist the wonderful faculty and staff already in place at the School.

We need your help as members of The Palmetto School family to support this fund raising effort. Tickets are on sale now, at the School or from Board or Breakfast Committee members, for only \$8 each; children 6 and under are free.

Dress casually and drop in anytime between **9-10:30 am** for a quick breakfast before you head out of town for the day, or stay around to visit with friends over another cup of coffee! The children of The Palmetto School will be entertaining us at 9:45 am.

There will also be art items created by the students of the School for sale that morning – so start your holiday shopping early! You can also take a chance on winning a quilted item, a watercolor created by our art teacher Wendy Hope, and a unique clock.

Among early sponsors are these wonderful companies and individuals (*as of press time*):

Gold: Ell Close, Harry & Becca Dalton, Family Trust, Rock Hill Coca-Cola, SC Bank & Trust, Springs Creative, Springs Close Foundation, Williams & Fudge, Inc., Williams & Fudge Employee Fund, Larry & Kathy Wilson

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There are still sponsorship opportunities if you or your company would like to be a part of the School's support team – either give the School a call at 803-328-6555 or use the form on page 3.

You can also order tickets for the Breakfast with the form on page 3.

When we all work together to support these wonderful children, much can be accomplished!



Runners and walkers of all ages wanted on October 12



It's not too late to sign up to walk or run or volunteer at the fourth *Run for Attention* to benefit The Palmetto School. Race day is Saturday, October 12, at Knights' Castle. For the last time, Run participants will have the chance to finish the race by running or walking over Home Plate. It will feature a timed 5k race on the USATF sanctioned course (walkers welcome), as well as a 1 mile walk/run and family fun zone!

Race Day Registration - 7:30AM

Timed 5k Run/Walk Start - 9:00AM

Untimed 1Mile Fun Run/Walk Start - 9:10AM

Please note: Strollers and wheelchairs are permitted. Per Charlotte Knights rules, pets are **not** allowed on the field. Please do **not** bring your pet as you will have to leave them in your car.

Registration on race day is \$30 for ages 10 and under and \$35 for adults and ages 11 and up. Lower prices if registered by October 11.

Go to www.runforattention to register or get more information.

From the Desk of Dr. Wilson



I want you to imagine a child who has come to the Children's Attention Home from a very abusive and violent home and now imagine that you are in the 5th grade and reading on a 2nd grade reading level.

This child was afraid to speak and hated to read just one-on-one with a teacher. This child came to the Palmetto School last year emotionally torn and battered. Once she started with us, her self-confidence began to improve, her reading began to improve and I am very happy to report that she is now reading on grade level and loves school for the first time in her life. She told me "Dr. Wilson thank you so much for creating a school where teachers love me, people want me to learn, and I have never had so much hands-on learning before."

Welcome to a new school year! The student and teachers started the school year off running and learning. We are excited to finally be able to open our middle school classroom again.

Lydia Padgett is our new teacher for our middle school students.

The teachers will be implementing a new reading program (Leveled Literacy Intervention Program) this year. This is a researched-based program that has been proven to improve reading levels for struggling readers. This program is also being implemented in the Rock Hill School District classrooms.

We also have some wonderful ways that you can help the School by attending several fundraising events. Check these events out on page 1.

Also think about being a Classroom Buddy or Office Helper. The teachers need your help and so does the office. Call us at 803-328-6555 to learn more and to complete your paperwork as a volunteer.

New Members of our School Team

Lydia Padgett, Middle School Teacher

I was born in Athens, Georgia and moved with my family to Rock Hill in the early 70's, where I completed my education in the Rock Hill School District. With degrees from Winthrop University in History/Social Sciences and



Education, I worked as Consumer Loan Operations Manager at a bank and as a Paralegal prior to settling on a career as an Educator. In the past, I have taught in the Fairfield, Richland, and Beaufort County School Districts, grades 3-8, with primary focus as a Middle School Science Teacher. A little over five years ago, high school friend Dan Freeman invited me to have lunch at The Palmetto School and gave me a tour of the school and CAH. One hour spent at the School and I was hooked! Shortly thereafter, I began volunteering in the cottages and tutoring students after school. I have also served as Administrative Assistant to Dr. Wilson, and as Mentor to several residents of CAH.

I am very excited to be teaching part time at the Palmetto School this year. My classes include 6-8th grade Language Arts and Science, 3rd and 8th grade S.C. History, and weekly Science Lab for students in the grade K-2 and 3-5 classrooms. I am pleased and honored to be part of the wonderful faculty who make our school a safe, loving, and fun learning environment for our students.

Christine A Miller, Administrative Assistant



As are a lot of people in the South, I am a northern transplant (from Cleveland, Ohio). My husband Mark, and our daughter and son, have been in Rock Hill for 16 years due to a career relocation for Duke Energy. I am still a loyal Buckeye from Ohio State University but we have enjoyed the Clemson/Carolina rivalry since our daughter will graduate this year from Clemson. Our son plays football for Northwestern High School (he will graduate this year too) and we have so enjoyed following the team around the state!

I am so happy to be at The Palmetto School! After eight years at one of the local high schools, this has been a refreshing change. While I did learn a lot through the school district, my one-on-one experiences here with the students have been very special. Dr. Wilson and the staff have made me feel very welcome and are always very helpful. My hope is to make a difference in the School and the lives of children.

A Summer to Remember with Mr. Matt



The summer of 2013 is one that I will never forget. The sport of Track and Field changed my life forever as I was able to experience competing at the highest level against the best of the best in the United States and the world.

My success was initiated by my performance at the United States Outdoor Track and Field Championships this past June where I finished 4th place and missed qualifying for the 2013 USA World Championship Team by 1 spot and .17 of a second.

As a result of finishing 4th in the nation, I was able to compete in July in 5 races in Europe in three different countries: Belgium, Italy and Germany. I was stationed in Leuven, Belgium for 3 weeks and lived with many of the top middle distance athletes from the United States.

In my five races in Europe, I accumulated two first place finishes, two second place finishes and one third place finish. I also ran my personal best time in the 1500 meter run of 3:36.61 which equates to a 3:53 mile ranking me 70th in the world for this event in 2013.

My success on the track has brought much interest from the media not only about my running performances but OUR SCHOOL as well! The Palmetto School has been mentioned or alluded to in *Sports Illustrated*, *Runner's World Magazine*, *The Herald*, *Presbyterian College Alumni Magazine*, *The Sun News*, a phone interview live on *CN2* and several podcasts and interviews on state and national running websites.

The most significant source however, came from a video on www.flotrack.org, the world's premiere running website. This emotional video was recorded minutes after my national championship performance and you must watch to see how much my job as a teacher affects not only my life as a runner, but also who I truly am as a person. The video can be found at this link:

<http://www.flotrack.org/coverage/250797-USA-Outdoor-Track-Field-Championships-2013/video/715050-Matthew-Elliott-Full-Time-Teacher-Gets-4th-at-USAs-Watch-this-Interview>

A summary of other articles and videos of all of my summer adventures can be found at my website: www.mattelliottrunning.com

I cannot thank my Palmetto School family enough for your support and encouragement of my life as a professional athlete. Racing against Olympians and our nation's best has not only challenged me physically, but it has made me so much stronger mentally. My experiences as a runner have given me many unique insights that I am grateful I am able share with my students on a daily basis. There are very few people who get to follow one dream in life. I am blessed enough to be able to follow two dreams: teaching and running. Without my job and the balance in life I currently have—none of my dreams would have ever become the reality I am experiencing today!

Circle of Caring Breakfast Sponsorship Opportunities

In order to be included in all future mailings and promotions, please mail form and check payable to *The Palmetto School at CAH* by September 30.

- _____ **Gold Circle of Caring** (\$2,500 and 12 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Silver Circle of Caring** (\$1,000 and 10 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Bronze Circle of Caring** (\$500 and 8 tickets, name recognition on promotional materials)
- _____ **Table Sponsor** (\$250 and 8 tickets)
- _____ I cannot attend but wish to **sponsor a table** in appreciation of the School and Staff (\$250)
- _____ I cannot attend but wish to **donate** to the School to support the students and honor children in my life.
- _____ I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$8 each [children 6 and under are free].

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

\$ _____ Amount enclosed _____ # of tickets needed _____ Mail tickets _____ Will pick up at event

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