



April 7, 2008

Dear parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you that it has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the Baldwin School PTO President for the past two years. I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. The PTO presidency has been a great experience for me. It has been intensely challenging and incredibly rewarding at the same time. This experience has been a unique gift and I am deeply thankful for the wonderful opportunity. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge a special group of dedicated parent volunteers who helped me run the PTO the past two years. I want to thank the PTO Executive Committee who surrounded me with their 100% support at all times. Without them, I could not have managed, THANK YOU!

Helen Draper Perez has been a fantastic V.P. and Innisbrook Chairperson for the past two years. She was always by my side, and has been an awesome woman to work with. I appreciate all of her special talents!

Mary Nader, our treasurer, stepped up to the plate to take on a huge responsibility half way thru the year and did a great job with a smile on her face!

Nancy Pertierra has been our OECC Coordinator for the past 10 years. She is truly amazing and a joy to work with! She is a huge asset to the Baldwin Community.

Diane Bloodworth, our Homeroom Mother Coordinator, has done a fantastic job leading 55 homeroom mothers for the past two years. Also, Diane was the Family Day Co-Chair this year. She has such a creative energy and is great to work with!

Our Hospitality Chairperson and Family Day Coordinator, Deanne Douglass, is a gem. Dee has gracefully and diligently worked on all of the PTO special projects this year and has done a superb job! We will miss Dee next year.

Yarice Hidalgo was a huge contributor to the PTO newsletters this year. She has incredible creativity and determination to carry out any project successfully. Thank you Yarice!

Asia Casellas has been the Sports Coordinator for several years. She is intensely dedicated and enthusiastic with every sport tournament at Baldwin School. Asia is a great asset to the Baldwin community.

Our MS/US Coordinator, Gisselle Colon has been a big supporter of the PTO this year. She has been a lot of fun to work with!

The staff and faculty at Baldwin School has been a total pleasure to work with the past two years. They are always professional, courteous, and available at any moment to assist the PTO with all of our work. Thank you all!

I want to give a special thanks to the Family Day / International Fiesta volunteer team, they were fantastic! Everyone involved created a uniquely memorable and beautiful evening for the Baldwin community to enjoy. I want to give a special thanks to the two head coordinators, Deanne Douglas and Diane Bloodworth who spent endless hours organizing and creating the International Fiesta this year. Thank you to Carmen Garcia for organizing all of the country tents and their decoration themes; to Lynn Perez-Valle our Beverage Chairperson; and to Jennifer Wallace our Dessert Coordinator.

Also, the activity would not have been a success without all of the country coordinators and their spectacular tent decorations and all creative decorator volunteers. Bill Collazo's special entertainment schedule with our incredibly talented Baldwin music students was outstanding, and of course, a HUGE thank you to our talented chef, Joe Uribe, who cooked for 900 people and served superb dishes!!!! Also, I want to thank Baldwin's finest Student Council, NHS, Baldwin faculty, Baldwin staff, maintenance crew, student and parent volunteers for dedicating their time and energy to our family day activity. It was an amazing activity and a true collaborative effort on many fronts, thank you to all!

I would like to officially congratulate the new incoming PTO president, Lynn Perez-Valle, who will serve for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Lynn has been at Baldwin School for one year and has been extremely active with all PTO activities. She is a highly skilled and organized professional woman who works extremely hard. I know Lynn will be a great asset to the Baldwin community, and I am certain that she will receive volunteer support from all parents! I want to thank the PTO Board Members who have signed on for the coming year; it's going to be a great team next year! I am happy to report that many PTO positions have been filled. Unfortunately, half of the board members are leaving Puerto Rico this summer.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Brandt, who has provided constant support and encouragement to the PTO. We are very fortunate to have such a determined and dedicated Head of School. It has truly been a pleasure and a gift to work with Dr. Brandt!

**PTO Executive Board Members 2008- 2009**

President	Lynn Perez-Valle
Vice President	
Treasurer	Carmen Garcia
Secretary	Diane Bloodworth
OECC Coordinator	Nancy Pertierra
MS/US coordinator	Helen Draper-Perez
Homeroom Mother Coordinator	Marianela Martinez Diaz
Fundraising Chairperson	Carmen Garcia
Hospitality Chairperson	
Family Day Chairperson	
Newsletter Coordinator	Marianne Reyna
Special Events Coordinator (Teacher Wish list, Ex-pat Buddy program, Donuts with Dad, Mallorcias with Mom)	

Please contact me if you are interested in filling any of the above positions. Participating in the PTO is always a great way to get involved, meet new people, and contribute to our precious Baldwin School.

Warmest regards,

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