
Alumni and Friends Newsletter Summer 2021



Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

With the arrival of hot August days, we're seeking out Vermont's best swimming holes and ice cream spots. The weather is also a gentle reminder that our students will soon be making their way to the Hill.

We are hopeful that fall will feel more like a "normal" year at Putney with the return of traditions like Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival: Save the Date

Harvest Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 10, 2021, and we are hoping to make this year's celebration even more festive with a tribute to the Class of 2020!

While we know that there is no replacing the graduation ceremony they missed due to the

pandemic, we plan to parade our guests of honor onto campus as they would have at graduation, with our many Harvest Festival guests providing the proper cheer they deserve.



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Update on the Head of School Search

The search committee and our partners at Storbeck Search have been busy reviewing resumes and speaking with candidates for the Head of School position. Over the next few weeks, we expect to identify 3-4 finalists who will be invited to visit campus in late September/early October to meet in person with members of our community.

Our goal is for the Board of Trustees to announce the new Head of School this Fall who will start July 2022.

[More About the Search](#)

A Look at Graduation 2021

Relive the joy and excitement from this year's graduation celebration.

"Never—ever—get comfortable in the seat of a spectator."—Graduation Speaker



Natasha Byus '88, P'19, '22

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Over the Top

The school's Annual Fund closed out on June 30 having surpassed our \$1.2 million goal by more than \$60,000. Thank you to all of you who gave so generously this year and contributed to that success. The Annual Fund plays an important role in the financial well-being of the school and we are so grateful for the many who choose to participate in supporting the school this way. We are already looking forward to the launch of the 2021-22 Annual Fund and hope you'll join us as a donor in the new school year.



[More About the Annual Fund](#)

Alumni in the News

Rose Keller '20



Rose, currently a sophomore at Bowdoin, and her father Don Kreis are working together fighting for affordable prescription drugs.

"I'm a patient myself, and a patient advocate in the cystic fibrosis (CF) community. There is a clear need for truth and unbiased sharing of knowledge in the patient community sphere."—Rose Keller '20

Read About Rose's Work

Masaki Koga '00; Izumi Mori '01; Jason Whiton '83

By Jason Whiton '83 (faculty 1992-2008)

Many of us in the Putney community were super pleased to see Putney celebrated in a recent TV talk show in Japan, where two of our graduates got a chance to reminisce about their experiences on the hill and about their friendship. Izumi Mori '01 told the panel about going away to boarding school in America, and how Putney's DIY ethos has a big impact on her. Masaki Koga '00 talked about choosing Putney based only on seeing photos in the catalog and arriving without much English. And even though he got confused sometimes, it was really fun, and the environment was wonderful—a school in the mountains with beautiful landscapes, sunrises, sunsets, clean air.



They showed that great photo of Mitsuru Irie '01, me, Masaki, Jo Murakami '03, and Nobue Inamura '00 around the shrine they all collaborated on as a gift for me (It's still outside my old office window between Reynolds and the Art Building!).

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