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Dear Villa Academy,

The final countdown is on for our Palm Beach Get Away! Our auction participants will fill the gym for an evening of fun for the best cause ever – our Villa Academy students. Chrissy Acarregui, Julie Kelly, and a host of hard working volunteers have worked magic for us that evening and we will undoubtedly meet our auction goal! I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 6. Thank you for your spirit of fun, community, and generosity!

Parent Peer Group, Grade Six: On Tuesday, March 16, the Grade Six Parent Peer Group will be gathering. The Villa Parent Association is piloting the Parent Peer Group Program in grades K, 4, 6, & 7 this year to establish a means for school parents, at specific grade levels, to come together a couple of times over the academic year to discuss parenting issues, compare notes and share tips on child rearing and problem solving. Mike Riccio is the Parent Peer facilitator for Grade 6. The meeting will be at 7pm in the Parlor, so please save the date.

Trimester Ending: The conclusion of the second trimester is right around the corner – Friday, March 12. Keep up the good work on the home front by encouraging your student/s. Celebrate small and not so small achievements by focusing on the effort and time that was devoted to a task. Please remember the power our words possess as we seek to motivate and nurture our children. Promote an ethic of growing, improving, trying new things, and getting better bit-by-bit at the things that are challenging.

The educators at Villa Academy recognize the student level factors that pave the way to achieving and learning: 1) A focus in the home on reading, discussing, and valuing learning; 2) Opportunities for multiple and varied experiences outside the home – outings, travel, activities; and 3) Intrinsic motivation to learn, which requires time and effort. We observe these qualities in our students and encourage you to continue to emphasize them. Thank you!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Skinner".

Polly Skinner
Head of School