



THE CANNON

June 2014

Greetings from the President...

The continued support of the alumni community has allowed us to continue on that path of maintaining that connection with Titchfield.

Welcome all to another edition of the ever popular Cannon newsletter. We hope you will enjoy our new column, "Things Remembered" and we invite you to contribute articles for future publication.

The recent Memorial weekend Day Party was a success. We tried a new approach to the weekends' activities, morphing the Portie dance with the Family Fun Day in an effort to ease the workload and maximize the allowable hours. Having done this for the first time we will tweak this event to ensure it becomes a permanent part of our calendar and hoping for continued success.

The main project we undertook at the school for 2014 is well underway. The Document Center is being utilized by students and staff and although in its infancy, it will certainly serve to become a mainstay on the campus. The long-term plan is for it to become self-sufficient, wherein the services offered can extend beyond the campus.

I don't think it can be overstated how important it is for our fundraising efforts to continue in earnest. This allows us the comfort of planning and executing projects for the school, without approaching each need as an emergency.

It is with this, that our Annual Giving Campaign will continue full speed ahead, to ensure that the reserves required to function as an association with viability and relevance be preserved for the long haul. Keep your ears to the phones and your other communication methods well-tuned as our representatives will be reaching out, to simply ask for pledges to maintain our noble cause. **GIVING BACK...STARTS WITH GIVING.**

We hope you enjoy this edition and looking forward to the continued support.

Walk good
PACA

A Note from the Editor...

Hello Titchfieldites:

The Memorial Day Weekend saw us hosting our annual Fund Raising Event to usher in the official start of the Summer Season. This year we broke with tradition from the "Portie Dance" and Sunday Picnic as we held a Day Party on Saturday, May, 24, 2014 aptly titled "General Detention".

It was a wonderful Saturday afternoon that left everyone wanting for more as we look forward to the Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree to be held October 10 through October 12.

We are planning an exciting weekend jam-packed with activities and family fun. This year we will be presenting a Fashion Show as a part of our Formal Dance Evening. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Fashion compliments of Boutique Red, owned and operated by Titchfield past student Michele Roper will be on display during the Dinner portion of the evening for your viewing pleasure.

Do make your travel arrangements early and please reach out to yours truly, your Public Relations Director, should you need assistance with Hotel Reservations.

Truly looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall however, until then, enjoy the beach, travel, and all things mellow that is Summer.

Much love Daahhlings

Theresa A White

SOUTH FLORIDA 2014 EVENTS

OCT 10-12

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

JAMBOREE

FRI NIGHT - MEET & GREET

SAT AM - SOCCER GAME

SAT NITE - DINNER DANCE

SUN - FAMILY FUN DAY

TAATHS 2013 FINANCIALS

Net Income

Portie Dance/Picnic	\$ 3,258
October Weekend	\$ 4,000
Annual Giving	\$ 2,025
Easter Bun Sale	\$ 858
Games Night	\$ 327

Contributions

Soccer Tournament	\$ 150
Fellowship Basic Schl	\$ 200
Food For The Poor	\$ 500
Titch Netball Coach	\$ 500
Titchfield High School	\$12,000

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Supporting Our Alma Mater – South Florida Highlights

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - DAY PARTY – Theresa White

They say "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often" and so in an effort to continue to provide new and exciting ways for us to come together as the "one Titchfield" family that we are, we combined our annual Portie Dance Weekend Extravaganza" into one Day to Night Party an event we called "General Detention". "General Detention" proved to be new, fun and exciting. With TAATHS resident DJ Mark Swaby providing the best in musical entertainment as a backdrop for our dancing pleasure, the Lawns of The Pavilion was indeed transformed into the grounds of Titchfield High School if only for one more day!

It was a jam packed ,family fun day, filled with activities for kids and kids at heart. Old and Familiar staples of TAATHS events such as Mrs Gem Rhod's Kulture Korner and Charles Berbick's Goat Head Soup, ensured that while we revamped the format of the old we stayed true to what you our Alumni Family and ardent supporters have come to expect from us at TAATHS, events that are rich in Titchfield history, expertly and efficiently organized to ensure that while we gather to support our Alma Mater, a great and memorable time is always had by all, yes indeed, " a party with a purpose"!

Our heartfelt thanks to those who travelled long distances to join in the fun of "General Detention", Titchfield alumni community members such , Hugh Perry; Sally Dodd; Michael Haughton and Sharon McTyson. We never take for granted your commitment to our Alma Mater through your support of TAATHS. We look forward to more of the same from each and every one of you that makes up our Alumni Community as we move through the year in anticipation of our Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree! Until then " One Titchfield"!



News From Our Alma Mater

Reported by Principal Richard A. Thompson

Tosa Awards Luncheon

TOSA Kingston Chapter will be host the Annual Awards Luncheon at the Timbamboo Hotel on Thursday June 26, 2014. This year a total of 96 students who excelled in academics while excelling in co-curricular activities will be honored. This represents the 7th staging of the activity and all are anxiously awaiting to see what is in store for this year.

Additional Classrooms

We have finally been successful in our effort to lobby the Ministry of Education to provide much needed additional classroom space at the school. I am happy to report that work has commenced on the building of 6 additional classrooms which are expected to be completed by the new school year in September. These rooms are being built as third floors on blocks G and C.

Scholarship Awards

Our students continue to attract attention and support from universities, at home and abroad. Several of our top students have received full or partial scholarships into these universities. I will give further details on these awards in October at TAATHS's Columbus Day Dinner and Dance.

External and Internal Examinations

We are pleased to report that we have successfully guided another cohort of students in sitting the CSEC and CAPE (external examinations). These exams began in April and ended sometime in June. We anticipate excellent performances from our students, as usual, and a high demand for places at the 6th form level come next school year.

We are currently administering internal examinations for grade 7-10 students. These are progressing smoothly as planned. The school year ends on July 05, 2014.

Documentation Centre

I am personally delighted to report that the Documentation Centre which was sponsored by TAATHS has been a tremendous success up to this point, and has been serving the needs of both our students and teachers. Already we are seeing significant savings and a sustained revenue stream which will be used for maintenance of the equipment. We intend to expand the services offered to meet other needs such as the printing of Identification Cards for students and staff.

The Japan Embassy Human Security Grassroots Project

This project which saw US\$99,000.00 donated to the school for the rehabilitation of Block A has been completed and externally audited. The project was done to specification and satisfaction and the school received commendation from the Japanese Embassy for its handling of the finances. The students and staff are now benefiting from a much improved facility.

LAAF TILL YU BELLY BUSS!!!

Eight Mad Men

Eight men have been at a mental hospital for a period of time and are being tested to find out how they are progressing in order for them to leave the institution. The doctor in charge takes them all into a room and with a marker draws a door on the wall and asks each one of the patients to find their way out of the room as part of the test.

Seven of them rushed out of their seats and attempted to open the door he drew on the wall. The doctor was disappointed with what he witnessed realizing that none of them showed any progress. With hope he looked towards the last one who was still sitting down and laughing while the others tried to open the door drawn on the wall and asked him why he did not stand up and try to open the door with the others.

The eighth man replied: "Doctor all a dem fool fool."

The Doctor now very elated that all his work over the past months was not in vain asked the man to explain why he concluded that.

The man responded "Doctor because de whole time dem a kill up demself a try open de door me have de key inna me packet."

Do You Know Me?

Jamaican lawyers should never ask a witness a question if they're not prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Falmouth small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grand-motherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes of course me know you! Mr. Williams. Me know you since you was a pickney, and wata big disappointment you is to you family. You tell too much lie, you cheat pan your wife, you chat people and red-eye behind dem back. You tink you is a big shot now but you no realize seh you will never be more dan a two-bit paper pusher! Yes, me know you alright!!"

The Lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why yes, me know Mr. Bradley since him was a lickie bwoy too. Him lazy, and good fe nothing, him always a cuss, and him always a gwan like him betta dan heverybody. Him cyant build a normal relationship with nobody. Fe him law practice a di wos ina Jamaica. He cheat, him teef, noting no deh devious what him nuh do. A three different woman me hear seh him ave and one of dem a you missis! Yes sah, me know him well." The defense attorney almost died of embarrassment.

The judge ordered both councilors to approach the bench, and in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots ask her if she knows me, me lock up uno bahine ina jail fi contempt!!"

South Florida Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!!!

RSVP at www.titchfieldhigh.com

The Alumni Association of Titchfield High School
South Florida Chapter



Annual Banquet

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2014

Music by
DJ MARK SWABY

FLORIDIAN BALLROOMS

17850 Northwest 2nd Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Contribution: \$85
Advance Purchase Required

- * Cocktails 8:00pm
- * Dinner 8:30pm
- * Open Bar
- * Fashion Show
- * Gate Prize Drawings
- * Formal Attire

RSVP by August 13th
Payment due by Sept.

Contact: 954-240-3296 / 305-331-2853
* www.titchfieldhigh.com *

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND JAMBOREE **OCTOBER 10-12, 2014**

MEET & GREET - FRIDAY NIGHT

GENESIS LOUNGE

Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, FL 33xxx

8:00pm till...

No cover charge / Dress Casual
Food & Drink on Sale

SOCCER GAME - SATURDAY AM

LOCATION TBD

FAMILY FUN DAY - SUNDAY

CB SMITH PARK

THE MEETING CABIN - PAVILION #21

Cor. Flamingo Rd. & Pines Blvd.
Pembroke Pines, FL
Noon till 6:00pm

Food & Drink on Sale
Bounce House * Games * Prizes * Raffle

\$1.50 per person park entry fee

For additional information please email taa@titchfieldhigh.com or call:
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Things Remembered



Peng-U and Everald...a Legend of Titchfield Contributed by Lloyd Narcisse

The whole world knows about Titchfield High School, the greatest school on the planet - ask any student or teacher; in fact, any person who knows anything worthwhile, Titchfield High School is simply; the best. Sitting on a promontory overlooking the channel into the Port Antonio Harbor, this old fort protected the town and its environs from marauding pirates or English/Spanish forces that were in contest for the island of Jamaica...long ago. When the colonial powers settled ownership of Jamaica, the Titchfield Hotel dominated the hill, catering to a classy and ever-satisfied clientele that reveled in the out-at-sea feeling that hugged every resident of the hotel. All Titchfield students enjoy these caresses, the sea on three sides, cliffs, behind which the battery of guns still lurk, are made of honeycomb rocks, perfect for wayward boys and girls to climb, carefully. The secluded beach, cooling-down place after every PE class and home to many a Biology class/expedition, constantly 'fluffed' by the NE Trade Winds, is the showpiece of the school that replaced the hotel. No small wonder, students from as far away as St. Thomas (to the east), and St. Mary (to the west), travel daily to Titchfield. This story takes place on 'School Bus' (Victor Bus) that took students from the western side of Portland to Titchfield each day and returned them at night.

1970 or thereabouts; Everald, is the conductor of School Bus, journeying from Kingston each morning and arriving in Buff Bay by 6:00am, so students will arrive at Titch. By 8:00am. The carnival atmosphere on the bus is no accident, everyone knows everyone else and Everald genuinely loves all his youthful passengers. He is always kind to them and many look forward to a puncture, because, while the bus is being repaired, Everald buys refreshments for the chosen who are the aristocrats on School Bus. On occasion, a student may not have the proper, or any fare; Everald turns no-one away, the bus community is a family that meets twice each day, and the conductor, conducts all ceremonies on the bus, including the collection of fares.

Peng-U, is Chinese; Peng-U, lives in St. Margaret's Bay, the last "Bay" before the bus reaches Port Antonio. Neat (he shakes his head and his hair falls back into place), a Sixth Former is always neat-er, or seemed so because Peng-U went to school each day with one book, not a textbook either. The whole bus looked forward to when Peng-U was picked up - the final drama of the journey began at the first stop before entering the seaside strip that was St. Margaret's Bay. "Pengggg-U!", would erupt from many friends and admirers of this, no problem, always smiling, brilliant son of the Chiney-people from St. Margaret's Bay. Something else; he cuts his hair in a way that a 'flat-top' dominates the top, and slick black hair, neatly swirls around his head. All of School Bus was happy to see Peng-U each day, including Everald; here is the legend though.

The bus fare from Hart Hill to Port Antonio, one-way, was 15c, so the fare from St. Margaret's Bay had to be less, maybe as much as FIVE WHOLE CENTS. Everald had a problem with the heavy coinage...a burden to carry in a bib hanging from the waist. All of us had a healthy respect for Everald when it came to checking, remembering, collecting the bus fare, the man was a mental arithmetic wizard, so was Peng-U, by the way. By the time the bus gets to St. Margaret's Bay in the morning, it's kinda full, there is usually just enough space for the Snow Hill and Norwich people left. If fifteen people more than usual turn up though, they would absolutely NOT be left, just another description of Everald, and his benevolent rule of School Bus.

Six, or so, months ago, Peng-U had glided onto the bus, received his accolades; "PENGGGG-U!!", and the bus continued. By the time we get to Rafter's Rest, he had moved through the passengers to present his fare to Everald. Peng-U held out a \$20 bill for his fare (\$20-5c=\$19.95 for change), Everald must have thought, he said, "Hold onto that Peng-U, cyaa change that right now". For more than six months, this ritual continued, Peng-U would hold out his \$20 bill, and Everald would say, "Cyaa change that", at which point the illustrious Mr. Peng would continue to, 'hold onto it; a winner, a person who had not paid bus fare for six months now, he had outwitted Everald.

Part of the morning ritual when Peng-U presented his fare, was the audience's reaction after Everald spoke, 'Peng-U!, mi a warn yuh, Everald is a dangerous man, yuh nuh sharp like him', any person could say. "All I know, I gave him my bus fare", Peng-U would reply. Everald would interject with, "Leave him alone, him han over him bus fare and I have no change". "mi nuh trus yu!...supm ago gwaan! those sorts of laughing comments would lead to, 'A fi dem bizniz dat', more laughing. Peng-U's morning party would last until the bus climbed out of the valley that housed Rafter's Rest and stopped at Snow Hill, shuffle-up/make room for the others, plus; their party started then.....School Bus was a community unlike any other I have since experienced, but this is about the,.....not about that.

After this morning; some names for the event emerged, like; Everald's Revengel, that morning, the morning when Peng-U's presentation of his fare caused a silence on the bus that must have lasted a minute, will never be forgotten. After that morning, some unfriendly sorts, referred to my friend to his face as; Peng_Who??

That morning, Everald took the money and said, "This Done!"

The bus engine and road noises were the only soun....., you could have heard a pi....

From that morning until Everald was assigned somewhere else, Peng-U always, always had his correct fare.

PS. More on that Titch Is the Best!, thing, with people like Peng-U and Everald being the norm,....well!

Comments? Lloyd Narcisse may be contacted via Facebook

