



Special Visitor in JK!



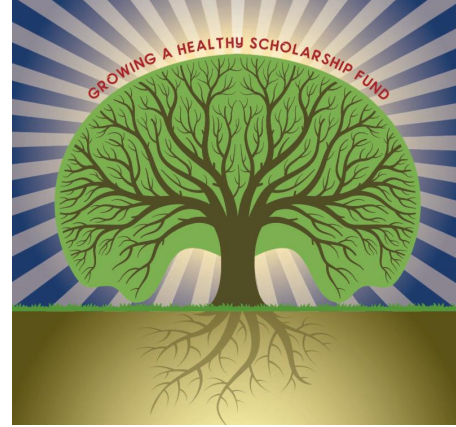
Ms. Taylor and her grandson, Emerson, in a classroom they shared across decades.

Our JK class was treated to a special visitor! Meet Terry Taylor, proud grandma of Emerson. Ms. Taylor came to visit our JK class before winter break in December. Although all of our grandparent visitors are special to us, this one had a special connection to the school long before Emerson was a student. She was an assistant teacher in this very classroom in 1979! She currently lives and works in Santa Barbara, California. We are so happy to have our school and its history touch so many generations.

Were you a teacher at Baker? We'd love to share your stories of Baker's history. [Emails us](#) to share your stories today!

**You're Invited to the 2017
Baker Benefit!**

All alumni, past parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to an evening of fun and celebration of Baker! Hosted by the Baker Parent Organization, the annual Baker Benefit is our school's largest fundraising event. This year, event proceeds will directly benefit [Baker's Scholarship Fund](#).



Scholarships at Baker: We are proud to be able to award one of the most substantial levels of scholarship funding among local independent schools. However, this commitment to our students has a direct budget impact. By attending the Benefit, or [making a donation](#) to our Fund a Dream, you can ensure that no student is ever turned away for financial reasons.

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:30 - 10:00PM

[SPACE Evanston](#)

1245 Chicago Avenue

Evanston, IL 60202

[Click here](#) to be taken to the Baker Benefit website!



Studio Arts creations from this year's Arts Core Night.

Arts Core Night at Baker

We were thrilled to have so many guests take part in our winter Arts Core Night on Wednesday, January 11 at Baker! Middle School students performed, displayed, and presented their amazing work from the Middle School Arts Core curriculum.

Highlights included: intricate and whimsical creations from our studio arts program; moments in time captured by our photography students; performances in music, dance, and drama; demonstrations of language skills en Español; presentations of student works in our Makerspace and Tech Lab; and so much more! Each year docents from grades 4 and 5 greet guests at the door. It was a truly wonderful night of sharing in our students' accomplishments across our fantastic multidisciplinary arts program.



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More examples of the wonderful creations done by our students.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year!

As alumni, past parents, and grandparents of Baker Demonstration School, you are uniquely aware of the exceptional education



Kindergartners frolic in the snow.

we provide for our students. If you or someone you know is looking to give their child(ren) the gift of a love of learning, we encourage them to apply for admission at Baker. [Come back. Take a tour.](#) See what's changed and what has stayed the same.

[Click here](#) or contact [Keya Graves](#), our Director of Admissions, to find out more about our admissions process. The application deadline for the 2017-18 school year is right around the corner!

Class Notes

Here is a snapshot of what some of your fellow alumni have been doing:

Current Board member, **Matt Rooney**, reports the following about his two alumni children:

After attending college in Maine and the working for two years at Mass General Hospital in Boston, **Kate Rooney '98**, returned to Chicago and received a master degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. After several years of working at a social service agency and then as part of another practice, she has established her own practice as a clinical psychologist in the Loop. She lives in Wicker Park with a well-loved canine companion.

After graduating from Colby College, **Ben Rooney '02** stayed in Maine and became an organic farmer in local sustainable agriculture. His most interesting project has been to demonstrate that several varieties of rice can be grown in Maine. With a couple of government grants his farm, "Wild Folk Farm", has developed nine rice paddies, produced and sold rice locally, and is teaching other Maine farmers and local grammar school student about how to grow and harvest rice without the use of machinery or farm animals. You can read more about the farm at its [website](#).

Kobi Walsh '09 is a Cognitive and Brain Science major at Tufts University in Medford, MA, will be graduating in May.

Tucker Walsh '11 is enjoying his sophomore year at Skidmore College in Saratogo Springs, NY.

Caleb Broughton-Delong '11 is currently a sophomore at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Bea Tabacci '11 is a sophomore at Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, NY.

Jonas Lindblom-Uzzi '12 is a freshman at Carleton College in Northfield, MN.

Susan Wishnick, mother of **Seth Steinberg '14** reports: Seth will make his off-Broadway debut this winter in Steven Levenson's new play, "[If I Forget](#)," directed by Daniel Sullivan, at the Roundabout Theatre in New York City. The show runs from February 2 - April 30, 2017 (with a possible extension into May). Seth made his professional theatrical debut in 2015 in Kokandy Productions' "The Full Monty" at Theater Wit in Chicago. [Click here](#) to read more about Seth's accomplishments. *Break a leg, Seth!*

Share Your Alumni News!

Baker alumni, do you have something you want to share with the your community? Have you moved? Changed careers? Achieved something you are proud of and want to share? Added a new member to your family? We, and other alumni, want to know!

Please send all alumni news to the [Alumni Office](#) to be included in the electronic and print versions of our new Baker Connection.

Do You Keep in Touch with Your Friends from Baker?

We are actively trying to build an alumni program for you, and **we need your help!** We are looking for email addresses to be able to invite alumni back to Baker or to alumni specific-events. We can't reach out if we don't know where to find you or your classmates!

Also, stay connected through our [Facebook alumni group](#). We have also recently launched the new face of Baker on Facebook, our dear founder, [Clara Belle Baker](#).

Email the [Alumni Office](#) to help us find your classmates!

Thank you for your support!



Please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) when you make any purchases throughout the year. It is a great way to give back to Baker. Click [here](#) to see all the "easy ways" to give back to Baker.

We are so grateful to our alumni, past parents, grandparents, and special friends whose contributions to our school and community make it possible for us to provide our students with a high caliber education. Consider making Baker part of your annual philanthropic contributions.

[Click here](#) to give a gift to support Baker today or any day!

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