

Discover the Difference



Onward and upward

The Wolf School Class of 2007

From the Graduates—

“What I like most about Wolf is my friends and teachers. Everyone is nice at the Wolf School.”

“I am most proud of being able to be in my first track meet and that I am a better reader.”

“When I came to Wolf seven years ago, I was very nervous about staying at this school. Now I am graduating and leaving my teachers and friends behind and I will miss them all very much.”

“My hopes and dreams are to do well at my new school and to make as many friends as I have made at The Wolf School.”

When you are told your child will never learn to read at grade level, or you witness the daily frustration he or she experiences trying to understand directions, or you see your child’s disappointment and sadness when they are repeatedly teased by classmates, you cannot imagine a place where this can change. But on June 5, 2007 six families celebrated just such a change, and with great pride and emotion, watched their eighth graders graduate from The Wolf School.

In a moving ceremony attended by family and friends, these six students demonstrated what can happen with self-determination, the right learning environment and the support of people who believe in you. Graduates celebrated accomplishments, shared their hopes and dreams for the future, and talked about the Wolf School experience.

Each student created and raised their own personal flag to remain in The Pelson Center as a memory of their contributions and experiences at Wolf. While this was a typical middle school graduation in many ways, it was also decidedly different. These students and their families could never have imagined an educational path that would lead to so much success and happiness. We applaud our graduates’ hard work and tenacity—they have created a foundation for continued personal and academic achievement and we are honored to have been a part of their journey.

From the Graduation Address—

“All of you leave us today as very different individuals than you were when you came to us. In addition to successful learners, you are realistic goal setters, good problem solvers and good decision makers. You all have compassion for others and a willingness to contribute to the community. You all possess strong interpersonal skills and are wonderfully respectful citizens, and underneath you maintained the foundation of resilience.”

— Jessica Robins Miller, Head of School



The Wolf School graduates of 2007.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007



Celebrating success!



Proud parents!

Congratulations graduates and best of luck in your new schools:

Greenwood School, VT

Learning Prep School, MA

Landmark East, Canada

Pine Ridge School, VT (2 graduates)

Willow Hill School, MA

Many thanks!

We received several grants during the 2006-2007 School year that enhanced programming and supported critical capital projects. We are grateful to the following companies and foundations for their commitment to Wolf.

- **The Amica Companies Foundation**
For installation of a new clock system
- **Champlin Foundation**
For installation of a new roof
- **CIBC World Markets Corporation**
For general operating support

- **CVS/pharmacy**
To pilot a new sensory-based summer program
- **Gaffney Family**
For research on The Wolf School educational model
- **The Governor's Workforce Board**
To help provide teacher training for Special Education certification
- **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA)**
For Drumming, Dancing & Storytelling workshops and performance



Drumming, dancing and storytelling workshops and performance



Fun on the rockwall at our new sensory-based summer program

Smart art

If you've driven by The Wolf School lately you've probably noticed something new in the front of our building. The striking stone formation you see is a sculpture by local artist Jonathan Bonner. Commissioned by an anonymous donor in honor of Wolf School's founding parents, Andy Wallerstein and Mary Sloane, the artist drew his inspiration from a mother duck and her ducklings. The piece is titled "XYZ" and consists of a large "mother" stone and four smaller stones arranged in a curved line in front of The Wolf School.

"The concept was to make a piece that was low, friendly and inviting for children to interact with," explains Bonner. "By interact I mean, touch, climb, sit, lean on, ride. The stones have a thermal finish whose textured surface allows a good grip. This surface also reveals the true nature of the form."

Jonathan Bonner has been making public sculpture and other forms of art for 25 years. He has an undergraduate degree from Philadelphia College of Art and a master's degree from Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). A public instillation the artist made from the same stone stands outside the entrance of the Farago Wing of the RISD Museum.

For those of you who haven't seen our sculpture, you're in for a treat — stop by, take a look, and climb away. This is a sophisticated and beautiful work of art, that's full of fun!



"XYZ" by Jonathan Bonner

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Nationally Acclaimed Author & Clinician:

Dr. Ross Greene

This October, faculty and staff at The Wolf School were privileged to receive a half-day professional development training from Ross Greene, Ph.D. Dr. Greene is the author of *The Explosive Child* and Director of the Collaborative Problem Solving Institute in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. His research and practice focus on children with challenges.

This training was made possible by a Comprehensive Workforce Training Grant from the Governor's Workforce Board. In addition, an evening session with Dr. Green was hosted by the Wolf School Parent Organization (WSPO), giving parents an opportunity to hear ways in which Collaborative Problem Solving can be implemented at home.

Learn more about Dr. Green and his Collaborative Problem Solving approach at www.explosivechild.com.



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Save the Date!

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May 1, 2008

The Biltmore Hotel, Providence

*Join us for another fabulous auction and
cocktail reception in support of The Wolf School*

Hosted by Karen Adams, WPRI Channel 12