

## Founders Forum – A Treat in More Ways than One

Governor Sarah Palin met with students and staff at our Peace Valley campus for a twenty minute speech before heading off to a \$750.00 per plate dinner at The Cock 'N Bull Restaurant at Peddler's Village, and then to The Founders Forum at our Plumsteadville campus. While visiting with the students and staff, Governor Palin presented boxes of sugar cookies to the students in what was a wonderfully tangible "teaching moment." Referring to an article in the Pittsburgh Tribune that claimed that the State Board of Education was thinking about banning cakes, cupcakes, and cookies from school parties Governor Palin asked, "Who should decide

whether you should eat cookies? The government or your parents?" After signing the t-shirts of one student from each grade level, Governor Palin participated in a brief Q & A time with the elementary students. Students were interested in the kinds of activities Governor Palin likes to do in Alaska. One student asked, "What is your favorite animal?" to which Governor Palin asked, "to eat?" There was a tremendous amount of energy and excitement at our student/faculty venue, and as Sarah Palin was reflecting on the evening, she shared that the opportunity she had to spend time with our students, although short, was her favorite part of the event.

