



Newsnotes

January 8, 2010
Happy New Year!

New This Week:

- Welcome, New Families!
- Open House at TBS Tomorrow
- K-8 Hot Lunch Program Underway
- School Closed Next Friday
- Free H1N1 Vaccine Available Tomorrow

Important Reminders:

- Brown Grocery Bags Wanted
- Calling Parent Ambassadors!
- Art Class for Teen-agers Offered
- Happy New Year from the Pick-a-Party Committee!
- Parent Ed. Events Calendar

Welcome, New TBS Families!

Two new families started at the ECC this week. Please update your directories and help us welcome Sammy Seetapun in Cedar, and his parents: mom Jamie Hampton, miss_jhampton@yahoo.com, w: (415) 568-6510, c: (415) 568-6510; and dad David Seetapun, dseetapun@yahoo.com, c: (415) 748-2291. Their home number is (510) 527-5825, and their address is 2141 Eunice Street, Berkeley, 94709.

We are also happy to welcome Calvin McClure to Live Oak, along with his mom, Vladlena McClure, ladabest@yahoo.com, c: (415) 572-6040, and dad Adam McClure, adam@mercurybox.com, c: (415) 312-4494. Their home phone is (510) 922-8016, and their address is 6144 Fremont, Emeryville, 94608.

Please also update your directories to show the new address of Emily Hahn, mom of Max and Lola Hahn: 1228 Evelyn Avenue, Berkeley, 94706. Emily's phone number remains the same.



Above: befriending a snail during outside time at the ECC. Photo: ECC staff.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

Open House for Prospective Students, Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00-11:00 am, in the Depot.

Journey Through Learning Parent Ed. Event, Saturday, January 9, 2010, 1:30-5:00 pm. ECC, then EI./MS.

Alumni Dinner, Sunday, January 10, 2010, 5:00-7:00 pm, at the EI./MS.

TBS Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 4:30 pm, EI./MS.

Alumni Panel, Wednesday, January 13, 8:00 pm, EI./MS.

Report Writing Day, Friday, January 15, 2010. School is closed; no childcare available. **(NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM PRINTED CALENDAR!)**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18, 2010. School closed; no childcare available.

Contracts & Financial Aid Decisions mailed to returning students and siblings, Friday, January 22.

"The Price of Privilege" Parent Ed. event with Dr. Anne Brodzinsky, Monday, January 25, 7:00-9:00 pm, EI./MS.

Contracts & Deposits Due for returning students, siblings, 3- and 4-year-olds, Friday, February 5.

Professional Development Day, Friday, February 12. School closed; no childcare available. (Please note that the printed calendar says "Report Writing



Above: Mike Sinclair rocks a festive apron during the Cerrito Creek feast before the holiday break. Photo: Laura Gorjance.

Open House at TBS on Saturday

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 9, 9:00-11:00 am at the EI./MS, is TBS' winter Open House for prospective families. If you have any friends who are looking at schools, or who you think would be perfect for our community, please let them know about it! RSVPs always welcome to Director of Admission Paula Farmer at admissions@theberkeleyschool.org.

Hot Lunch Program Hits the Spot

The fabulous Gregoire Jacquet has provided the first week of fresh, nutritious, and tasty lunches to our University Campus students and faculty. As with any new learning experience, we are still working out a few kinks, but overall response to the food has been extremely positive; on Thursday, kids were seen lining up for seconds on carrots! Overall response from parents who have not had to pack lunches has been ecstatic. Heartfelt thanks to Carrie Birgbauer and MaryBeth Ventura for organizing the logistics, and to our happy band of servers this week: Isabelle Bernal, Marion Bradley-Kohr, Cicelia Drafton, Ann Fischer Hecht, Nomi Harris, Kathy Hoehn, Tara Jacquet, Kathy Kaspar, Ann Kim, Claire Lavery, Agnes Lord, Claire Woakes, Wilma Wyss, and Lyuba Zarsky. Kudos to the 4th and 5th grade classrooms, who were the winners of this week's "Which classrooms do the best job of remembering to say 'thank you?'" contest. And finally, the warmest possible appreciation to the tireless Gregoire for whipping up 1,200 meals in his spare time.

Day" in error, but the date is unchanged.)

President's Day Break,
Monday-Wednesday, February 15-17.
School closed; camps available.

Third Annual TBS Auction, Saturday,
April 10, 2010, Craneway Pavilion,
Richmond.

QUICK LINKS:

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Above: One more Community Singer! Photo: Jennifer Kirk.



Above: Well-known chef and TBS parent Gregoire Jacquet, with parent volunteers, serves hot lunch to an enthusiastic crowd. Photo: Laura Gorjance.

School Closed Friday, January 15

As all of our dedicated Newsnotes and email readers know, early this year there was a change to the printed TBS calendar, switching this month's report writing day from today to next Friday, January 15. **School is (obviously) in session today, and will be closed next Friday.**

H1N1 Vaccine Available at Children's Hospital

We've just been notified by the Berkeley Public Health division that tomorrow, January 9, 2010, 9:00 am-1:00 pm or as long as supplies last, Children's Hospital is offering free H1N1 flu vaccinations to all children and adults who come to the Outpatient Center at 744 52nd Street, Oakland, 94609. Children's has about 2,500 doses of the vaccine available. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Turchin, Director, Community Relations, Communications Department, Children's Hospital, at 510-428-3367, ext. 2258.



Above: "The big layout:" math in ECC's Magnolia classroom. Photo: ECC staff.
Below: the Middle School band lets loose at the Community Sing, December 18.

Photo: Mike Sinclair.



Above and below: More scenes from the Community Sing. Photos: Mike Sinclair.



Wanted: Brown Paper Bags

Do you have any brown paper grocery bags you can't use? We need them to dispose of our compostables during the hot lunch pilot program. Please bring them to MaryBeth Ventura in the Depot starting Monday, January 4, 2010.

Calling Parent Ambassadors!

Parent ambassadors are needed for the last official school tours of the season. We appreciate all of the hard work and effort you've put into showcasing our school, and we have just a few more events for which we could use your help:

ECC Tour, Thursday, January 14, 9:00-11:00 am

ECC Tour, Thursday, January 21, 9:00-11:00 am

EI/MS Tour, Wednesday, January 20, 9:00-11:00 am

If you have any questions about parent ambassador responsibilities, please contact Director of Admission Paula Farmer at pfarmer@theberkeleyschool.org.

Paint Class for Ages 12-16

Is your teen on the lookout for an artistic after-school activity?

TBS parent Mary Reed Johnson is offering a new 10-week painting class for 12- to 16-year-olds, beginning Friday, January 22, 4:00-6:00 pm. Classes will be held in the old Hillside School building, 1581 LeRoy Avenue in Berkeley. The \$180 fee includes most materials. For more information contact Mary Reed at 910-0994 or maryreed.johnson@comcast.net.

Happy New Year from the Pick-a-Party Committee!

Intentional Groovers: Now that the holidays are over, do you find yourself itching to treat yourself by learning a new skill or rocking some celebratory movement? Need to shrug off those winter time blues (and possibly the load of too many

holiday parties)? You're in luck! The **Women's TransDance Pick-a-Party** has some open slots! The sun goes down early, but come to the Depot at 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 24, to feel the radiance of radical movement! \$25 per person, includes light dinner and socializing afterwards. Sign up for this and other parties by emailing Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org.

There is also limited space still available for **Tea and Swedish Cinnamon Rolls**, Sunday, January 24 (**note date change from Pick-a-Party catalog**), 3:00-6:00 pm, \$30 per adult. Let your hostess show you how to make delicious Swedish cinnamon rolls just as she learned back home in Sweden. You'll also enjoy beautiful photos of the tea gardens of Darjeeling and Bhutan, as well as an incredible tasting of teas from all over the world.

Please also note the date change (due to the film being shortlisted for an Oscar nomination!) for "The Most Dangerous Man in America" Documentary Screening with Daniel Ellsberg, now Saturday, January 23, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Parent Education Event Calendar

Here is a quick reference guide to this year's Parent Education events. All events are held at the EI./MS unless otherwise noted. **Please RSVP** for parent ed. events by emailing parented@theberkeleyschool.org. Childcare is available during these events by pre-registration only, for the nominal fee of \$10 per family. Please sign up and pay in the office at either campus by the Friday before the event.

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"Internet Safety for Parents"