



Newsnotes

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Tonight's Time Bank Meeting Canceled

The TBS Time Bank meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled, as has the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 18. Instead, the next meeting of the Time Bank will be Friday, February 5, 5:00-7:00 pm, at the EI./MS. Everyone is welcome to come and learn how to build community and maximize resources by trading time and expertise!

Coin Drive for Haiti

If you are anything like Your Newsnotes Staff, your pockets, sofa cushions, vehicle, and various interesting household vessels are full to bursting with 1987 pennies and 1998 nickels (though, sadly, very few 1941 Walking Liberty half-dollars or 1937 Mercury dimes). Here's how to put all those coins to an important use! Beginning next week, there will be a collection jar in both TBS offices for all your surplus coins, which the TBSPA will organize and donate to disaster relief in Haiti. This is an excellent opportunity to involve your child in a concrete way of helping people in trouble.



Above: ECC art teacher Maureen Beck teaches the children (among many other things!) about the intersection of math and art. This week in the Art Room, the children learned about patterns, then set out in search of patterns in their environment, inside and out! They continued their study of pattern-making by printing, rubbing, stamping, and building. Photo: ECC staff.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

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.

Coffee with Zaq Roberts, Acting Head of School, Tuesday, February 2, 8:00-9:00, Bread Workshop, 1398 University Avenue.

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

TBS Time Bank Meeting, Friday, February 5, 5:00-7:00 pm, EI./MS.

Child Visit Day, EI./MS, Saturday, February 6.

Child Visit Day, ECC, Sunday, February 7.

Internet Safety for Parents Parent Ed. event, Tuesday, February 9, 7:00-9:00, EI./MS.

Professional Development Day, Friday, February 12. School closed; no childcare available. (Please note that the printed calendar says "Report Writing Day" in error, but the date is unchanged.)

Chinese New Year, Sunday, February 14. Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Projects in 4th-5th grade Spanish. Above: Making ceviche! Below: The Cities project. The children constructed models of different cities in Hispanic countries, such as Bogata and Lima. They researched unique structures and characteristics of their cities and integrated the history, culture, and art of each nation, increasing their Spanish vocabularies in the process. Photos: Frida Causo.



"Price of Privilege" Parent Ed. Event

This coming Monday, January 25, 7:00-9:00 pm at the EI./MS, TBS Psychologist Dr. Anne Brodzinsky will lead a conversation on "the price of privilege," during which parents will explore how to sidestep the pitfalls of parental pressure and material advantage that can create unhappy,

President's Day Break,

Monday-Wednesday, February 15-17.
School closed; camps available.

TBS Book Club Meeting, Wednesday,
February 17, 7:00 pm, Saul's Deli, 1475
Shattuck Avenue.

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

QUICK LINKS:

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This actual photo of the area beneath Your Newsnotes Staff's sofa cushions is included to encourage your donation of spare coins to the TBSPA Haiti earthquake relief fund, operating at both campuses.

disconnected kids, and how to help our children manage impulses and emotions, form healthy relationships, and become useful, well-adjusted and ethical people in this era of relative affluence. Please RSVP to parented@theberkeleyschool.org. Childcare is available for only \$10 per family; please sign up and pay in either school office by end of day today, January 22.

Directory Updates

Please update your directory to include the following changes:

- The work telephone number of Evy Ballegeer, mom of Josse and Pauline Goethals, has been changed to 845-1969.
- Veronica Huerta, Andrea Sigala's mom, has an updated telephone number: 379-6087.
- The family of Cadence Patrick has moved to 6465 San Pablo Avenue, #206, Oakland, CA 94608. Their new home phone number is 922-8347.



Above: Some of the participants from last week's Alumni Panel. Photo: Laura Gorjance.

Wednesday Lunch Program to Resume at EI./MS

Now that our three-week "Lunch with Gregoire" honeymoon has ended, the TBSPA plans to resume Wednesday's hot "Lunch and Munch" program. A sign-up sheet will go out early next week, and lunches will resume Wednesday, February 3. ***Please note that, because of the unreasonable demands on our parent volunteers' time in accommodating late sign-ups, we will be enforcing a sign-up deadline, and will no longer accept any late***

orders. The deadline to sign up for the first lunch will be next Friday, January 29, so watch your inbox!

Important Reminder Re: Parking at EI./MS

Please remember that TBS rents specific spaces in the lot behind Ledger's Liquors (the fenced lot on Acton Street, just north of University, across from Fellini's parking lot). **We should ALWAYS park ONLY in numbered spaces 1-20. Your car is very likely to be towed if you park in the other spaces, which are rented by another local business.**

Please also remember never to park in front of the gate to the basketball court at the EI./MS. Parking there blocks in people parked in the spaces on the west side of our lot, and also blocks access to our campus by emergency vehicles. The only person who should park there is our custodian, Yu Ren Lin, who regularly loads and unloads heavy items from his truck, and who can always be found quickly when necessary. If there are no open spaces in the lot, please drive the 1-1/2 blocks to Ledger's and park there, in one of our contracted spaces (#1-20).

H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Offered

There will be an H1N1 Community Vaccination Clinic this Sunday, January 24, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:00 pm. It will be held at the West Berkeley Family Practice at 2031 Sixth Street. This clinic is open to everyone, children and adults alike, and is FREE. Nasal and injectable vaccine will be available. The clinic will be sponsored by the City of Berkeley Public Health Division and LifeLong Medical Care. Please call 981-5300 for more information.

ECC Snack Shoppers Needed

The ECC is looking for a few good shoppers to help with purchasing snacks for the campus. If you can devote a little time to helping our smallest students enjoy their healthy snacks, please contact Colleen Shelly at colleen@sbcglobal.net.

Camps Available for President's Day Break

Camps are available at both campuses during the President's Day Break, February 15-17.

- **The ECC** is offering a three-day camp, a relaxed version of the school day, from 8:30 am until either 3:00 (\$195) or 5:00 pm (\$240). A minimum enrollment of 12 is needed to run the camp, so please sign up at the ECC office as soon as possible. Contact ECC Director Andrea Gordon at agordon@theberkeleyschool.org or

849-8340 with questions.

- **The EI./MS** will offer excursions like climbing at Berkeley Ironworks, ice skating and bowling at Yerba Buena Gardens, and creating animation and music videos at Zeum, led by the Extended Day staff. The camp has reached its minimum enrollment, so will definitely happen. You may sign your child up for one, two, or all three days (9:00 am-5:00 pm), at \$80 per day, \$60/day for each additional sibling. Contact Extended Day Director Liz Heck at lheck@theberkeleyschool.org with questions or to sign up.

TBS Book Club to Meet

The TBS Book Club's next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm. We will meet at Saul's Deli, 1475 Shattuck Avenue, to discuss *The Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Kathie Hoehn, kdevoli@aol.com or 527-0151.

Author Mitali Perkins Visits TBS

Well-known young adult author Mitali Perkins visited the TBS Middle School this week. A former teacher, Mitali's award-winning books include *Monsoon Summer*, *Secret Keeper*, and *Bamboo People*. She talked to the 7th and 8th graders about people's fundamental need to tell and listen to stories. With the sixth grade in Wildcat Creek, she talked about the three "P's" of a story (plot, people, and place), and walked them through how to make a good first draft of a story, reading several aloud to general hilarity.



Above: Some lucky prospective parents on a tour of TBS happened to hear part of author Mitali Perkins' talk to the Middle School. Photo: Laura Gorjance. Below: These Strawberry Creek students don't appear to recognize the peril approaching from behind. Photo: Jed Tukman.



Last Chance at EI./MS Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found rack at the EI./MS. Any items left unclaimed by end of day today will be donated to charity.

Music Jam for 4th-8th Graders

All 4th-8th graders are invited to join (free of charge!) Music Jam on Wednesdays from dismissal until 5:00 pm. This fun after-school class is completely free of charge, and will serve as an opportunity for students to access their musical talents and explore new musical possibilities. Training and instruction can be given on both pitched instruments (guitar, piano, xylophone, woodwinds, banjo, etc.) and unpitched (drums, shakers, cajon, and other percussion traditions). The class will explore various genres such as rock band, hip-hop beats and rhymes, traditional American folk, Brazilian bateria, jazz, etc. It will also incorporate other expressive arts, and there will be performance skill-building in theater, poetry, and fine art as well. Each week, the students attending will determine the focus of the class. The core mission is to give the students practical tools and training to find creative outlets for self-expression and mastery of musical skills. Please contact Music Teacher Tracy Welsh, tracymusic@gmail.com, with any questions.

Auction & Party Coming Up

As you know, this year's auction and party will be held on Saturday, April 10 at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond. Be sure to save the date! There will be wine aplenty, delicious food prepared by our own Gregoire Jacquet – here's your chance to see what the Elementary/Middle School kids have been raving about! – and an opportunity to spend some festive and frivolous time together outside of the usual drop-off and pick-up. So whether or not you plan to bid on that week in Mazatlan, we hope to see you at this fabulous evening in honor of our terrific teachers. We can't think of a better reason to celebrate! If you'd like to get involved in planning the party, please contact Auction Chair Signy Judd at auktion@theberkeleyschool.org, or Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org.

Berkeley Lacrosse Club Registration Open

Sign your child up to play the fastest game on two feet! Registration for the Berkeley Lacrosse Club is open; the season begins February 1. BLC serves children ages 7-14, grades 2-8. New this year is a Girls Skills Team for under 13. All divisions are based on the age of the player on December 31 of the year preceding the season being played. Visit: <http://www.berkeleylacrosse.org>. For assistance with registration, call 510-527-8728 or 510-229-2633.

Pick-a-Parties Roll On!

There is 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.

The Women's TransDance party scheduled for January 24 has been **canceled**. If you have signed up to attend, please contact Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org.

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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