



Newsnotes

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Introducing a Letter from the Head of School

We're proud to introduce a new feature, on our website and by email! Head of School Mitch Bostian, supported by occasional guest editors, will write and post a letter to the community, on a different timely subject each week. This week, read [Mitch's reflections on his first TBS Math Night!](#) He talks about the reasons why math really is about more than learning how to perform a function, why deep understanding really does matter; and he backs it up with an article by physics professor Joseph Ganem that confirms everything TBS believes about teaching math.

2010-2011 Calendar Available Now

A one-page 2010-2011 TBS calendar is now available [here](#). This preliminary calendar shows only the dates school is not in session, to help in your family's long-range planning; a more complete calendar, including important school events, will be distributed this summer. PLEASE NOTE that, although we try to have this calendar as firmed-up as possible when we distribute it, there ultimately may be some changes, so be sure to consult the summer version and, as always, watch Newsnotes for notice of unavoidable changes. **A perfect example of such a change is the fact that the start date for the ECC in September, 2010, has**



New Head of School Mitch Bostian sure has hit the ground running! Appointed last week by the TBS Board on an interim basis, during Janet Stork's recovery, he attended three events with parents, including Wednesday's wine and cheese reception. Photo: Laura Gorjance.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

TBS Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 4:30-7:00 pm, El./MS.

Student Art Show Opening Reception, Wednesday, March 10, 6:00-8:00 pm, at the El./MS.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Thursday-Friday, March 11-12. School closed; childcare by registration only.

ECC Potluck, Saturday, March 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm **AT THE EL./MS.**

Time Bank Potluck & Meeting, Friday, March 19, El./MS.

Spring Break, Monday, March 29-Monday, April 5. School closed; camps available March 29-April 2.

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

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been moved forward by a week from that shown in this year's printed calendar.

Have a Favorite Book or Movie?

During this time of enforced idleness, "Once and Future" Head of School, Janet Stork, has gone through all her favorite movies and TV series on DVD, as well as tons of terrific light reading, and now we're springing to the rescue. If you have the perfect movie or book to recommend, please drop off an extra copy in either school office and we'll take it to Janet.

TBS Student Art Show Opens Next Week

Don't miss the festivities next Wednesday, March 10, 6:00-8:00 pm, when TBS will proudly present the opening reception for the third annual TBS Student Art Show at the EI./MS. We will show the work from all of the students, ECC through Middle School. Light refreshments will be served. Come prepared to be blown away by the creativity of our students and their teachers!



Above: Taking advantage of a break in the weather at the ECC. Photo: Chris Middlemiss.



Above and below: scenes from vocal music classes! Photos: Tracy Welsh.



Irene Sazer's Real Vocal String Quartet a Hit

Congratulations to El./MS Strings teacher Irene Sazer, whose group, the Real Vocal String Quartet, put out its first CD recently, to some rave reviews! Check out what Andrew Gilbert had to say on NPR's California Report [about their music](#). You can read more reviews (and buy the CD!) on RVSQ's website, [here](#).

One-Week Yoga Camp This Summer

TBS yoga instructor Amber Charne will be one of the instructors this summer at a one-week "Yoga and Mythology Camp" for five- to nine-year-old children, which will allow the students to "explore yoga while being immersed in mythology from all over the world." Offered July 12-16 at Yoga Mandala, 2807 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, it will feature arts & crafts, music, movement/dance, storytelling, spoken word/poetry, and outdoor play at Willard Park, in addition to yoga. Please visit www.yogamandalastudio.com for more information or to register.

Summer Camp Planning Made Easy!

TBS will be the East Bay location for Steve and Kate's very popular summer camp for 5- to 12-year-olds again this summer; go to www.steveandkatescamp.com for more information or to register. And of course, we will again offer our own summer camp at the ECC for the 2- to 5-year-olds; details will be out soon. We have also recently heard about Sign Up For Camp, a new website designed by local parents to make it easier to plan children's summer camps. Parents can search for camps by age, location, dates, and activities. Go to www.signupforcamp.com for more information.



Above: Spring has sprung at the ECC, and it's time to get busy in the garden!
Photos: Chris Middlemiss.

TBSPA Gift to Haitian Earthquake Relief

The Parents Association has received a thank-you from the What If? Foundation for the \$500 they donated to Haitian earthquake relief. (The proceeds from the coin drive are still being counted and aren't included in that total.) Founded in 2000 by Margaret Trost, parent of TBS graduate Luke Tanaka, to provide food and educational opportunities for Haitian children, the What If? Foundation was well-positioned to help when the earthquake hit. Please read more about them [here](#).

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-ups

There is no school on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12 due to Parent/Teacher conferences. By now, you should have received a letter from Cindy Schaub, Registrar and Office Manager, explaining the new on-line sign-ups for K-8 conferences. Please contact Cindy directly at cschaub@theberkeleyschool.org or 665-8800, ext. 0 if you have any questions. Sign-ups for conferences at the ECC are still done in person, in the classrooms themselves.

Conference Day Camps

At both campuses, childcare is free for the duration of your conference. However, if you need full-day or half-day care, you must sign up in advance; drop-in care is not available.

At the ECC: Your child may attend a short day (8:30 am-3:00 pm) for \$65 per day, or a full day (8:30 am-6:00 pm) for \$85 per day. Before-care (8:00-8:30 am) is available at

our regular rate of \$11/hour (\$5.50/half hour). Although parents may drop off their child for the duration of their conference at no charge, please limit this drop-off to ECC children only (sorry, no siblings) and make sure to SIGN YOUR CHILD IN legibly.

At the EI./MS: Your child will be supervised by our Extended Day staff for the duration of your conference. If you need full- or half-day care for those days, you must sign up with Extended Day Director Liz Heck by 5:00 pm Monday, March 8. There will be no drop-in care available. You may sign up for half-day care (8:30 am-1:30 pm or 1:00-6:00 pm) for \$40 (\$30 for siblings) or for full-day care (8:30 am-6:00 pm) for \$80 (\$60 for siblings).

Sign Up Now for Spring Break Camp

There will be fun-filled, five-day camps offered at both the ECC and the EI./MS during spring break. (Please note that spring break extends through April 5, with students returning on Tuesday, April 6, but the camps run only March 29-April 2.) **For the EI./MS, the firm deadline to sign up is 5:00 pm Monday, March 8.** It will be a week of fun field trips (Ironworks, Yerba Buena Bowling and Skating, and Zeum) and projects on campus (cooking, creation station, iStop motion). You may sign up your child(ren) for as few or as many days as you would like, at \$80 per day, \$60 for each additional sibling. Please email Extended Day Director Liz Heck at lheck@theberkeleyschool.org to sign up or with questions.

At the ECC, registration is for the full week (all five days), \$325 for 9:00 am-3:00 pm or \$425 for 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Please sign up in the ECC office and help get the mural started!

TBS Auction: Rumor Control

Hard as it may be to believe, yet another intriguing rumor about the upcoming TBS Auction (April 10, at the Craneway Pavilion on the Richmond waterfront) has reached us here in the Newsnotes office! This time, we're told by an unimpeachable source that new Head of School Mitch Bostian plans to recreate the romance of the night he met his wife, Joan, by wearing a pale blue, crushed velvet tuxedo. With wide lapels. We can't tell you for sure that this rumor is true, but there is no way that we, Your Newsnotes Staff, would miss even the possibility of photographing this event for our own nefarious purposes. If you'd like to get involved in planning the party, please contact Auction Chair Signy Judd at auction@theberkeleyschool.org, TBSPA Chair Hyungsook Kim at kimbuctu@berkeley.edu, or Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org.

More on the Auction: Temescal Creek teacher Nancy Nash is putting together a basket of homemade goodies to donate. If you can include a jar of your famous red pepper jelly or tomato sauce, please give it to Nancy or bring it to the EI./MS office.



Above: A good (and fashionable!) time was had by all at the Women's Clothing Swap with Wine and Cheese on Sunday, February 21. Photo: Andrea Brewer Thompson.

Pick-a-Party Reminders

There are some fantastic parties coming up in the next few weeks, and some of them even have a few spaces available! Please contact Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org for information.

- **Piñata-Making Party**, Saturday, March 6, 1:00-3:30 pm
- **Alameda Antiquing Adventures**, Sunday, March 7, 7:30 am-2:00 pm
- **A Night at the Oscars**, Sunday, March 7, 4:00 pm 'til they announce Best Picture
- **Hip-Hop Dance Studio Party**, Sunday, March 14, 1130 am-2:00 pm

