



Newsnotes

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- Art Show Opens with a Bang!
- Parent Ed. Event on Thinking Routines
- Save the Date: Accreditation Event
- Welcome, New TBS Babies!
- Family Square Dance This Sunday

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- Sign Up Now for ECC Spring Break Camp
- TBS Auction: Rumor Control!
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Letter from the Head

Mitch Bostian's letter this week contains both a vivid illustration of just why the "thinking routines" we incorporate at TBS really matter to our students' understanding, and a timely reminder for all of us multitasking parents about the value of going deep. If you missed his letter in yesterday's email, you can read it online [here](#).



Above: An eager audience watches the dancers at the ECC's Chinese New Year celebration. Photo: Mohammad Kazerouni. Below: Sweet Briar Creek is all



Above: This research project on a Chinese coin was done to satisfy his own curiosity by a K-1 student. Photo: Laura Gorjance of work by Khoa Sands.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

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

Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, March 14. Spring ahead one hour!

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

ECC Open House, Sunday, March 21, 9:00-11:00 am.

Parent Ed. Event: "Thinking Routines", Wednesday, March 24, 7:00-8:30 pm, 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.

Parent Ed. Event: "Accreditation," Tuesday, April 27, time TBA.

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ears during their tour at the Asian Art Museum this week. Photo: Lisa Hanson.



Above: Above and below: Scenes from the Chinese New Year celebration at the ECC. Photos: Mohammad Kazerouni.



Art Show Opening Leaves 'Em Wanting More

Wednesday evening's opening reception of the TBS Student Art Show was a resounding success! Very well-attended, the reception vividly displayed the talent and creativity of our students and their teachers, Julianne Hughes, Benicia Hill, and Maureen Beck. If you weren't able to attend the opening reception, please take a few minutes to check out the work the next time you're on campus; the show will remain up for several weeks.



Pick-a-Party madness! Above: The sign ("Our Garden" in Dutch) created by ECC parents Evy Ballegeer and Wim Goethals from the treasures they found at the Alameda Flea Market Pick-a-Party. Photo: Evy Ballegeer. Below: Some of the guests at the Oscars Pick-a-Party were red carpet ready! Photo: Cathy MacNeal.

Live Oak Classroom: Baby Central!

TBS, and especially the ECC, welcomes the new brother and sister of Live Oak's Myles Kettler. Myles' baby brother, Paxton, and sister, Ainsley, were born last month, and parents Summer Nastich and Katherine Kettler report that the family is doing well, if somewhat sleep-deprived!

We also welcome the recent arrival of a little brother for Live Oak's Luke Firoozye. Baby Robin was born on Saturday, to parents Bea Krivatzy and Ramin Firoozye.

Congratulations to both big brothers and to all the happy parents and older siblings!

Family Square Dance at Ashkenaz

You're invited to a family square dance this Sunday afternoon, March 14, 3:00-4:30 pm at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue at Gilman Street. Square dancing is way more fun than you may remember from gym class, and family dance is a great way for the whole gang (ages 3-100) to have a great time together – no experience is necessary, and all the dances are taught on the spot. The dance will be called by Evie Ladin, an expert caller who's guest-taught at TBS in the past. Live music will be provided by the Squirrely Stringband, a two-time winner of the Berkeley Farmers' Market Stringband Competition that plays old-time Southern breakdowns and backwoods mountain music; Debbie Berne and David Murray, parents of Magnolia student Mingus Murray, are members. Doors will open at 2:30 pm, and the cost is \$6 adults/\$4 children.

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 is the fact that the start date for the ECC in September, 2010, has been moved back a week, to September 7, from the date 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.

Sign Up Now for ECC 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.) Registration for the EI./MS camp is now closed. 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

We cannot -- simply CANNOT -- account for the strange way rumors about the TBS Auction seem to make their way to the Newsnotes office. It's uncanny! Be that as it may, Your Newsnotes Staff feels bound to pass along the latest report to have reached us. We have it on good authority that Associate Business Manager and Accountant Randy Yee plans to auction off his first performance as a gangsta rapper! So if you have an appropriate event coming up -- a silver wedding anniversary, say, or a parent's 75th birthday -- you won't want to miss the auction (April 10, at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond) in order to bid on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you'd like to get involved in planning the party, please contact Auction Chair Signy Judd at auktion@theberkeleyschool.org, TBSPA Chair Hyungsook Kim at kimbuctu@berkeley.edu, or Director of Development Jennifer Kirk at jkirk@theberkeleyschool.org. *We are still taking donations to the auction, so please submit your items today -- you can donate an item or buy your tickets online [here](#).*

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.



More Pick-a-Party madness! Above: The intrepid bargain-hunters who attended the Alameda Flea Market party. Photo: Laura Gorjance. Below: The piñata party was a favorite with all ages. Photo: Cecilia Echeverria.



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.

- **Hip-Hop Dance Studio Party**, Sunday, March 14, 1130 am-2:00 pm
- **Develop Your Unique Look**, Saturday, March 20, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
- **Soap-Making with Kids - Glycerin Soap**, Sunday, April 18, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
- **Oyster Bliss**, Sunday, April 18, 4:00-7:00 pm
- **¡Viva España!**, Saturday, April 24, 7:00-11:00 pm.

