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Pick-a-Party

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KICK-OFF AND SIGN-UPS AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011

2:00-4:00 pm

TBS Pick-a-Party 2011-2012

October 11, 2011

Dear TBS families and friends,

We are pleased to present you with our ninth annual catalog of parties. Heartfelt thanks to all of our generous, creative, and fun-loving hosts for this embarrassment of riches! Get out your calendars, everyone, and start browsing!

Remember, all the money raised by these parties goes directly school programs, so you can rest assured that the money you spend will directly impact our kids' experiences in the classroom. But don't forget, these parties are also a lot of fun – so you'll feel good while you do good!

On Sunday, October 16:

- Pick-a-Party sign-ups will take place at the annual TBSPA Ice Cream Social from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the University Avenue campus.
- Party sign-ups are first come, first served. Be prepared – some parties will fill quickly! Sign up for as many events as you wish to attend. You may also sign up on behalf of friends and neighbors – you don't have to be a TBS parent to attend, so spread the word! --but you must be prepared to pay for all the spaces you claim.
- Bring your checkbook, cash or credit card (VISA or MasterCard). **YOU MUST PAY FOR PARTIES WHEN YOU SIGN UP.**

If you still have questions, turn this page over for more details, email Liz Berry or Dave Yetter at pickaparty@theberkeleyschool.org, or call Diane Johnson at 665-8800 ext. 108.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 16! And remember, the early bird catches the best parties!

Party On!

Liz and Dave

With special thanks to all of our fabulous party hosts, and to the following for their able assistance: Marites Abueg, Keith Morris, Ann DuMont, Laura Gorjance, Ann Fischer Hecht, and Lisa Hanson.

Pick-a-Party FAQ Sheet

Okay, so how does this thing work?

This catalog features 60 different fun events to choose from. Most parties will take place between October and June. Each party has a fixed number of sign-up slots, and a fixed price per person to attend. All the money collected goes directly to support TBS.

How do I sign up to attend?

At the Ice Cream Social/Pick-a-Party Kickoff event on October 16, from 2:00-4:00 pm, you will have the chance to sign up to attend as many of these parties as you like. All the party offerings will be laid out on tables. Friendly people will be there to help. Sign-ups will be first-come, first-served. *You must pay for the parties you sign up for that very day. Bring your checkbook, credit card, or cash to pay for the parties you want to attend. Bring your calendar, too!*

So, I don't have to buy the whole party?

Right! You only sign up for the spaces you want. The prices listed will be per person or per family. For example, if you want to attend with a partner or a friend, you must sign up and pay for two spaces. If you plan to attend by yourself, then just sign up for one space.

I can't make it on October 16. What should I do?

Find a friend who is willing to sign up and pay for you. Many parties will sell out that day. Any unfilled parties will be available for sign-up in the office at the University Avenue campus the following week and for as long as space is available. (Contact Pickaparty@theberkeleyschool.org for more information.)

Are the parties only for members of the TBS community?

Absolutely not! If you see an event that you think your friends, extended family members, or neighbors would like to attend, you can sign up and pay on their behalf. Anyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to participate. If you have friends or neighbors whose children's schools you have supported by purchasing raffle tickets or gift wrap, this is a great way for you to invite them to reciprocate.

If I pay for a party but cannot attend, can I get my money back?

We ask that, if you don't attend a party you've signed up for, you consider your purchase a charitable donation to TBS. In some circumstances, if a party has to be canceled or the date changed due to weather, we will consider a refund if asked.

When and how will I pay for my parties?

You must pay at the time you sign up to hold your space at a party. We accept cash, check, VISA, or MasterCard. (We make it easy to pay!)

Do we do this instead of making direct donations to the Annual Fund?

No. The school counts on income from the Annual Fund, the Auction, and Pick-a-Parties to support our programs. We trust you will feel inspired to participate in all three.

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FOR ADULTS

1. The Secrets of Pho

Cooking Class

Join Tammy Kutlik as she reveals her secret Nguyen family recipe for making a Vietnamese pho you won't find anywhere else—here or in Vietnam. For those not already in the know, pho is a lovely soup that blends delicate flavors of both China (for the noodles) and France (for the broth) to make something uniquely Vietnamese. Tammy will share her secrets and guide you through the entire process of preparing this unique soup. Pho, of course, will be served as well as freshly prepared ginger tea. Inhale deeply, this is going to be a wonderful event.

Price: \$60 per person

Guests: 20 non-vegetarian adults

Date: March 3; Lunch at 12:30, cooking lesson to follow.

Location: TBS Depot and Kitchen

Host: Tammy Kutlik

Phone: (510) 908-0025

E-mail: tammykutlik@comcast.net

2. I Can't Go On, I'll Go On

Adult Class/Seminar

Having pushed readers to the limit of endurance with last year's *Infinite Jest* book club, Dave Yetter and Liz Berry have decided to kick the challenge up a notch with the ultimate literary endurance test: Samuel Beckett's Trilogy (*Molloy*, *Malone Dies*, and *The Unnameable*). Alumnae of last year's group will rejoice at the comparatively low page count (hey, this book's under 1000 pages!) But don't let your guard down, fearless reader. Samuel Beckett has other challenges in store. Help us probe the depths of this challenging, unusual—and unusually funny—legend of 20th-century literature. We'll meet once for each book of the trilogy completed—at an Irish bar, of course. First round's on us!

Price: \$50.00 per person

Guests: 12 adults

Date: *Molloy*: January 27; *Malone Dies*: March 23; *The Unnameable*: May 11; all at 7pm

Location: TBD.

Hosts: Dave Yetter and Liz Berry

Phone: (510) 420-0335

E-mail: elizberry@gmail.com

3. Top Shelf Martini Happy Hour

Wine/Cocktails

Now *this* is a cocktail party! 3 top-shelf vodkas and 3 top-shelf gins go head to head in this high-powered Happy Hour cocktail blowout! The virgin martinis and attire may be casual, but everything else about this night will climb to the nines. You might even spot the high headmaster himself, Mr. Mitch "Leopold"* Bostian, a true connoisseur of the finer clear spirits.

*Gin connection, Iowa style, for those in the know—the rest of you will just have to come find out!

Price: \$45 per person

Guests: 50 Adults

Date: Saturday, January 21, 6pm to 8pm

Location: 1209 Curtis Street, Berkeley

Hosts: Diane and Chris Lever

Phone: (510) 847-2152

E-mail: chris2lever@gmail.com, Dianelever@hotmail.com

4. TBS Idol, Season Five: The Final Frontier

Musical Event

Let's do it again! World-famous karaoke party TBS Idol just gets bigger and badder with each passing year. Don't miss the fun as a panel of disastrously frank celebrity judges speak their mind on a slate of dignity-challenged contestants—all familiar TBS faces (of whom more, perhaps, might have been expected?). After the competition establishes once and for all which TBSer is willing to sink the lowest, the stage will open up to you, dear ones, for a judgment-free karaoke extravaganza. Time to brush up your version of “90 Miles An Hour Down a Dead-End Street” or “Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover”! Costumes and props encouraged! The handsome and charming K.J. Glenny Kravitz, aka the Karaoke Shark, will return for his fifth consecutive year. Heavy snacks, beer, and wine will be served, and this time around, hitherto impeccably-behaved Drs. Chang and Buchanan are on board to bring the one thing Idol has lacked in years past: a signature cocktail! Is there no one TBS Idol cannot corrupt? Join us and see!

Price: \$30

Guests: 50 Adults

Date: Saturday, May 12, 7:30-11pm

Location: TBS Depot

Hosts: Laura Gorjance, Diane Johnson, Dave “Dr. Feelgood” Chang, and Catherine “Calm Like a Bomb” Buchanan

Phone: 665-8800 ext. 159

E-mail: lgorjance@theberkeleyschool.org

5. Alameda Antiquing Adventures

Shopping

Well-known scavenger hunters, Colleen and Laura, will provide the coffee and pastries to get you going at Oh-dark-thirty before whisking you to the famous Alameda Antiques Fair, home of all things collectible. Your admission to the fair will be paid and you and all your loot delivered to your door if necessary! (Delivery service only available in Berkeley and surrounding East Bay towns; if you find the perfect sofa for Uncle Joe in Fremont, you're on your own). A gourmet bag lunch will be included.

Price: \$40

Guests: 8 Adults

Date: Sunday, February 5, 7:30 am

Location: Meet at 1035 Shattuck Ave

Hosts: Laura Gorjance and Colleen Neff

Phone: 665-8800 ext. 159

E-mail: lgorjance@theberkeleyschool.org

6. En Plein Air Painting and Picnic at Mt. Tam!

Nature/Outdoors

Paint the scene in your mind: you set up your easel beside Monet outside his garden, a picnic basket of gourmet foods awaits: the smells of chicken, bread, cheese, seasonal fruits, salads, wine, dessert waft through the air. The sun bursts through the trees, you lift up your brush, and paint the scene on your canvas. Join us for a lovely day of art and artistry at Mt. Tam. We'll supply the picnic, and (hopefully) inspiration, you bring a desire to let yourself go and create. All levels of artistry welcome and heartily supported. Your hosts are both experienced artists who enjoy an occasional playful day of outdoor painting, so pack up your art supplies and join us!

Price: \$20

Guests: 12 adults

Date: Saturday, June 2, 10am to 2pm.

Location: Mt. Tamalpais, Mill Valley, CA (map to follow)

Hosts: April Netzer and Jim Bruce

Phone: (510) 528-0513

E-mail: april_netzer@earthlink.net

7. Learn to Jam (Fruit, That Is)

Cooking Class

Have you wanted to get in on the jam-making craze, but have visions of exploding pressure cookers, spoiled or runny jam, or just too much confusion in the kitchen? Then this party is for you. Join TBS parent and Parents' Association Visionary Moira Kenney for a simple and truly relaxing afternoon of jam making using what ever is freshest in the market that week. Learn what you need (and don't need) for equipment, why pectin really is critical, how to select and prepare fruit for jamming, and then participate in a hands-on, step-by-step work session in the TBS kitchen. You will leave with simple canning instructions you can use all year, a set of recipes for delectable homemade treats, and a pint of your own freshly preserved jam.

Price \$40.00/person

Guests: 12 adults

Date: Saturday, April 21

Location: TBS Depot

Host: Moira Kenney

Phone: (510) 637 8153

E-mail: moirakenney@gmail.com

8. A Taste of Hyannisport

Dinner

Join us for an evening that brings the unique feeling of a Cape Cod summer to Berkeley. Think oysters on the half shell, clam chowder, lobster rolls, cole slaw, and a home-baked dessert. Gin and tonics? Cape Coddors? You bet—but there will also be fine wines on hand to accompany each course. Join us as we bring the simple elegance of the cape to Berkeley. Relax and enjoy great food and conversation, East-coast style. Looking for a new kitchen skill? We'll even teach you how to shuck oysters.

Price \$75.00

Guests: 12 adults

Date: Saturday, April 21

Location: 2038 Oakland Ave, Piedmont

Hosts: Kate Walsh and Dan Serpico, Judy and John Malamut

Phone: (510) 350-7316 or (510) 843-5767

E-mail: katewalsh725@gmail.com or John.Malamut@sfgov.org

9. Real Estate Revealed

Adult Class/Seminar

No stone will be left unturned and no taboo broken in our effort to reveal the truth behind the headlines. Find out what's really going on behind the scenes and what is moving the local market! Learn the statistics your broker won't tell you, how you can still retire off your real estate assets, how the rules have changed for marketing your home, and deadly mistakes most buyers make. We'll consult the magic 8 ball and predict the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and what that means for mortgages and the broader economy. You will be surprised, engaged, and encouraged to participate in a discussion that will last as long as the wine holds out!

Price \$40

Guests: 12 adults

Date: Saturday, October 22

Location: 1507 Josephine Street, Berkeley

Hosts: Adam and Vladlena McClure

Phone: (415) 572-6040

E-mail: adam@heartherealty.net

10. Fire Your Handyman!

Adult Class/Seminar

Tired of having to pay some guy an arm and a leg to do those pesky home maintenance repair jobs you just know you could do yourself if only you had a little training? Well now's your chance to learn those indispensable hands-on skills you need to be your *own* handy-person. Learn basic framing, plumbing, and electrical repairs. You will sweat copper, join PEX tubing, install a new outlet, and wire a light switch. By party's end, you will know how to replace a hot water heater and add circuits to your home. Get all your home maintenance questions addressed in one afternoon!

Price \$75.00

Guests: 10 adults

Location: 1507 Josephine St., Berkeley

Date: Sunday afternoon, March 18

Hosts: Adam and Vladlena McClure

Phone: (415) 572-6040

E-mail: adam@heartherealty.net

11. TBS Raises a Racquet

Sports/Athletic Activity

James Mandle and David Chang invite you to dust off your old racquet and don your Wembley Whites.* Bring out your inner Rafa, or display your sensitive Swiss side and join us courtside for an afternoon of tennis at the Claremont Hotel. We'll hold a doubles round robin and enjoy some food and drinks together. Bring your "A" game because there are prizes to be had! Besides, you never know where the News Notes paparazzi may be lurking. All levels welcome!

* Tennis whites not mandatory; you're more than welcome to bring your Bjorn Borg headband and stripy tube socks, if that's more your style.

Price \$50

Date: Sunday, April 29

Location: Claremont Hotel and Tennis Club

Guests: 16 adults

Hosts: James Mandle, Ann Klein, David Chang

Phone: (510) 928-0965

E-mail: jamesmandle@gmail.com

12. Digital Photo Bookmaking

Adult Class/Seminar

Here's your chance to turn your digital photos into a beautiful coffee table-worthy photo book. Join Chad Jennings, VP of Product and Design from blurb.com, for an evening of tips, tutorials, and inspirational ideas. Chad will walk you through the basics of editing and preparing photos, designing your book using blurb's free software, ordering, and sharing your book. We'll also include some insider tips and tricks, with plenty of samples on hand, and save plenty of time for questions. New to photo books? This session will eliminate the learning curve— but even seasoned photobookers will learn new tricks. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine will be served. You'll also receive a discount coupon for \$20 off your first photo book (hint: they make great gifts!).

Price \$50

Guests: 20 Adults

Date: Tuesday, November 15

Location: Middle School Amphitheater

Host: Chad and Heesoo Jennings

Phone: (415) 425-2707

E-mail: chad@blurb.com

13. Queens of Thrift: Money Can't Buy Me Love

Shopping

Back by popular demand! This perennial favorite was MIA from the Pick-a-Party slate last year, so grab your chance now to take a walk on the cheap side, the secret source of the fashion brilliance of one of your hostesses. (The other, blessed with good taste, financial resources, and cheekbones that could cut glass, has a different source. Bonus points for guessing which is who!) As in the past, we will gather in the aristocratic ambiance of Ledger's parking lot, to be whisked away for a furious morning of shopping in some of the more affordable East Bay thrift (NOT vintage or consignment) stores. From there, we will repair to a local restaurant (to be determined, but certain to offer a reviving adult beverage) for a sustaining late lunch, the traditional competition for cheapskate bragging rights, and the legendary Distribution of the Gifts of Thrift. You will be returned to Ledger's by 4:00 pm, to haul away your spoils and dream of next year.

Price \$50

Guests: 10 Adults

Date: March 10

Location: Meet at Ledger's Liquors

Hosts: Laura Gorjance and Diane Johnson

Phone: (510) 665-8800 x159 or x108

E-mail: lgorjance@theberkeleyschool.org

14. Orthopaedics 101 for the Weekend Warrior

Adult Class/Seminar

Join proud TBS parent, orthopaedic surgeon, and sports physician David Chang for an information session on common injuries that may strike the middle-aged parent (do we know any of those?). This hypothetical parent may, or may not be athletically inclined—injuries accompany a surprising spectrum of activities. We'll spend the morning discussing ways to prevent injuries, as well as when to seek medical help. Bring your questions as well as your aches and pains.

Price \$25

Guests: 30 adults (kids OK)

Date: Jan 22, 10am - 12pm

Location: The TBS Depot

Hosts: Dr. David Chang

Phone: (510) 528-3422

E-mail: davidschang@stanfordalumni.org

15. Vintners' Tour of Anderson Valley

Wine/Cocktails

The gorgeous Anderson Valley along Route 128 in Mendocino County is host to a growing number of splendid wineries. Join us as we sample offerings from such fine establishments as Navarro Vineyards, Husch, and Handley Cellars. Let's decipher the riddle of Anderson Valley's microclimate and plumb the secrets of its lovely varietals including that delicate mystery: pinot noir. We'll pair each tasting with an assortment of delicious accompaniments. Come enjoy the bounty!

Price \$40.00 per person, or \$75 dollars per couple

Guests: 12 adults

Date: March 31, 5 to 7pm.

Location: 2454 Prince St. Berkeley

Host: Laurie Ann Doyle

Phone: (510) 841-2892

E-mail: doyle.la@sbcglobal.net

16. Get Ready to Rumble!

Adult Class/Seminar

For those procrastinators out there, our intent is to help you select a first-rate custom set of disaster supplies you will hopefully order just once in a lifetime. There are plenty of off-the-shelf kits on the web—some are cheap, others poorly thought through, and many have prices that suggest you're buying crap. From crowbars to battery chargers, water to first aid, personal documents to a near hermetically-sealed storage bin, we will help get you set. Dan will use his training as an emergency-medicine MD to guide the process. The party will feature earthquake-themed martinis (shaken, not stirred), “shake & bake” split chicken breasts and sliders, upside-down and fallen chocolate cakes (served on tectonic plates, no less). In celebration of our mutual preparedness, we may rock to Carole King’s “I Feel the Earth Move” and Joe Turner’s “Shake, Rattle, and Roll,” “Shake It” Michael Franti-style and “San Andreas Fault” for those Natalie Merchant lovers out there. Don’t wait until the aftershocks!

(Note: Party price does not include an Earthquake Kit. Dan will work with you to design your ideal kit. Individual pre-ordered supplies can be available at the party to assemble and take home if purchased in advance.)

Price \$60.00

Guests: 20 adults

Location: 1179 Keith Avenue, Berkeley

Date: Saturday, February 11

Hosts: Jen and Dan Firepine

Phone: (510) 665-5511

E-mail: dspine@earthlink.net

17. An Evening at Berkeley Rep

Performance

“A devilishly enjoyable evening . . . The most defiant display of survivor-hood since Gloria Gaynor.”—*The Guardian of London*

The Wild Bride is a grown-up fairy tale that follows a girl’s journey through a visual wonderland. What happens when your father accidentally sells you to the devil? What do you do when your prince goes off to war? Hearts break, hearts heal, and happily ever after still may be possible.

Here’s your chance to see this wildly popular play before the season is sold out! Join us at Berkeley Rep for an unforgettable evening of theater and conversation. We’ll meet at the theater at 7:45pm. After the play we’ll meet at Revival restaurant for drinks and dessert and lively discussion.

Price \$125.00

Guests: 18 adults

Date: Friday, December 9, 7:45pm

Location: Berkeley Rep and Revival

Hosts: Ann Fisher Hecht and Helen Meyer

Phone: (510) 528-2865

E-mail: afhecht@gmail.com, HelenM@meyersound.com

18. The Remains of the Day: Breakfast and Banter

Adult Class/Seminar

Maybe you're already in love with this Booker-Prize-winning novel by Kazuo Ishiguro, which The New York Times Book Review called "a dream of a book: a beguiling comedy of manners that evolves almost magically into a profound and heart-rending study of personality, class and culture." Maybe you've been meaning to read it for ages. Maybe you saw the movie (starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson). Maybe you just want to connect with other readerly types. Whatever the case, come along to a breakfast of bagels and mimosas where we'll contemplate what makes this novel work. This is a first-person story—if the butler, Stevens, is the one telling the story, how does Ishiguro signal to the reader that Stevens is not a reliable narrator? How does Ishiguro tell us the truth about Stevens's emotional state even when Stevens is not being honest with himself? If Stevens is delivering a long monologue that lasts 256 pages, why doesn't the reader feel as if he's droning on and on? Why doesn't the novel feel flat? And just who is Stevens talking to anyway? Those who sign up will receive a copy of the book, which will be held in a setting guaranteed to evoke banter and witticisms.

Price \$25

Guests: 20 adults

Date: February 5, 2012, 10 am - noon

Location: to be determined

Host: Christy Quinto

Phone: (510) 992-9374

E-mail: christy.quinto@gmail.com

19. TBSWSOP (The Berkeley School World Series of Poker)

Games

I see, I think . . . I'm ALL IN! An evening of no-limit Texas Hold'em to decide who in the TBS community can call themselves the King or Queen of Poker, and who is just bluffing. 28 players (card-letes, really) will raise, call, and fold until 27 are busted and 1 is left wearing the coveted gold (macaroni) bracelet, courtesy of enterprising K-1 students. The top three finishers will win fabulous prizes (TBD). Beer, wine and Jon's special sliders (both veg and meat) will be served.

Price \$40-\$50 buy in

Guests: 28 adults

Date: November 5, 7pm

Location: The TBS Depot

Hosts: Jon Witort and Helen Hallberg

E-mail: jon@witort.com

Phone: (510) 558-3389

20. So You Want to Run a Non-Profit

Adult Class/Seminar

Lauren Webster is a senior financial executive at a national non-profit organization. Ingrid Mittermaier is an attorney who works with charities and other tax-exempt organizations on corporate and tax issues. They're both TBS moms. Join them for a lively discussion about how to operate a charitable (aka, non-profit) organization. What makes a charity a charity exactly? This discussion will include do's and don'ts any charity needs to be aware of, and cover financial management issues, requirements, best practices, and some common pitfalls and ways to avoid them. Please bring questions!

Price \$ 30.00

Guests: 10 adults

Date: Tuesday evening, December 6

Location: Ingrid's house, 625 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley

Hosts: Lauren Webster, Ingrid Mittermaier

Phone: (510) 482-6106 or (510) 526-7075

E-mail: lauren.adam@sbcglobal.net, ingrid@adlercolvin.com

21. Women's Camping Retreat

Expedition

Tired of sitting around watching men pretend they know how to light a campfire? Women, it's time to take charge! Join Heather Tega, your personal camping hostess, for an evening of camping 101 at the conveniently located Anthony Chabot Regional Park. Campers can join the fun as early as 3pm on Friday, May 4th. Plan to spend the night, have a champagne breakfast, and go for a late morning hike. All tents, camping kitchen gear, chairs, and supplies will be provided (sleeping bags if needed). Meals will be provided and prepped for all the happy campers to cook up together! All *you* need to bring are personal belongings and a bottle of wine.

Price \$50.00

Guests: 7 adult women

Date: Friday, May 4 to Saturday, May 5

Location: Anthony Chabot Regional Park

Host: Heather Tega

Phone:(510) 665-8800 x102

E-mail: htega@theberkeleyschool.org

22. Cluck and Quack Brunch

Adult Class/Seminar

Have you been considering raising your own flock of chickens or ducks for the joy of it, or for the delicious eggs they will provide you and your family? We'll show you how!

Join Kate Klaire and Elisabeth Ross for a delicious organic vegetarian brunch prepared by your hosts in Elisabeth's North Berkeley kitchen. Become part of the local urban food movement! Make some feathery friends! Discover the basics for building your own coop and raising poultry with your family! Here is an opportunity to share a meal and learn some practical pointers about how to get started on your own egg adventure.

Price \$30

Guests: 15 adults

Date: May 5, 10 am-12pm

Location: 1310 Bay View Place, Berkeley

Hosts: Elisabeth Ross and Kate Klaire

Phone: 510 684 1511 (Elisabeth) or 510 303 0453 (Kate)

E-mail: e@elisabethross.com, kklaire@theberkeleyschool.org

23. Wine and Food of Southern Italy

Wine/Cocktails

Southern Italian wines are growing in reputation, and feature an astounding variety of indigenous wine grape varieties, many of which make spectacular wines, often at far more reasonable prices than wines of the north. Close your eyes and conjure one of Calabria's big fruity reds, and drink it beside the spicy morsels of lamb from the Taverns of Catanzaro. Join TBS parents John Whitehurst and Lisa Hanson as they share their deep understanding of this long tradition of wine making in this rugged part of the world, and share too their equally passionate connection to this region's food which will be carefully paired with each wine choice. *Delizioso!*

Price \$100.00

Guests: 12

Date: January 28, 2012, 5:30 pm.

Location: 6000 La Salle Ave, Oakland

Hosts: Lisa Hanson, John Whitehurst

Phone: (510) 338-0054

E-mail: lhanson111@gmail.com

24. Knitting Circle

Adult Class/Seminar

Here's your big chance: a class for all you parents who've always wanted to learn the wonders of knit and purl! Join us for this three-class series at the Rockridge home of Jean "Knitwit" Littlejohn, co-hosted by Jenny "Sweater Maven" Scholten. Classes will take place Fridays Oct 28th, Nov 11th, and Dec 9th from 7:30-9pm so that you'll have time to finish that great _____ (hat, scarf, pillow, gift) in time for the cold weather and holidays. Bring your own yarn. Jean and Jenny are happy to loan you needles, give you advice on a good project for your skill level, and connect you with Bay Area and online resources. Warming drinks and home-baked goods will be served. More advanced knitters who would like to come for company and chat are equally welcome.

Price \$25 total for 3 classes

Guests: 10 adults

Dates: Fridays, Oct 28, Nov 11, Dec 9th 7:30-9pm

Location: 5317 Lawton Ave, Oakland

Host: Jean Littlejohn

Phone: (510) 642-1229

E-mail: jeanzo2@hotmail.com

25. Homemade Italian Pasta: Child's Play for Grownups

Cooking Class

Before there was Playdough, there was...pasta dough! This class will teach the basics of making Italian egg and non-egg pasta dough and then focus on shapes that you can teach your kids to help make at home. No pasta machine needed! This class will include a brief introduction to ingredients and a handout with some recipes for simple, traditional sauces to go with the shapes. Come ready to roll up your sleeves! Take what you make home for dinner that night (you'll feed up to 5 people). Expect an amazing spread of antipasti and vino—*che bontà!*

Price \$35 each person

Guests: 5 adults working alone or 3 adult pairs

Date: Jan 28th, 1:00-4:00pm

Location: 5317 Lawton Ave., Oakland

Hosts: Jean Littlejohn and Cathy Chou

Phone: (510) 642-1229

E-mail: jeanzo2@hotmail.com

26. Tamales!

Cooking Class

Enjoy a special day of home cooking at the home of Don Loeb and Carrie Lozano (proud TBS parents of Hugo and Diego) and special guest, Live Oak classroom's beloved Griselda Kondo, for a day of tamale preparation, creation, and best of all, consumption! Come learn Griselda's tamale-making secrets, eat and enjoy. You'll take home more than memories—we'll send you home with more tamales! This is Mexican soul food, perfect for the holidays—don't miss it!

Price \$50.00

Date: December 10, 2011, 1pm to 5pm

Location: 1306 Milvia St, Berkeley

Guests: 10 adults

Hosts: Carrie Lozano and Griselda Kondo

Phone: (510) 527-8251

E-mail: carrie.lozano@gmail.com

27. Hooky and Divots: The First Annual TBS Golf Tournament

Sports/Athletic Activity

Okay, Moms and Dads, we're familiar with the story. "I haven't played golf much since becoming a parent . . ." or "I've never played a game of golf that didn't feature a huge windmill and a dragon somewhere on the course." Well, no matter which type of golfer you are, lapsed or miniature, here's your chance to play *because* of your kids, to play *for* your kids. Dust off your clubs, or borrow a set, and let's play hooky from work and go out and play! All skill levels welcome. We'll be playing the beginner-friendly Best Ball format. And we'll have prizes! Best round wins a free round of golf for four golfers! Box lunch included along with water, soda, and beer at the 19th hole.

Price \$100.00

Guests: 7 adults

Date: Tuesday, May 15th, 12:30pm to 5pm.

Location: Mira Vista Gold Club, El Cerrito

Host: John Clarke

Phone: (510) 235-1446

E-mail: john@oceanexportinc.com

28. Take Me Back to Chicago or the Third Annual Parent Teacher Softball Game (and Home Run Derby)!

Sports/Athletic Activity

You appreciate team sports. You enjoy a cold, fully krausened beer. You've been known to eat a bratwurst from time to time. If any of these are true—and especially if all are true—then we have the party for you. Cerrito Creek teacher Mike Sinclair, and Head of School Mitch Bostian, who share an appreciation for poetry, teaching, and the finer aspects of Chicagoland culture, are ready to introduce Chicago-style softball to the East Bay. For those not in the know, this Midwestern variant on the national pastime is a thing of beauty. A 16-inch, softer softball eliminates the need for gloves, and turns the typical long-ball-heavy game into a pulse-quickening, low-scoring strategic contest. An orange mat behind home plate makes balls and strikes obvious (if it hits the mat, it's a strike; if it doesn't, it's a ball). Throw in a supply of *de rigueur* Old-Style beer, brats, and a healthy dose of ibuprofen, and you've got a party guaranteed to finish your weekend on the right note. So, whether you love softball, beer, brats, Sunday afternoon camaraderie, or the sight of the Head of School giving up a three-run double, join us. Party-goers will receive additional Chicago mementos; rumors that the Empire Carpet song will be sung repeatedly are completely exaggerated (if you're from Chicago, you'll know what that means).

Veterans of last year's parent-teacher battle royale will note that we have shifted the focus from winning on the field to winning in the dugout (though it must said, the parents *are* the unbeaten champions). Who will tailgate harder? Who will have better uniforms? Who will have a better mascot? (Yes, dressing up your kids in funny costumes counts!) Those who just can't let go of their more aggressive competitive urges are encouraged to stay late for a home run derby (with regular size softballs); those fences need to be challenged!

Price: \$25

Guests: No limit, but no children on the team

Date: Sunday, June 3, 11am to 3pm

Location: James Kenney Park, 1720 8th Street, Berkeley

Hosts: Mitch Bostian, Mike Sinclair (and Dave Yetter and Lyssa Ichikawa, neither of whom know anything about krausened beer)

Phone: (510) 220-4060

E-mail: david.yetter@gmail.com

29. Sushi and Sake Tasting

Cooking Class

So you're not a sake connoisseur? Your palate hasn't yet learned to distinguish Honjozo-shu from Junmai-shu or Gingo-shu? (Well, neither have ours, really.) What makes a spicy tuna roll spicy? What flavors should you combine in your mackerel, tuna and salmon rolls? We'll roll, test and taste a variety of fish and accompaniments. So, in the spirit of education and humility please join us as we roll, sip, taste, sip some more, and learn about the art of sushi making and sake tasting. Come find out if you are a classicist or a mixologist when it comes to sushi roll combinations. Learn the basic skills of a successful roll: sticky rice, seaweed, water, bamboo mat. Then learn to roll intrepidly and festoon with favorite ingredients to create your own sushi sensation. We'll even experiment a little once you have the knack of rolling (all in good fun, of course, no pressure!). And to relieve any pressure, we'll have a pony keg of Japanese beer, appetizers, gyoza and, of course, miso soup.

Price: \$75.00

Guests: 20 adults

Date: Saturday, March 3

Location: TBD (but probably at Carrie, or Chelsea's house)

Hosts: Carrie McAlister, Chelsea Cooper (and husbands)

Phone: (510) 292-7838

E-mail: carrie@redoakrealty.com

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30. An Evening of South American Guitar Music

Musical Event

Join noted classical guitarist (and proud TBS parent), Leonardo Garcia, for a house concert of Latin American guitar music, along with drinks and delicious homemade desserts from amateur baker (and equally proud TBS parent) Maya Fisher. Originally from Maracaibo, Venezuela, award-winning guitarist Leonardo Garcia has performed in North America, South America, and Europe. Spanning a full range of centuries and styles, Garcia's concert programs are highlighted by his rich South American repertoire. He is also the founder of KinderGuitar, a music education program dedicated entirely to educating very young children through the guitar. This popular program currently works with over 80 children and their families to make guitar a part of their everyday lives. Make it part of *your* life for this wonderful evening.

Price \$30

Guests: 20 people (children welcome if they can sit still for an hour)

Date: April 1, 7PM

Location: 3799 Harrison Street, Oakland

Hosts: Maya Fisher and Leonardo Garcia

Phone: (510) 547-9672

E-mail: maya@squarewater.com

31. Cooking Class with Gregoire

Cooking Class

Turn up the heat and learn new cooking techniques with famed Bay Area Chef and TBS Eat Smart Director (not to mention proud TBS parent), Gregoire Jacquet. You'll prepare a complete meal *in a working restaurant kitchen*, and then enjoy the products of your hard labor and learning as you sit down and enjoy a full dinner. No prior skills necessary—just a hunger to learn!

Price \$75.00

Guests: 10 adults or children, 12 and older (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Date: Thursday, January 12th, 6pm to 9pm

Location: Restaurant Gregoire, 4001-B Piedmont Avenue, Oakland

Hosts: Gregoire Jacquet

Phone: (510) 455-0494

E-mail: gregoire@gregoirerestaurant.com

32. Quirky Berkeley

Expedition

Back for a second season! Tour the quirky folk-lawn art and architecture of Berkeley—by car! The famous Fish House, the totem pole, the Buddhist street shrine . . . the cluster of beach sculptures on Colusa, the giant insect collection at the abandoned gas station, the windmill, the tin man, the bird houses (the list goes on)! Some of them you've seen already and some you may never even have noticed. In any case, you've probably never seen all of them together *in one day*! We'll admire the art, learn about the artists and architects behind it, and revel in the quirky of Berkeley. A (quirky!) brown bag gourmet snack will be provided and a (quirky!) tour photographer will record the events of the day. Each participating family will receive a Shutterfly photo album, so you can revisit and share those quirky Berkeley memories.

Price \$25

Guests: 15 Adults and children (accompanied by an adult)

Date: Sunday, March 18, 11:00 am to 2pm

Location: Meet at 1155 Oxford Street, Berkeley

Hosts: Tom Dalzell, Cathy MacNeal and Thomas Jameson

Phone: 525-5984

E-mail: cwmacneal@mac.com

33. Make-a-Felted-Gnome!

Arts and Crafts

Who can say they have truly expressed their creativity when they haven't yet made a felted gnome? This is that once-in-a-lifetime chance! (OK, third-in-a-lifetime chance for those who've attended past years' popular event—but you never forget your first gnome.) Come to the Depot with Master Gnomecrafters Sima and Lucy to learn the craft of needle felting (a dry felt technique). Their teaching skills are legend; now they can apply those skills to something that has *real* meaning. Tasty refreshments will be served.

Price \$40

Guests: 12 Adults and Children, 6th grade and up

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2-4:30pm

Location: Art Studio, 1310 University Ave

Hosts: Sima Misra and Lucy Mahaffey

Phone: (510) 526-6527

E-mail: lucymaha@yahoo.com

34. Holiday Movie at Meyer Sound: *The Polar Express*

Movie Day/Night

Climb aboard the Polar Express! Take a day off this holiday season and spend a Sunday afternoon at the state-of-the-art Pearson Theater at Meyer Sound, one of the finest places to see, and HEAR a movie in the Bay Area! *The Polar Express* boasts some of the most innovative animation techniques of its time, and it's a rollicking good adventure for those who still hear the sleigh bells. Refreshments served after the movie. Don't let this one pass you by!

Price \$10

Guests: 60 adults and children

Date: December 11, 2-4:30 pm

Location: Meyer Sound Pearson Theater

Hosts: Helen and John Meyer

Phone: (510) 486-1166 or (510) 525-8529

E-mail: helen@meyersound.com

35. Aquarium 101

Adult Class/Seminar

Have you ever wanted to set up a fish tank, but the fear of killing all the fish stopped you? This party is for you. Come learn how to set up and maintain a thriving freshwater aquarium in a single afternoon. One lucky family will even get to take home a complete aquarium setup, stocked with plants, fish, and shrimp! Refreshments will be served.

Price \$15.00

Guests: 35 adults and children

Date: December 10, 2-5 pm

Location: 2765 Acton St, Berkeley

Hosts: Boun Khamnouane

Phone: (510) 390-0312

E-mail: boun@eastbayconsortium.org

36. Earth Day Progressive Picnic

Party

Wend your way on foot through the streets and steps of North Berkeley in a celebration of Earth Day. This progressive picnic in the parks and backyards of TBS families is guaranteed to be a blast for young and old. Your hosts will serve appetizers, salad, pasta or pizza, dessert and, of course, wine and a choice of beverages appropriate for the kids. Our party will progress on foot, with an optional brief excursion to the top of Indian Rock. Plan on 45 minutes of walking time between houses/parks, and about three hours of eating, drinking, and making merry.

Price \$25 per adult, \$15 per child

Location: North Berkeley (route tbd)

Guests: 20 adults and children

Date: Sunday, April 22, 3:00-7:00pm

Hosts: Christy Quinto, Helen Hallberg, Jon Witort, Erica Roman, Signy Judd, Jonathan Wade

Phone: (510) 526-6048

E-mail: christy.quinto@gmail.com

37. TBS Kite Fest

Sports/Athletic Activity

Kites, kites everywhere! Join us at the Cesar Chavez Park at the Berkeley Marina (Berkeley's windiest site) for the Second Annual TBS Kitefest. Highlife Kites helps get things aloft with gigantic (and we mean *gigantic*) octopi, and wind tunnel kites. Kids make their own "No Fail" kites and Mini kites at the kite making station, then personalize them, before taking to the sky. Bring your own kite, too, if you have one. After a day of harnessing the wind, relax with us, share stories of heights reached and crashes averted (or not), while you enjoy lunch provided by your hosts.

Price \$20 per person

Guests: The sky's the limit! But more like 60.

Date: Saturday, May 19, 10am

Location: Berkeley Marina (if it's raining, we'll make kites indoors)

Hosts: Sunena Saharwal and Luis Garcia

Phone: (510) 559-0059

E-mail: sunenas@hotmail.com

TBS Kite Fest

38. Tour de 'Burbs with Will and Dave

Sports/Athletic Activity

Once again, join Cerrito Creek fifth grader Will Yetter and his dad, Dave, in a safe, quiet, and fun 20-mile tour of 7 (!) Contra Costa County suburbs that will only *seem* to go on forever. If that doesn't just whet your appetite, here's more: we'll meet at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. and begin our ride along a flat, car-free, 20-mile expanse of the Iron Horse Trail. With Mt. Diablo always in the distance, and an occasional canopy of oaks overhead, we'll end up in Pleasant Hill, then BART back home, refreshed and rejuvenated. We'll supply the energy bars, and snacks, just bring water and strong legs. Midway, we'll stop in Danville and forage for food (and coffee) among the not-as-bad-as-you'd-expect offerings. Added bonus: Dave's from Walnut Creek and can fill you in on all the interesting lore of the area (if he can think of any). Riders must be able to ride 20+ miles (in the sun). Kids on Trail-a-bikes welcome.

Price \$20.00 per family, or \$10.00 per person

Guests: 30 adults and kids, age 9 and up (smaller children permitted on bike trailers or trail-a-bikes)

Date: Sunday, April 22 (Earth Day!) 9:30 am

Location: Dublin/Pleasanton BART station

Hosts: Will and Dave Yetter

Phone: (510) 220-4060

E-mail: david.yetter@gmail.com

39. Tidepooling in Half Moon Bay

Nature/Outdoors

Explore the wonders that lie at the rocky edge of the mighty Pacific ocean at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve near Half Moon Bay with marine biologist and TBS parent, Jonathon Stillman. Discover the amazing creatures who scuttle, cling, and hide beneath the crashing waves in the pools that form in the intertidal zone between land and sea, and learn about the ways these animals have adapted and survive in their ephemeral environment. Bring your lunch, and after a morning of tidepooling, we'll relax and enjoy a picnic on the beach. We will gather at 9 am at the picnic tables near Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for some refreshments and then head down to explore the easily accessible tidepools at this fabulous site. We recommend you bring rubber boots and a camera, and dress in layers; a change of clothes is also a good idea, just in case your experience becomes truly immersive.

Price \$25 per person

Guests: 20 adults and children, 3rd grade and up; at least one parent per family

Date: Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am

Location: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, 200 Nevada Avenue, Moss Beach, CA 94308

Hosts: Jonathan Stillman and Carol Fang

Phone: (510) 525-3519

E-mail: stillmaj@sfsu.edu

40. Sandcastle Building at Stinson Beach

Nature/Outdoors

Back for a fifth season (or is it the sixth? We can't keep track anymore)! Once again the ever popular TBS alums Freyja Knapp and Pasquale Morton—gone but not forgotten— will join us for another day on the beach—chosen to take advantage of the Bay Area's notorious Indian Summer weather. (No more windswept sandcastle freezefests in May!) Freyja will share her well-honed sandcastle design and construction skills and show you how to craft amazing towers, Dr. Seuss arches, winding staircases, and more. You'll be the envy of the beach before the day is out. Drinks, snacks, and tools will be available. (If you have buckets, by all means, bring 'em!) Bring your own lunch for an unforgettable day in the sun!

Price \$50 per family

Guests: 15 families (kids included)

Date: Sunday, September 30th, 2012, 11:00 am

Location: Stinson Beach

Hosts: Liz Berry and Dave Yetter

Phone: (510) 420-0335

E-mail: elizberry@gmail.com

41. Carve Your Halloween Jack-O'-Lantern

Arts and Crafts

This year, carve your Halloween pumpkin at school! We'll supply everything you need—pumpkins, tools, some designs, even the candles to go inside. All you need to bring are your spooky ideas and creative inspiration. Best of all, no need to worry about pumpkin goo all over the kitchen floor! Bring your own giant pumpkin if you want to do something really spectacular, and don't forget your camera! We'll have snacks on hand so you can keep your energy up on this autumn afternoon. Oh, and bring your friends and relatives!! We've got lots of room!

Price: \$20.00

Guests: Up to 100 adults and children (children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Date: Sunday, October 30, 1-3pm

Location: TBS Solar System Patio, University Avenue Campus

Host: Theresa Halula

Phone: theresa_halula@yahoo.com

E-mail: (510) 653-2286

42. Ghostly Gate Fields: Halloween Family Day at the Races!

Expedition

Bring the family out to Ghostly Gate Fields on Saturday, October 29 to revel in the delights of Halloween. We'll have a day filled with candy, free pony rides, face painters, balloon artists, bounce houses, and more! All activities for the kids are free and take place from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. near the general admission gates. You will also receive a free Racing Program, and admission is covered by your party hosts—all bets, however, are on your own nickle. Meet us at the gates at 12:45 to get your (adult) tickets and we will try to hold a group of seats together so you can find the group when you go into the races. Food (hot dogs, chips, beer, etc.) is available at the concession stand.

First Race 12:45 p.m. / Gates Open 10:00 a.m. / Activities 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For more information see: <http://www.goldengatefields.com/events/2011-10-29/halloween-family-day>

Price \$30.00 per family

Guests: Unlimited (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Date: Saturday, October 29, 12-4pm

Location: Golden Gate Fields (Albany, CA)

Hosts: Pepper Rosen, Jeanine Strickland, Jamie Rosen

Phone: (510) 526-4412

E-mail: jeanine_strickland@yahoo.com

43. A Day in the Vineyard

Nature/Outdoors

Picture it: a mist rises and slowly dissipates over row upon row of vines. Alta Vineyard, located in the middle of the lovely Napa Valley, beckons. A small family-run operation, the first thing you notice here is how peaceful it is: no throngs of weekend wine tasters, not even a tasting room. Just row upon row of luscious grapes. Oh, and a bouncey house, so you can bring the kids! While *they* bounce and frolic through the grounds, which include a playground, *you* will stroll with your small party through the vineyards and sample Alta's offerings and enjoy a picnic worthy of the Impressionists with your hosts Nina and Fred Oliai, Catherine Buchanan, David Chang and Diane Johnson.

Buy some wines to take home with a same-day discount! www.alta-wines.com

Price \$100.00

Guests: 10 families

Date: Sunday, May 20

Location: Alta Vineyard. 4110 Atlas Peak Rd. Napa, CA

Hosts: Nina and Fred Oliai, Catherine Buchanan, David Chang and Diane Johnson

Phone: (510) 898-01748

E-mail: ninaoliai@gmail.com

44. Back to the Future for Cocktails of the Past

Movie Day/Night

Join us for a movie night with a twist...and an olive...and a cherry! Watch *Back to the Future* on the big screen while enjoying classic cocktails that would be right at home in 1955. Get ready to Marty McFly with Sidecars, Old Fashioneds, Rob Roys, Gimlets, and Frozen Pina Coladas! There'll also be kids drinks, and, of course popcorn, along with home-baked brownies, cookies, pies, bread and cheese, and samosas!

Price \$40.00 per family

Guests: 30 adults and children

Date: Saturday, March 10

Location: 821 Hillside Ave, Albany

Hosts: Natasha Khokhar, John Osvald

Phone: (510) 282-0454, (415) 602-7785

E-mail: natashakhokhar@gmail.com, john@osvald.com

45. Hand-Made Gift Soaps

Arts and Crafts

Learn how to make beautiful glycerin-based soaps by adding scent, color, and other embellishments. Melt down the glycerin soap base, then work your magic, pour it into molds and voilà! You have yourself a lovely bar of artisanal soap. We'll also make beautiful gift boxes to showcase your fine work.

Price \$20 per person

Guests: 4 adult/kid pairs (kids age 7 and up)

Date Sat, March 24- 2-4 pm

Location: 5964 Wood Drive, Oakland

Hosts: Martha Diepenbrock/Josh Newman

Phone:(510) 520-0108 or (415) 713-5542

E-mail: martha.diepenbrock@gmail.com or josh@edtec.com

46. *To Kill a Mockingbird* Master Class for Young Adults and Their Parents

All Ages Class

To some reviewers, *To Kill A Mockingbird* is “a timeless classic that unites us all”: to others, it’s an unintentional critique of Southern liberalism, a book to be banned, or a great movie. To Head of School Mitch Bostian, it’s an amazingly well-crafted work of literature, one that is equally accessible, and important, for adolescents and adults alike. After 20 years of teaching this novel, he wants to party with it, in a triple-session party that brings young adult readers and adult readers together to see where readings converge and diverge. It’s a chance to take other perspectives, to consider a text through the eyes of someone older, and younger, and to enjoy a book full of hidden delights, sweeping themes, and sheer reading pleasure. The class will consist of four meetings:

- January 17: Pre-read meeting with kids
- January 31: Pre-read meeting with adults
- March 13: Whole group comes together for final book meeting
- March 16: Pizza and movie screening at the Middle School amphitheater

Price \$60.00 adults, kids free

Guests: 10 adults, 10 middle school young adults

Dates: (See above)

Location: Classroom TBD, University Avenue Campus

Host: Mitch Bostian

Phone:(510) 665-8800, ex 102

E-mail: mbostian@theberkeleyschool.org

47. Cheesy TV Night: The Musical

Movie Day/Night

Take a break from all those parties that expand the mind and excite the senses! Stay up way past bedtime and watch TV with no redeeming educational value whatsoever! Come to the Depot for a mind-numbing, foot-tapping, and only occasionally cringe-inducing mini-marathon of cheesy TV, shown on the big screen. Enjoy popcorn (cheesy popcorn, naturally) and lemonade as we strive to attain a state of lower consciousness. This year’s program adds a new dimension to this longstanding low-culture TBS tradition: music! Enjoy such low-culture classics as *The Monkees*, *The Partridge Family*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and *Glee!* Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, sleeping bags! Make it an indoor jamboree. Turn on the TV, turn off your brain.

Price \$5.00

Guests: Unlimited

Date: Friday, January 27, 7pm

Location: TBS Depot

Hosts: Ann Fisher Hecht and Laura Gorjance

Phone: (510) 528-2865

E-mail: afhecht@gmail.com

FOR KIDS

48. Cal Skateboard Clinic

Sports/Athletic Activity

Kids! Always wanted to skate but never had the gumption or the gear? Already know how to skate but want to improve your skills? Join host Will Yetter, Cal Skate Camp Elite Team alumnus, as you take over the Cal Skate Camp facility for a special two-hour clinic with skating visionary Sean O'Loughlin, director of Berkeley Skate Park and Cal Skateboard camp. Sean and his staff will teach all kids basic safety and skating techniques, and provide tips and pointers for skaters of all skill levels. Learn to ride a variety of ramps and street obstacles that range in elevation from 3 to 13 feet in a nationally recognized skate park. Beginners welcome! Boards, pads and helmets available (but bring your own if you've got 'em). Girls are encouraged to attend.

Price \$50.00

Guests: 12 Kids age 8 and up

Date: Saturday, October 29, 10 am-12 pm

Location: Cal Skateboard Camp, Sports Lane at the top of Dwight Way, Berkeley

Hosts: Will and Dave Yetter, Liz Berry

Phone: (510) 420-0335

E-mail: elizberry@gmail.com

49. Tie Dye Extravaganza

Arts and Crafts

Celebrate the coming of summer and add pizzazz to your wardrobe by creating your very own tie-dye outfit. We'll supply kids' t-shirts, or you can bring a t-shirt or other garment of your choice and we will help you a colorful outfit of your own design. Yummy snacks will of course be served.

Price \$20

Guests: 20 Adults and Children

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2-4pm

Location: TBS Basketball Court, 1310 University Ave

Hosts: Keren Stronach

Phone: 540-5147

E-mail: keren@eaconsult.com

50. Make Your Own Holiday Cards

Arts and Crafts

Don't buy cards this holiday season! Make your own! Starting from high-quality card stock you'll learn how to use artisanal materials such as archival inks, and apply professional techniques like embossing. By day's end, you'll have a set of truly customized gift-worthy holiday greeting cards that will amaze and impress your friends and family.

Price \$15.00 per person

Guests: 12 adults and kids, grade 2 and up

Date: Sunday, November 13

Location: TBS Depot

Hosts: Moira Kenney and Sadie Aurora

Phone: (510) 843-1580

E-mail: moirakenney@gmail.com

51. Oakland Zoo Scavenger Hunt

Expedition

Who's up for a scavenger hunt?? Who's up for a scavenger hunt at the zoo??!! Who can find a blue mammal? How about a blue bird? A creature that is completely silent? Join Laurie Schoeffler, Heather Tega, and their sons Simon, Trace, and to explore the Oakland Zoo together on a fun creature-packed scavenger hunt! Kids, wear walking shoes and bring a backpack with water and a snack. Lunch in the zoo cafe will be provided. Parents can drop kids off at the box office at 10:30 am, and pick them up again at 3pm.

Price \$30.00

Guests: 12 kids, grades 1-5

Date: Sunday, March 18, 10:30 am to 3pm

Location: Oakland Zoo

Hosts: Laurie Schoeffler and Heather Tega

Phone: (510) 665-8800 x 269

E-mail: lschoeffler@theberkeleyschool.org

Oakland Zoo Scavenger Hunt

52. Sleepover Chefs: Dinner at the Bostians

Party

Girls! Come help Amalia and Roxy Bostian (and their parents) prepare a festive Autumn dinner! Amalia and Roxy will share the secrets of preparing their favorite dishes, then the dinner party will move outside, weather permitting (please, weather! Permit!) After dinner? Games, of course, dancing, general mayhem! (That's what sleepovers are all about, right?) We'll welcome four girls from 3rd grade and four girls from 4th-5th grade. All dinner offerings will be vegetarian, but please specify if you need gluten-free pasta, or have any other dietary restrictions. Bring a pillow and sleeping bag! Parents: We aim for 9pm lights out time... but you know how *that* goes . . .

Price \$75.00

Guests: 8 (four 3rd grade girls, four 4th-5th grade girls)

Date: Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22

Location: The Bostians'

Hosts: Joan, Mitch, Roxy and Amalia Bostian

Phone: 415-302-2466

E-mail: joanmichelle@comcast.net

53. Pinata Making Party

Arts and Crafts

Take birthday parties to a whole new level! Hosts Cecilia and Tomas will show you how to make your own festive pinata and teach you time-honored techniques for decorating your creations. Don't have a birthday coming up? Pinatas make fabulous decorations, too, for just about any room in your home. We'll provide afternoon snacks and drinks to help distract the kids from that overwhelming urge to start wailing on their freshly made pinata with a stick right away. Kids: wear old clothes—you will get dirty!

Price \$30 per adult- child pair

Guests: 15 Child (age 6 and up)-Adult pairs (30 total)

Date: Sunday, April 29 1-3 pm

Location: TBS Basketball Courts, 1310 University Ave

Hosts: Tomas and Cecilia Echeverria

Phone: (510) 647-5188

E-mail: ceci_o_e@mac.com

54. KIYAP! Tae Kwon Do Lesson with Abe Hendlish

Sports/Athletic Activity

Kick, punch, yell, and sweat at this hour-and-a-half Tae Kwon Do lesson taught by 2nd degree black belt (and father of ECC Magnolia denizen Benjamin) Abe Hendlish. Students will learn basic technique and the fundamentals of self-defense with plenty of time for kicking and punching the bags and props. This is a friendly and non-competitive environment; all fitness levels are welcome! Parents please feel free to join your kids on the mat or stand on the side taking pictures. Wear loose, comfortable exercise clothing; shoes not allowed in the studio.

Price \$25.00

Guests: 18 kids, 3rd grade and up

Date: Saturday, March 3, 1-3:30pm

Location: Hwa Rang Kwan Martial Arts Center, 371 5th Street, San Francisco

Hosts: Abe and Sarah Hendlish

Phone: (917) 655-4896

E-mail: shendlish@gmail.com

55. Sweet Briar and Blackberry Creek Pizza and Movie Night!

Movie Day/Night

Parents, it's time for a night out! Dress your kids in their PJs and drop them off for a wonderful night of pizza, sundaes and a movie—in Sweet Briar Creek classroom! Have your own date night, while your hosts, Sweet Briar teachers Danette and Amy, and Blackberry teachers Claire and Kyla (dressed in their PJs, too of course) feed, entertain and show your kids a great time! Who knew school could be *this* fun!

Price \$25 per child, or \$40 for two children from the same family

Guests: 40 kids

Date: Friday, November 18, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Location: Sweet Briar classroom.

Hosts: Teachers Danette and Amy, Claire and Kyla, and parents Teela (Harmony's mom), Moira (Sadie's mom), Willie (Sam's dad), Leah (Zack's mom), Abby Klein (Maera's's mom), Blue and Deb (Dylan's parents)

Phone: (510) 665-8800 x130

E-mail: dswan@theberkeleyschool.org

56. Indoor Game Day for Elementary School Kids

Games

Bring your Beyblades, magic cards, Pokemon cards, or introduce the gang to whatever non-video game *you're* into. A chance for parents to drop off their elementary school children at a home set up to accommodate the indoor, non-video game du jour, whether it be Beyblades, magic cards, rat-ta-tat-cat, whatever game you love, bring it along for a fun game-playing extravaganza. Parents: don't worry, no gambling will be allowed (unless the house gets a cut).

Price \$10.00

Guests: 12 kids, ages 6-10

Date: Sunday, December 4, 1-4pm

Location: 1958 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Berkeley

Hosts: Dave Chang and Catherine Buchanan

Phone: (510) 528-3422

E-mail: catherinebuchanan@gmail.com

57. Middle School Ukrainian Egg Dying

Arts and Crafts

Come create beautiful, brilliantly colored egg decorations using traditional Ukrainian egg dying tools and dyes. Hang out with your friends, eat delicious and eggy snacks, and play with WAX, FIRE, and COLOR!

Price \$30.00

Date: Sunday afternoon, April 1

Location: Mary's studio in the Hillside school building.

Guests: 12 middle school aged kids

Host: Mary Reed Johnson, Peter Beaudry

Phone: (510) 981-0118

E-mail: maryreed.johnson@comcast.net

GOOD FOR PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

58. Paint a Plate!

Arts and Crafts

Gather around our table and join us for a plate decorating brunch! Children and parents alike can channel their inner artists using markers to decorate a plate template, which is then—miraculously!—transformed into a custom-made, non-toxic and dishwasher safe plate, perfect for every day use, camping, picnics, or hanging on the wall. You'll keep your energy up with a yummy brunch while you exercise your artistic muscles.

Price \$25/Family

Guests: 16 adults and kids, age 3 and up (anyone who can hold a marker!)

Date: Sunday, November 13, 11am - 2pm

Location: 6557 Whitney Street, Oakland

Hosts: Stephanie, Keith, and Anna Challberg

Phone: (510) 653-3988

E-mail: stephanie.challberg@gmail.com

59. ECC Concert in the Depot!

Musical Event

ECC'ers! Come one, come all! Sing, dance and groove with renowned Bay Area musicians Ladybug Picnic. But just because this show is focused on ECC-folk don't think that parents and older sibs can't get their groove, song and dance on, too!! Don't miss a chance to get together at the big kids' school and raise the roof! Kids get to check out the instruments after the show!

Price \$40 per family

Guests: 20 families

Date: Sunday, February 5

Location: TBS Depot

Hosts: Rich Price and Caitlin Patterson

Phone: (451) 572-2776

E-mail: richspinprice@yahoo.com

60. Dinosaur Dig

Games

Calling all junior paleontologists! Millions of years ago dinosaurs roamed the earth, and some of their fossils are in the ECC sandbox! Your job is to dig them up and help us assemble a full dinosaur skeleton. We're counting on you! After a full morning of fossil recovery and skeleton assembly, our crew will provide you with lunch and a treat. You'll deserve it! (Parents: Expect your kids to get dirty!)

Price \$15 per child or \$30 per family

Date: Sunday, May 6, 10 am - 1pm

Location: ECC sandbox

Guests: 15 kids, ages 3-6

Host: Carrie Lozano and Don Loeb

Phone: (510) 701-3136

E-mail: carrie.lozano@gmail.com

61. Habitot Happy Hour

Games

It's Friday evening after a long week. You're exhausted—and so are the kids, but that just means they want to play even harder! What's a parent to do? Go to Habitot, that's what! We'll take over everyone's favorite children's museum for this truly *happy* hour (actually, make that two hours). Your kids can run wild (safely!) and get out all that end-of-the-week energy while you unwind with a glass of wine, and everyone enjoys pizza and other family-friendly snacks. If only every Friday could be like this.

Price \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 per child

Guests: 60 adults and children, all ages

Date: Friday, February 3, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Location: Habitot Children's Museum

Hosts: Jeff Evans and Jessica Burton Evans

Phone: 510.566.4334 or 510.541.8335

E-mail: burtonevans@gmail.com

INFORMATION FOR PICK-A-PARTY HOSTS

October 11, 2011

Dear Party Hosts,

Thank you so very much for your generosity, your enthusiasm, and your great ideas. The final list of parties is fantastic! Browse the catalog and you'll see for yourself.

As the party sign-ups approach, there are a few things we'd like to ask of you:

1. Look over the catalog, and make sure we got it right. We will post corrections at the sign-ups on October 16.
2. Talk up your parties! We can't stress this enough. Encourage your friends at school to come to the event you are hosting. Invite your friends who are not at TBS. People respond to personal invitations. Our goal is to sell out as many events as we can, and the way to do this is to open these events beyond just the school community.
3. **MOST IMPORTANT!** Please come up with some item or display to represent your party on the sign-up tables on October 16. For example, knitting needles and yarn, cookies, a brochure, photos of the event from a previous year – these displays will be arranged on the tables alongside the sign-up sheets. This will help people to find the sign-up sheets more easily and serve as a bit of last-minute marketing. We will need to have the area set up **BEFORE 2:00 pm on Sunday**. If you can't come early to help set up your display, you can leave your items with Diane Johnson at the University Avenue campus.

We cannot thank you enough for offering to host a party. It has truly been a pleasure reading about and talking about your creative ideas – and all for such a good cause.

Party on,

Dave and Liz
Co-chairs

P.S. We have made every effort to make sure your party descriptions and data are accurate. Please contact us right away if you notice any errors and we will make sure to correct them in time for the Ice Cream Social.

