



Matthew Turner Newsnote




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February & March dates:

- 2/18 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM
- 2/19 9 AM Dress Rehearsal
7 PM Gr. 3-5 Musical
- BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 2/24 5th gr. Promotion Pictures
4/5th Gr. Spelling Bee 2 PM
- 2/26 DARE begins for 5th grade
- 2/27 CRAZY HAIR DAY 
Trimester Ends
- 3/3-4 STAR Writing & Make ups 4th Grade
- 3/5 BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 3/6 Report Cards go home
- 3/11 Too Good for Drugs begins for 4th gr.
Site Council 5:30 PM
- 3/12 Engineering Day 3-5th grade

Absences



Please use our 24-hour attendance line at **748-2982** to report your child's absence and request homework. Homework that is requested will be available after school in the office. Thank you.

"Caught You Doing Good" Awards

Winners for the week of:



February 9th

Paris Bryant, Gr. 1
Jackie McIntosh, Gr. 3
Sam Irwin, Gr. 3
RJ Johnson, Gr. 5

February 16th

Kian Braulik, Gr. 1
Joe Clarke, Gr. 3
Sarah Craft, Gr. 3
Olivia Wolch, Gr. 4



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We are finishing the benchmarks for language arts and math for students in 1st-5th. We are fast approaching Feb. 27th which marks the end of our 2nd trimester and students will be bringing home their report cards.

On January 12, our staff had a staff development day where teachers learned

help our children with reading comprehension. There are four research-based strategies that we are currently teaching all of our students:

1. Clarify: Students are being taught how to recognize words they don't know, use context clues to determine meaning of new words, think critically about words and ideas, and connect new information to prior knowledge.
2. Summarize: Students restate text in words using only important ideas, create pictures of the text, understand sequence of text, and determine the author's point of view.
3. Predict: Students are asked to decide what happens next and support their idea with evidence from the text.
4. Question: Students ask on-the-surface questions that are found in the text. Students are asked under-the-surface questions where answers are implied in the text but they must find the clues. Students must explain opinion, and answer why and how.

Parents can support the learning being taught in the classroom by using the same four components at home. When you are reading with your child, ask them to summarize the section they have read. Ask them to make predictions about what might happen next and have them support their ideas with clues from the text. Ask clarifying questions about vocabulary and content. Ask on-the-surface and under-the-surface questions while reading with your child. If you need more information on any of these strategies for use at home, please ask your child's teacher for more information. They will be happy to assist you.

Congratulations to Susan Bunch, our Elk's Teacher of the Year! Susan is an experienced teacher with 14 years of teaching. She is a leader, role model, change agent, and a friend to students and staff. She serves on our leadership team and the board of the Benicia Education

environment in her class that ensures children thrive and learn. We look forward to celebrating her contributions to education on Feb. 27 at the Vallejo Elk's Club.

We are really excited about the 3rd - 5th grade musical, "Matthew Turner's Island" that will be performed on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 P.M. This is part of our theme for this year, "Sailing the Waves, Exploring the Seas". There has been lots of energy put forth by students and staff to bring this production to you, and what I've seen at the rehearsals----we are in for a great night. Parking will be at a premium so plan to carpool or walk if the weather is cooperative. Doors will open at 6:40 P.M. See you there.

Sincerely,
Barbara Sanders

On your mark, get set,
PLEASE save the date...



Sunday, March 29, 2009

The Benicia Education Foundation

2nd Annual Run for Education

Online registration coming soon @

www.BeniciaEducationFoundation.org

100% Attendance Math Interventions

Congratulations to the following 4th and 5th Graders for their 100% attendance to the math lab 12/1/08 to 1/27/09:

Cristian Carr, Taylor Lee, Veronica Sevilla, Fatima Garcia, Angela Gonyer, Winnford DelaTorre, Harper Toooh, Tanner Wade, Calei Mendoza, and Spencer Cromer. These students earned a free pizza certificate from Mountain Mike's Pizza.



Box Tops & Labels

Mrs. Seymour class brought in the most

month of January ... over 300!!! Keep them coming.

P.E.A.C.E.
(Parent Education and Custody Effectiveness)

Goal: To create an effective co-parenting relationship between separating and divorcing parents.

Endorsed by local judicial and parent education advocates.

Each parent registers for one session, which is two 3-hour classes.

Please call the appropriate Adult School for registration information.

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School, 421-4155

Vacaville Adult School, 453-6018

Vallejo Adult School, 556-8680



The Tooth Mobile Is Coming

The tooth mobile is a community supported non-profit organization offering quality, comprehensive dental care at school and community locations. Thanks to a grant procured by BEF, BUSD is fortunate to have the clinic coming to our schools for a total of 6 days through March and April at various school sites. The tooth mobile will provide an exam, cleaning, x-rays and treatments such as fillings when necessary. All of these services are free. A parent / guardian needs to fill out a consent and treatment form available in the school office. If your child was seen last year at the tooth mobile another consent form is not required but you must still sign up in the office for scheduling purposes. The tooth mobile can service approximately 15 students per day; signing up or turning in completed forms ASAP may give your child a greater opportunity to utilize this service. For questions please call the school nurse at 747-8300 ext. 1224.

Student Council News

There is a suggestion box in the office for ideas for the student council. What ideas do you have for Matthew Turner?

Let me know and I will do my best to make it happen.

Don't forget, Crazy Hair Day is Friday, February 27th.

--Kyle Hyland
Student Council President



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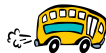
Art Day is Coming

Art Day is Thursday, March 26. This is a day we invite various artists from our community to come to our school and share their talents with our students. If you would like to participate as an artist or a volunteer, please contact Kristin Stumbo at 745-3505 or stumbos@hotmail.com



No TV Week

Matthew Turner's "No T.V. Week" will be March 30th-April 5th. This is a program that encourages children and their parents to refrain from television, video games and computers for an entire week. The program seeks to encourage personal interaction, physical activity and reading. Children will be asked to complete a "no screen time" log. The classes with the most time spent without "screen time" will win pizza parties. There will be a family story time in the evening on Tuesday, March 31st and a Family Square Dance and Ice Cream Sundae Social in the evening on Friday, April 3rd. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Lora French at 747-1130 or lvailmail@comcast.net.



Upcoming Field Trips

2/26 Nature Bowl FT 12:30 PM

Student's Corner

Scrabble Club



Thursdays 3:05-3:45 in Rm. 20
2/26, 3/12, 3/26

Conflict Manager Meeting



2/27 12:45-1:15 in Rm. 24

Healthy Cooking Class



2/27 12:40-2:30 in MPR