



Matthew Turner Newsnote



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April dates:

- 4/1 SCOE Spelling Bee 6 PM
- 4/2 Wake of Gold Assembly
9 AM 2-5 / 10:30 K-1
- 4/3 No TV Week Activity
Ice Cream Social/Square Dance 6 pm
- 4/8 GATE Advisory 3:30-4:30 @ DO
Site Council 5:30 PM
- 4/10-17 Spring Break – No School
- 4/20 School Resumes
- 4/21 Trash Assembly Gr. 4 & 5
Parent Ed Workshop 7-8:30 MT MPR
"Ending Power Struggles" by
Robert Mackenzie & Lisa Stanzione
- 4/22 Auction Item Preview for Parents
2:30-6:30
- 4/23 BMS Open House
5th grade invited
- 4/25 Auction 5-Midnight @ Clocktower
- 4/27-5/8 STAR Testing 2nd-5th grade
- 4/29 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM

Please note on the calendar that STAR testing is the weeks of April 27 through May 8. These weeks are very important to schools as it is the assessment that gives our parents, teachers, students, community and the state of CA the data for how our students are learning the core curriculum standards for each grade level. We schedule only one portion of a test daily so that our students can give it their best effort. Please do not schedule vacations, trips, dental or doctor appointments for this time – especially in the mornings. It is important that students arrive on time, well-rested, and have eaten a good breakfast.

The plans for our annual auction are being finalized. This event is lots of fun for parents and supports Matthew Turner School directly. Our wonderful programs and personnel in our reading center depend on this support from our PTA. Tickets are being sold right now so don't wait. Contact Rhonda Lyle at 748-7925 or through our website. Reservation forms are in our office.

The Art Day was enjoyed by all. The artists that volunteered their time and talents were phenomenal with our students with a wide variety of art instruction in all classrooms. We applaud Kristin Stumbo and her committee for coordinating this event for all for us to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Barbara Sanders



Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing!! Please check for any missing jackets, sweaters, hats, etc as all left over items will be donated to charity on 4/9/09.

Turner Times Newspaper Meeting

All members of the school newspaper are invited to a meeting in Room 22 on Tuesday, April 7 at 3:10 p.m. We will be reviewing assignments for the final newspaper of this school year.

Moved? Please inform the office!!

If you have had a change of address since the beginning of school and have not notified the office, please do so immediately. You must bring in a copy of your current mortgage coupon, rental agreement & 2 current utility bills.

We are in the process of confirming spaces for next year and we must have up-to-date information of all students' home addresses.

Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment window is open from April 1 through April 30, 2009. No Open Enrollment applications will be accepted after April 30. You may get applications from your child's school office and there are forms available in the BUSD District Office. Be sure to fill out a separate form for each child. Enrollment in a school of choice shall be determined by lot from the eligible applicant pool. Priority will be given to applicants who are renewing their open enrollment and to siblings of applicants who are currently on open enrollment. By July 1, applicants will be informed by mail as to whether their applications have been approved or denied. If the application is denied, the reasons for denial shall be stated. Approved applicants must confirm their enrollment within 10 days before the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Tronnes, Special Projects Coordinator, District Office, at 707-747-8300, ext. 1260.

Stepping Stones

2009 Fall Registration – Open to All Families of Preschoolers
Wednesday April 8th
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Benicia Public Library 150 East "L" Street
**Bring a check for \$75.00 made out to BUSD, PHOTOCOPY of child's immunization records, email address or SASE

"Caught You Doing Good" Awards

Winners for the week of:



March 23rd

Ysabella Hernandez, Gr. K
Audrey Matthews, Gr. K
Ashley Martin, Gr. 1
Taylor Jones, Gr. 2

March 30th

Avery Schneider, Gr. 1
Ciara Walton, Gr. 2
Ryan Pak, Gr. 5
Foxyx Molinari, Gr. 5



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all staff, parents, and students that supported the Benicia Education Foundation's "Run for Fun" this past Sunday. The proceeds from BEF events have supported personnel for both our library and computer lab. It is through the dedication of the BEF board and their efforts that Matthew Turner has these positions for our students. It was a great day with lots of fun for all. The weather was SO COLD that I'm not sure any participants have yet thawed out! Thank you to our own Susan Bunch who puts in lots of hours on the BEF board for the good of all schools.

For more information contact: BUSD Adult Education at 707-747-8300 ext. 8808 -or - email: Bonnie at: thateacherlady@aol.com



PTA NEWS

Matthew Turner Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction

Mark your calendars for the Annual Matthew Turner Dinner, Dance and Auction, Sat, April 25 at the Clocktower. If you haven't bought your tickets, they go back on sale March 15-30th. If you're planning on attending don't wait till the last day, buy your tickets and get your babysitter early!

This event is our school's largest fundraiser. The auction boasts over 250 items. Guests can bid on anything from gift certificates to local restaurants, eco-friendly items, trips and much much more. For a more complete list of items visit <http://www.beniciaunified.org/turner/auction/index.html>.

Hurry - seats go fast so contact Rhonda via the website or at 748.7925 or pick up a reservation forms at the Matthew Turner office.



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.



Ice Cream

Ice Cream Sales will resume on Thursdays, beginning April 9th. All ice creams \$1. Sales benefit the rebuilding of the garden.



Box Tops & Labels


Mrs. Oliver's class collected the most Box Tops for the month of February.....over 300!!! Keep those Box Tops coming.





Upcoming Field Trips


4/7 5th gr. to BMS 8:50-11
4/9 3rd gr. to City Hall 9-12

Student's Corner

Scrabble Club 
Thursdays 3:05-3:45 in Rm. 20
4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4

4/5th Math Intervention 
3:05 - 4:05 M/T in Computer Lab
4/6, 4/7, 4/20, 4/21

Reading Intervention 
8:05-8:35 M/W/F in Rm. 10
4/1, 4/3, 4/6, 4/8, 4/20, 4/22, 4/24

Healthy Cooking Class 
5/22 12:40-2:30 in MPR

NOMINATION FORM

If you know of someone who you think would be an asset to our School Site Council please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the office.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Name of nominator: _____

Phone #: _____