



Matthew Turner Newsnote



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April & May dates:

- 4/22 Auction Classroom Preview 2:30-3:30
6:30 – 7:30 MP Room
- 4/23 BMS Open House
5th grade students & parents invited
- 4/25 Auction 5-Midnight @ Clocktower
- 4/27-5/8 STAR Testing 2nd-5th grade
- 4/29 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM
- 5/1 Wear PURPLE Day for Cancer
Awareness Day
4/5th Grade Track Meet @ BHS 1 PM
- 5/2 Garden Rebuild Day 8-2 PM
- 5/4 Parent Volunteer Appreciation Party
3:15 PM MP Room
SCRA Writing Awards 7 PM
Vacaville Performing Arts Theater

"Caught You Doing Good" Awards

Winners for the week of:



April 6th

Andrew Ballinger, Gr. K
Alexia Cooper, Gr. 1
Draemoni Kirkpatrick, Gr. 1
Kyle Awayan, Gr. 1

April 20th

Branden Ducharme, Gr. 1
Gillian O'Leary, Gr. 1
Sabrina Peterson, Gr. 2
Madeline Keith, Gr. 3

Cafeteria Clean Up Awards



Winners for the month of March are:

Gr. 1-2 Velasco
Gr. 3-5 Crozier

Accelerated Reading Awards



End of March 2009

1st grade

Badger: Jacob Franz, Peyton Lyle

Jannson: Azeeta Bance, Brandon Crisostomo, Charles Gray, Draemoni Kirkpatrick, Basil Othman, Ramzi Shaban, Brooke Smith, Alexandra Yates

Mullikin: Kyle Awayan, Selena Barrow, Krever Carpiso, Alyssa Jack-Haber, Andrew McLarty, Benjamin Ryuujin

2nd grade

Bunch: Angelica Byrd

Schmitt: Justin Alagon, Jennifer Church, Kelsey Jacobson, Jennifer McCue, Hana McVicker, Sophia

Velasco: Samantha Pacheco, Zion Trammell

3rd grade

Buchanan: Madeline Keith

Oliver: Gabriel Crisostomo, Gabriella Quitevis, Megan Saari

Shelton: Isabella Nemat, Katie Simonson

Sherman-Nelson: Chloe Bonini

4th grade

Crawford: Jaden Washington

Crozier: Peter Dalby, Omar Gonzalez, Matthew Valle

Pebler: Molly Casper, Victoria Kim, Sam Morton

5th grade

Glassford: Helena Hamed, Jake Webb

Grubbs: Mark Mendoza

Seymour: John Benson, Nicholas Heyer, Benjamin Miramontes, Enrique Ordaz

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

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.

California Young Reader Medal Program

This year our students participated in the Young Reader Medal Program. This program is sponsored by California Reading Association and selects five books for Primary students to read and three books for intermediate students to read. Students must read all the selections and cast their vote for their favorite book. Students all over California participate and once the votes are tabulated, the authors are honored at a special ceremony.

The Primary Selections:

Bats at the Beach by Brian Lies

On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun on the beach.

Hilda Must be Dancing by Karma Wilson
Hilda Hippos tries other activities when her jungle friends are disturbed by her dancing.

Perfect Nest by Catherine Friend

Jack the cat gets much more than he bargained for when he decides to build the perfect nest to attract the perfect chicken.

Stanley's Wild Ride by Linda Bailey

When Stanley leads four of his dog friends on an escape from their yards, they find fun, adventure, and an unexpected, nighttime ride of a lifetime.

Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding by Lenore Look

A Chinese American girl describes the festivals of her uncle's wedding and the customs behind them.

Matthew Turner's favorite book is Stanley's Wild Ride with 105 votes.

The Intermediate Selections:

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine is an eight year old helps her father banish the pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts! By Frances Dowell

Fourth-grade science whiz, Phineas is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.

Sheep by Valerie Hobbs

After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his purpose of herding sheep.

Matthew Turner's favorite book is Sheep with 78 votes.

The winners for the state of CA will be announced in May.

We extend a special thank you to PTA for their financial support in the purchase of these books for our students to read. We thank Bambi Peters, our librarian, for reading many of the primary books aloud in the library, circulating the intermediate selections in 3-5th, and tallying and submitting the votes.

BHS Grad Night needs 100 volunteers

Grad Night is a safe and sober all night celebration for Benicia's graduating Seniors. It is held at Benicia High and run totally by volunteers. Grad Night is Saturday, June 6th. Several shifts and activities are available. Please sign up **today** at www.beniciagradnight.com or contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon McAdams at scmcadams@aol.com or 746-8339.

Must be 21 years or older to volunteer.



PTA NEWS



Art Day 2009 Comes to an end!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Art Day. A big thanks goes out to all the

would not happen without the support of everyone. I would especially like to thank, Paula Contreras and Elaine Kowalski for playing a key part in the Art Day preparations.

Sincerely
Kristin Stumbo



Engineering Day

Our 8th annual Engineering Day was held on March 12 under the direction of Omar Othman and the many engineers from Valero and Chevron. We had a fun-filled day learning how things work. There were many hands-on experiences with robots, bridge building, egg drop containers, designing a catapult, airplanes and aerodynamics, electromagnets, horsepower and pulleys, and much more. We thank the many parent volunteers and the Benicia Fire Department for making this day possible.



Garden News

We Are Rebuilding the Garden and need your help. We need help between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 2nd and May 9th. We will be building the beds and putting in a drip system. Brett Begbie, Owner of Golden Gate Gardens and Matthew Turner parent has offered his experience to make this project a sure success. Thanks Brett! If you would like more information or to offer your skills please contact Deb Ross, garden docent at www.itsred@pacbell.net or 747-0450. Did you know that the sales of ice cream go directly to support the garden!



No TV Week

No TV Week was a huge success. A great majority of our students made a real commitment to refrain from watching television and playing video games. So many parents have expressed how much fun their families had interacting more and engaging in family activities varying from their normal routines.

The children really enjoyed our Story Time event. Bambi chose excellent stories to read to the students and read with great skill. The K-2nd graders showed up in their pajamas with their blankets and teddy bears. They enjoyed the stories read by Bambi and the music provided by Barbara Gervase (Hyland). The 3rd-5th graders enjoyed listening to scary stories in the dark. Overall, it was a successful event. I was pleased to have nearly 100 students attend Story Time.

The Square Dance and Ice Cream Social

imagined. After a brief demonstration by the Martinez Swingers, everyone was invited to square dance. Adults and children as young as 2 years old learned to square dance with the help of the Martinez Swingers and our professional square caller, Bert Swerer. Nearly everyone square danced, line danced, did the Virginia Real, or the chicken/duck dance. Some kids went as far as to say it was the best night of their entire life! Of course the ice cream sundaes (with many yummy toppings) were a big hit too. The No TV Logs have been calculated. The winning classes are as follows: Bishop K with an average minute time of 29 minutes (11 students participating) Oliver 3rd with an average minute time of 40.4 min. (13 students participating) Pebler 4th with an average minute time of 124.87 (15 students participating) I would like to thank Jane VanDerWerf, Robyn Ballinger, and Kerri Till for being such a dedicated and hard working committee. Thank you to Mrs. Sanders and the PTA for supporting and funding our events.

No TV Week Chairperson,
Lora French



Upcoming Field Trips

4/29	Murphy/Jansson to Lindsay Museum 9:15-1:00
4/30	Mullikin/Badger to Lindsay Museum 9:15-1:00
5/7	K to Loma Vista Farm 9-12

Student's Corner

Scrabble Club

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

Reading Intervention

8:05-8:35 M/W/F in Rm. 10
4/24

Conflict Manager Meeting

5/1 12:45-1:15 in Rm. 24

Healthy Cooking Class

5/22 12:40-2:30 in MPR