



# Matthew Turner Newsnote



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### September dates:

9/7 Holiday – No School  
9/8 Inservice Day – Non Student Day  
9/9 Site Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM  
9/14 Bank Day 8:20 – 8:35 AM – MP Room  
9/16 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM  
9/17 BUSD Board Meeting @ 7 PM  
9/19 Coastal Clean up Day @ Noon

### 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 Being Good" Awards



Winners for the week of:

#### August 24<sup>th</sup>:

Rachel Aidt, Gr. 1  
Laura Pendleton, Gr. 4  
Mario Ferreira, Gr. 5  
Alex Obrero, Gr. 5

#### August 31<sup>st</sup>:

Evan Leong, Gr. 3  
Loida Peterson, Gr. 3  
Abby Silva, Gr. 5  
Kaela Peterson, Gr. 5

### Cafeteria Clean Up Awards



Winners for the month of August are:

Gr. 1-2 Jansson / Murphy - TIE  
Gr. 3-5 Buchanan



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We have an exciting program coming to Matthew Turner School from Umpqua Bank. The Learn to Earn program was developed in 1996 to educate and encourage children to save by forming partnerships with schools and communities and serving as a key resource for financial literacy. Learning the value of saving and the importance of money management has become a popular activity in 100 schools with over 7,000 student accounts created by Umpqua Bank.

If you choose to have your child in the program:

1. Each week, bank representatives and volunteers visit our school and accept students' deposits into their savings accounts. Student-size passbooks and vinyl zipper bags to carry deposits to school are presented to young savers.
2. A free savings account allows them to open with only \$1.00 and will earn interest immediately. There are no minimum subsequent deposit amounts and statements are mailed to student's homes.

Bank representatives will be presenting to all of our students this Thursday, Sept. 3. Your child will be bringing home the paperwork for parent review. If you are interested in helping with the "banking", please contact our office, 747-8390. Bank days will be Mondays from 8:20 – 8:40 A.M. in our MP room.

Additionally, our Parent Math night will be tonight at 7.P.M. in the Henderson MP room.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Sanders

### Planning Days



Parents are reminded that teacher-planning days are **EVERY FRIDAY** for grades 1-5. **Dismissal is at 12:40 PM.** Student should be picked up promptly. Thank you.

### A Message from the Office



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated group of parents and staff without whose help our 9<sup>th</sup> annual BTSR would not have been a success without: Reem Munakash, Teena Singley, Barbara Sanders, Cindy Pederson, Diane Cromer, Jeanne Cope, Jennifer Franz, Betsy Radtke, MaryAnn Belisle, Cori Gormley, Shannon Washington, Gina Burford, Sukhdip Broome, Tracy Nanney,

Church, Judith Barrall, Kari Birdseye, Tara Ross, Keri Bruins, Rhonda Lyle, Lisa Saari, Annaliese Baker, Grace Doi, Anna Cortez, June Ryuujin, Colleen Leong, Neeley Silberman, Christine Simonsen, Michelle O'Leary, Karen Morton, Maureen McIntosh, Jennifer Ferreira, Joyce Matthews, Donna Catrino and Roxanne Johnson. Whether it was working at the BTSR or preparing materials for the BTSR these ladies deserve a big pat on the back.

A BIG THANK YOU to Reem Munakash for doing another awesome job as co-chair and having the PTA forms on-line. I look forward to working with her many more years on the BTSR!!

Thank you again to all of the BTSR volunteers for your help. I truly appreciate all that you do. Thank you to all of the families for your participation in the BTSR and for making it another successful event.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Golden

### Parent Volunteers & Field Trip Drivers



All parents who wish to volunteer in class or drive on field trips must be processed and pass a background check **prior** to volunteering. Please bring your valid California drivers license and a current copy of your auto insurance policy declaration page which shows you have a minimum liability of \$100/300 K. We would encourage prospective volunteers or drivers to do the paperwork by the beginning of October. Once you have been cleared you will be issued a volunteer badge and all volunteers are *required* to sign in/out and wear their badge when on campus. **NOTE: Please refrain from bringing young siblings to class while you are volunteering or on field trips.**



Congratulations to our 09/10 Safety Patrol Team Members: Zoe Golden (Captain), Kelsie Lorz (Captain), Jaden Washington (Captain), Kyla Stowell, Lucas Gramlick, Molly Casper, Nick Derouaux, Blaine Nanney, Leanna Mazzuca, Katherine Steineman, Jamal Mohamed, Isabella Nemati, Katie Simonson, Gina Minix, Taylor Lewis, Amanda Higginbotham, Kelsi Norman, Kelsey Wright, Spencer Cromer, Emily Radtke, Jared Gormley and Journey Eske.

**Matthew Turner Student Council**  
**2009-10 Election Timeline**

Aug.31- Sept. 4	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Students interested in running for a Student Council Office pick up a guideline sheet from Mrs. Grubbs in Rm. 27
Sept. 4	Candidates turn in signed permission slips to Room 25 by end of day.
Sept. 4	Candidates begin work on poster / speeches. Posters are no larger than 12x18 inches Only one poster per candidate All posters and speeches approved by principal & advisors Informational Speech length limit: 3min. No music or gimmicks No candy, stickers, or prizes passed to student body during campaign.
Sept. 11	Turn in speeches and posters to Rm. 25 by the end of day.
Sept. 22	Candidates present speeches in school assembly @ 1:45
Sept. 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students vote for candidates.
Sept. 23	Student Council officers announced!

**Benicia Fire Department**  
**Community Safety Fair &**  
**Fire Prevention Week Fun Festival**  
**October 3, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**City Park, Benicia, CA**

On October 3, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Benicia Fire Department will be hosting its Community Safety Fair & Fire Prevention Week Fun Festival. The event will be held at City Park located adjacent to Fire Station 11 at 150 Military West. There will be activities and displays for adults and children of all ages. Admission is FREE to the General Public! There will be food and snacks. Sparky the Fire Dog will be on hand for photos and public education. Members from the Benicia Emergency Response Team (B.E.R.T.) will be present. The Benicia Fire Museum will have displays of antique fire equipment. The Valero Fire Department will be conducting blood pressure checks. There will be a rock climbing wall and kids jumpers. Events will include demonstrations, station tours, and a kid's mini muster to name a few. There will be prizes for participation

as children. The Benicia Fire Department would like to extend this invitation to the community.

Please join us at our Community Safety Fair & Fire Prevention Week Fun Festival!

**2009-2010 H1N1 RECOMMENDED SCHOOL RESPONSE**

Solano County Health Department/CDC has the following recommendations for schools managing flu outbreak with similar conditions as spring 2009.

- 1. Stay Home When Sick:**  
*Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever reducing medicines.*
  - 2. Separate ill Students/Staff:**  
*Students and staff who appear to have flu-like illness should be sent to a room away from others and wear a surgical mask if possible. Staff caring for ill students should also wear masks if possible.*
  - 3. Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:**  
*The recommendations emphasize the importance of flu prevention basics; stay home when sick, frequent hand washing with soap and water, cover mouth/nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, use a shirt sleeve/elbow if no tissue available.*
  - 4. Routine Cleanings:**  
*School staff should routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often with the cleaners normally used. Special cleaning with bleach and other non-detergent based cleaner isn't necessary.*
  - 5. Early Treatment of High-Risk Students/Staff:**  
*People at high risk for complications of influenza-like illness should speak to their health care provider as soon as possible. High-risk individuals include those who are pregnant, have asthma or diabetes, compromised immune systems, or neuromuscular diseases.*
- Solano County Public Health Department in conjunction with the CDC may recommend additional measures to help protect students and staff if global and national assessments indicate that influenza is causing more severe disease. BUSD will continue to follow current guidelines implement further precautions as directed. Discuss your need for a flu shot with your health care provider.

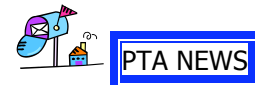
**BUSD**  
**School Wellness Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, September 11, 2009 at 9:00am**  
**BUSD Board Room**  
**350 East K Street, Benicia**

We are looking for parent, student and staff representatives from each of the school sites to be part of this committee created under BUSD Policy 3550.

The purpose of this committee is to focus on nutrition guidelines for all foods available on each school campus during the school day, nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness.

If you are interested in being part of our effort to increase the healthy food choices our school district is offering our children at snack and lunchtime at the various campuses, please come to this meeting. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass this information on. The more the better!

For more information or if you would like to share your thoughts on this subject, but cannot attend the meeting – please feel free to email Superintendent Janice Adams @ [jadams@beniciaunified.org](mailto:jadams@beniciaunified.org) or Betty Jensen @ [bjensen@beniciaunified.org](mailto:bjensen@beniciaunified.org)



**Book Parents Needed**

Would you like to help children develop a love for reading? Sign-up to be a Book Parent and you can read to a class once each week for 30 minutes. We provide reading recommendations and try to accommodate schedules and class preferences. If you are interested, please contact Jane Vanderwerf at [vanderwerf@comcast.net](mailto:vanderwerf@comcast.net).



**Box Tops & Labels**

Each classroom now has envelopes for you to send in Box Tops and Labels for Education. So send in all that you collected over the summer and any you collect throughout the year. At the end of the school year the class that collects the most will receive an Ice Cream Party!!! Last year it was Mrs. Seymour's class....who will it be this year?