



Matthew Turner Newsnote




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September & October dates:

- 9/19 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM
- 9/20 BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 9/24 PTA General Meeting 7 PM
- 9/25 GATE Parent Meeting 7 PM – MPR
- 9/26 Site Council Meeting 5:30-7 PM
- 9/28 **PM K attends in AM– K Planning Day**
- 10/2 Auction Meeting 7 PM – MT Library

- 10/3 **Picture Day** 
- 10/4 BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 10/10 Student Council Assembly 1:45 PM
Site Council Meeting 5:30-7 PM

- 10/12 **Book Fair Opens** 

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:

September 10th

Kyla Stowell, Gr. 2
Tre White, Gr. 3
Matt Rogenski, Gr. 4
Mia Marquez, Gr. 4

September 17th

Jack Stumbo, Gr. K
Brooke Davis, Gr. 3
Angela Jennings, Gr. 4
Emily Casper, Gr. 5

Supervision and Safety reminder:

Students in grades 1-3 dismissed at 2:53 and waiting for older siblings in 4th/5th to be dismissed at 3:05 need to be in front of the school where there is teacher supervision. Students who have been waiting in the C wing courtyards have been yelling, running, and pushing on the grass area and are a disruption to the learning in the classrooms in this wing.. If you have a child waiting, please talk with them about behavior and remind them to be out front to wait for brothers and sisters. Thank you from the Matthew Turner staff.

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

A weekend ago, our school was vandalized and the multi-purpose room/kitchen broken into during daylight hours. The door handles for this building were sheared off by person/persons standing on the handle and jumping until the handles break off. This maneuver occasionally results in breaking the locking system and giving access. The damage resulted in several \$1000 dollars. No damage was done to the kitchen or multipurpose room. This past weekend groups of students were seen on the playground with the gates open. Community members often call me on Mondays to report which is to late for any interventions. Please call the Benicia Fire Dept at their non-emergency number at 745-3412 if you see any persons loitering or with access to our courtyards or playground. If an activity looks suspicious, please contact the police to investigate. Thank you for being an extra set of eyes for our school.

Sincerely,
Barbara Sanders

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 7th annual BTSF would not have been a success without: Monica Hartinger, Michelle Jenest, Margo Higginbotham, Reem Munakash, Cori Gormley, Shannon Washington, Cindy Pederson, Stefanie Sierras, Janene Biggs, Sukhdip Broome, Tracy Nanney, Lizzette Kranz, Kathy Jacobs, Jennifer Cooper, Ivania Martin, Diane Church, Pat Jennings, Judith Barrall, Kari Birdseye, Diane Cromer, Rhonda Lyle, Colleen Leong, Neeley Silberman, Kelly Bratcher, Christine Simonsen, Michelle O'Leary, Karen Morton, Mary Beyer, Jennifer Ferreira, Alvson Kauzer. Jovce Matthews. Donna

was working at the BTSF or preparing materials for the BTSF these ladies deserve a big pat on the back. I would personally like to THANK Monica Hartinger for being my co-chair for the past 5 years. Without Monica's hard work and dedication the BTSF would not have continue to improve and be as streamlined and as successful as it has become. I know that it will continue and I look forward to working with Reem Munakash who will take over as co-chair for the 2008 BTSF. Again it is because of the many hours of work behind the scenes from the volunteers above that make things run so smoothly. Thank you again to all of the BTSF volunteers for your help. I truly appreciate all that you do. Thank you to all of the families for your participation in the BTSF and for making it another successful event. Here's to 2008!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Golden

Matthew Turner Student Council 2007-08 Election Timeline

Sept. 17-20	4 th & 5 th Students interested in running for a Student Council Office pick up a guideline sheet from Mrs. Seymour in Rm. 25
Sept. 21	Candidates turn in signed permission slips to Room 25 by end of day.
Sept. 21	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. 28	Turn in speeches and posters to Rm. 25 by the end of day.
Oct. 10	Candidates present speeches in school assembly @ 1:45
Oct. 10	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th grade students vote for candidates.
Oct. 11	Student Council officers announced!
Oct. 24	1 st Student Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. Rm. 25

Picture Day 

Picture Day will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd. All students will be photographed. Picture \$ envelopes will be sent home on Tuesday, October 2nd.

Interested in being a noon-duty campus supervisor? M-Th 11:55-1:15 / F 10:50-12
Call our office for more information.

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.**

Choir is here again!



Come and join the fun on September 26th as we start up another great year of singing. We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 3:05 - 4:05. Permission slips will be in the main office for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. You will need this form filled out and signed before you come to choir on the 26th. We will again be performing in Parades, on 1st Street, Pier 39 and much more. We hope to see you on the 26th. For questions please call Jennifer Judd @ 746-0300. We are also looking for an assistant choir director to help throughout the year. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested.

BEF Supplemental Tuition Drive Begins September 17th

Last year, the Benicia Education Foundation had their most successful year ever, funding over \$150,000 in programs and services for our schools. The BEF funded the following: campus supervision at all schools; reading comprehension programs for all elementary schools; 30 new computers for the middle school; a new high school library computer lab consisting of 38 new computers and software upgrades; and so much more.

Most of this valuable support was powered by parents like you!

The 2007/2008 Supplemental Tuition and Membership Drive runs September 17th-October 16th. When you receive your letter from the BEF, please make your tax-deductible contribution to the BEF and help the BEF do even MORE for our schools this year. For additional information, visit

www.BeniciaEducationFoundation.org, or contact your Benicia Matthew Turner BEF Representative, Susan Bunch, at 746-5728 or susanbunch@comcast.net.

This year, each contributing family will receive a colorful window decal. Proudly display this decal to show your commitment to *Keep Benicia's Future Bright!*



PTA NEWS

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

Your input is wanted at the next PTA General Meeting! Please join us on September 24 at 7:00 pm in the multiuse room for our first general meeting of the year. We will be voting in the 2007-08 budget, hearing a presentation from the Benicia Education Foundation and much more. Please come with your questions and comments.

Student's Corner

Conflict Manager Meeting

9/21 12:45-2:45 in Rm. 20



Upcoming Field Trips

9/20	Oliver to BSRA
9/25	Pebler to Hyde St Pier 7-3 PM
9/26	Crozier to Hyde St Pier 7-3 PM
9/27	Crawford to Hyde St Pier 7-3 PM

