



# Matthew Turner Newsnote



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### October dates:

- 10/4 BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 10/10 Student Council Assembly 1:45 PM  
Gr. 3-5  
Site Council Meeting 5:30-7 PM
- 10/12 **Book Fair Opens** 
- 10/15 Vision Screening - AM K
- 10/16 Vision Screening - PM K  
GATE Advisory Parent Meeting  
7 PM @ D.O.
- 10/17 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM
- 10/18 SF Opera Gr. 3-5 10:45 AM  
BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 10/19 Fall Social 6:30-8:30 PM
- 10/22-26 Red Ribbon Week 

### REMINDER:



Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> **IS** a school day.  
Columbus Day is **NOT** a holiday.

### Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Benicia Native Sons of the West for their generous donation of \$500 to Matthew Turner School. This will go towards the purchase of much needed playground equipment for students.

I would like to thank the Benicia Public Library volunteers who came and read Ferdinand to 9 of our classes on September 20. This was part of a program sponsored by the Adult Literacy and English Second Language Program that supports early education opportunities for all children.

We have new staff members! Cathy Watson joins us as Mr. Wofsy's job share partner in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Mrs. Watson has taught in our district several years ago. She has been working in the real estate business world for the past 5 years and now rejoins the teaching profession.

Ms. Teena Singley joins the office staff as our Office Specialist. Many of you know Ms. Singley from her former position at the Benicia City Hall in Parks and Recreation. Next Monday, Maureen Carroll joins our Special education staff as an instructional assistant for the learning center. Maureen has many years of teaching/ substitute experience. We welcome all three of our new hires to Matthew Turner School.

I would like to say an exceptional thank you to Hope Scott, our substitute office specialist for the past month. I received many compliments about the job she performed at the front counter – handling students, staff, and parents with a smile! Hope has agreed to come back and sub whenever we need her assistance. I am currently meeting with all classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> on "How to be a Great Matthew Turner

with your children about how to "best negotiate life" at school and we talk about academics, behavior, and the hottest issues to the age group. I really enjoy your child's input – they have great ideas to resolve problems.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Sanders

### 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.**

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>

Ethan Bello, Gr. 1  
Emily Rahill, Gr. 1  
Grace French, Gr. 2  
Michael Cosmides, Gr. 5

#### October 1<sup>st</sup>

Lily King, Gr. 1  
Emaan Chodry, Gr. 2  
Shayna Barrall, Gr. 3  
Serina Hartinger, Gr. 5

### Cafeteria Clean Up Awards



Winners for the month of September are:

Gr. 1-2 McDevitt  
Gr. 3-5 Sherman-Nelson

### Laminating Helper Needed



We are looking for someone willing to take over the duties of laminating for the staff. Training will be provided. If interested call the office at 747-8390.

### Matthew Turner Student Council 2007-08 Election Timeline

Oct. 10	Candidates present speeches in school assembly @ 1:45
Oct. 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students vote for candidates.
Oct. 11	Student Council officers announced!
Oct. 24	1 <sup>st</sup> Student Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. Rm. 25

### Choir is Back!!

We are ready for another great year of singing and having fun. Choir is for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are looking to show off their beautiful voices. We will be performing in parades, on First Street, on Pier 39 in San Francisco and more.

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Main Office. You will need the permission slip signed to come to choir.

This will be Jennifer Judd's last year as Choir Director and we are looking for someone who can take her place.

We would love them to work with us this year so they are ready next year. Please call Jennifer @ 746-0300 if you are interested.

### **Nature Bowl beginning soon!**

Third, fourth, and fifth graders are invited to join Nature Bowl. We are looking for students that love animals, nature, and our wonderful planet Earth. During Nature Bowl, we learn how to take care of our environment, go on fabulous field trips (like last year's trip on a research boat on the delta), and discover ways to help animals in our area. There is a competition against other schools in the spring. So we will spend time preparing for the competition as well. If this sounds interesting to you, pick up a permission form in Mrs. Pebler's Room 28. We will have our Nature Bowl meetings on Thursdays after school from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. After the holidays, we will practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We are requesting a \$20 donation from each participant. This will cover the costs of materials, coaches' workshops, and the registration fee for the competition. Plus, all participants will receive a groovy T-shirt! If you have any questions about the program, call Laurie Yip at 707-747-1259.

### **CPR Class**

The Benicia Citizen Corps Council is sponsoring an event in October to raise community awareness on disaster/emergency response and preparation. It's called CPR in the Park. Through special arrangements with the American Red Cross we are able to provide certified CPR training for Benicia residents at a discounted rate of \$10.00. That's less than a third of the normal cost of a certified class. Flyers are available in the office.

### **2008 BENICIA ELEMENTARY TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR April 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Attention All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!! Mark your Calendars for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The starter's gun will off for the 7th Annual Benicia Elementary Track Championship at Benicia High School's Stadium. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in Benicia are invited to compete in the 60 yd dash, 200 meter dash, 4x100 Relay, Mile Run, Long Jump, Shot Put, and Jr. Javelin. Details can be found on the

BeniciaYouth.Org Web Site at [www.beniciayouth.org](http://www.beniciayouth.org)



**PTA NEWS**

Matthew Turner Families - Thank you all so much for your generous support during the Back to School Fair. Our Direct Donation drive (which funds key staffing positions at Matthew Turner) raised \$18,500! For those of you, who wish to donate later in the year, please feel that you can turn in your donation to the office in an envelope marked "Direct Donation". Without your support, we could not fund our librarian, computer technician and reading center. Thank you once again for helping to make Matthew Turner the excellent school that it is!

Judith Barrall  
PTA President 07-08

### **BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD**

#### **Chill Out With a Good Book**

Yes, it's that time of the year already. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Matthew Turner starting on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Encourage your child's reading with the seemingly endless supply of books and learning products. Stock up on birthday and holiday gifts. Get a little something for yourself. This year's book fair will be held in Room 3 (next to the Kindergarten classrooms). Our hours will be:

Friday, Oct. 12 - student and teacher previews only  
Monday, Oct 15 - 12:15-1:30 reopen 2:30-3:30  
Tuesday Oct. 16-Thursday Oct. 18 -8:30-1:30 reopen 2:30-3:30  
Friday Oct. 19 -8:30-1:00  
We will reopen for the Fall Social 6:30-8:30

Look for the Classroom Wish list Display to expand your child's classroom library. The book fair helps us promote learning while raising money for our school's library. Gift certificates available for use at this book fair. We accept all major credit cards.

Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fair October 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Call Abbie Cohen at 746-8661 for more information or to volunteer.

### **Conflict Manager Meeting**

10/19 12:45-1:15 in Rm. 20



### **Nature Bowl**



10/18 3:15-4:15 in Rm. 28

### **Student Council Meeting**

10/24 8:00 AM in Rm. 25



### **Upcoming Field Trips**

10/11 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Campout 10-2:20  
@ Community Park  
10/24 McDevitt to Bookshop Benicia

### **Student's Corner**

**Choir**



