



# Matthew Turner Newsnote



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## November dates:

- 11/12 Veteran's Day Holiday – No School
- 11/13 See's Candy Kickoff
- 11/14 End of Trimester I  
Site Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11/15 **Picture Make up Day**   
Spell-A-Thon Test  
BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM
- 11/16 **PM K attends in AM** – K Planning Day
- 11/19-23 **Thanksgiving Vacation – No School**
- 11/26 See's Candy Money due  
African Acrobats Assembly  
9 AM (3-5) / 10:30 (K-2)
- 11/27 DELAC Meeting 7 PM @ DO
- 11/28 PTA Board Meeting 7 PM  
ELAC Meeting 3:30-4:30 Rm. 19
- 11/30 Spell-a-Thon Pledges due today
- 12/4 PTA Auction Meeting 7 PM
- 12/5 CAPP Gr. 1 & 3 9:30 – 2:30
- 12/6 BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM

## 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:



### October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Emily McDavitt, Gr. 2  
Michael Chou, Gr. 3  
Emily Radtke, Gr. 3  
Hank Nelson, Gr. 4

### October 29<sup>th</sup>

Kelsey Jacobson, Gr. 1  
Josiah Peterson, Gr. 4  
Evan Phillips, Gr. 4  
Spencer Seymour, Gr. 4

### November 5<sup>th</sup>

Jeannine Kao, Gr. 1  
Justin Manansala, Gr. 1  
Ryan McCombe, Gr. 1  
Monica Quintero, Gr. 5

## Cafeteria Clean Up Awards



Winners for the month of October are:  
Gr. 1-2 McDavitt & Bunch/Lunsford - TIE  
Gr. 3-5 Glassford

## Picture Make up Day



Picture Make up day will be held on **WEDNESDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9-12:30 PM. Students whose photos were not taken or were not to your liking must bring in a payment envelope or picture package with them to the sitting. Picture \$ envelopes are available in the office.

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

The time is going by fast and we are into November. Our trimester ends on Nov. 14 and report cards are now being completed and conferences scheduled in the next few weeks. Conferences offer parents the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school with the teacher. The parent teacher conference sets aside a time when you can ask questions and express your concerns. The conference also provides parents the chance to share information that the teacher may be unaware of. The information you share can be put to excellent use in helping your child succeed in school. Your involvement in your child's education will prove to be time well spent.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Sanders

## Safety off Campus

Many of you reported seeing the article in the Benicia Herald regarding the possible child abduction reported earlier in October near the Frank Skillman Park. It was reported that a 6<sup>th</sup> grade boy was offered a ride in a truck. The boy did not respond and ran home to report the incident. The police and the school recommends that parents speak to their children about strangers, warning them to not get into vehicles or speak to someone they do not know. The school reminds parents to not arrange pickup of your children off campus where there is no supervision. Please have your child wait on the white line by the front drive-through off Demsey Drive

supervised by our staff. Thanks for all your efforts in keeping our children safe.

## S.F. Opera



On Thursday, October 18, our students were treated to the S.F. Opera's performance of the "Magic Flute". We have enjoyed our relationship with the S.F. Opera and look forward to performances brought to us through our music teacher, Dan Johnson. This year's cast was amazing and we congratulate them on their performance:

Dragon: Alexander Paterno  
Second lady: Emily Casper  
Monostatos: Alec Levin  
Queen of the Night: Melanie Barrall  
Speaker: Hank Nelson  
Fire Spirit 1: Caleb Judd  
Fire Spirit 2: Caitlin Wirth  
Water Spirit 1: Jennifer Trybull  
Water Spirit 2: Colin Ridgley  
Saroastro: Ryan Wolch

## Crazy for Cultures

Our theme for this year is "Crazy for Cultures". We will focus on understanding diversity through the study of our world through six continents. Each continent will be featured from October through April. Each grade level has chosen a continent to study and will be featuring (on our front bulletin board) facts about the countries/continent, famous people, celebrations and holidays, and folkart. October was our month to learn about Australia and New Zealand. Participating classrooms have given each student a passport of the six continents. Students read books and stories from that continent which earns them a sticker. Our beginning or pre-readers can have a book read to them by their teacher or parent. Our librarian, Bambi Peters, has displayed all of our materials for Australia and New Zealand and there are lots of books to choose from. We thank the kindergarten classes for their display on native Maori designs from New Zealand. In November and December we will enjoy

Enjoy!

## **STAPH INFECTIONS**

Recently, there has been much concern about staph infections in schools, especially a strain known as MRSA (methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*).

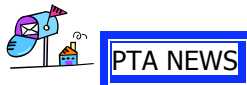
### **Important information about MRSA.**

- All healthy people carry *Staphylococcus aureus* (staph) on all areas of the human body.
- Most staph infections can be treated successfully with antibiotics.
- Staph can sometimes cause serious infections such as pneumonia, blood infections, or deep skin infections.
- MRSA is not killed by most antibiotics, which is why this has been in the news recently.
- Healthy people can carry MRSA and not be affected.
- Staph is spread by direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected person or items.
- MRSA infections look like other staph infections at first, but fail to respond to treatment.

### **How to prevent the spread of MRSA and other disease organisms.**

- Regularly wash hands with soapy water!
- Bathe regularly, especially after participating in sports.
- Wash dirty, sweaty clothing with soapy water and dry completely.
- Do not share personal items such as towels or clothing.
- Keep all cuts cleaned and covered.
- Use a towel as a barrier when sharing sports equipment, such as weight training benches.
- Seek medical help immediately if any sore becomes red, fluid filled, painful and/or abscessed and does not seem to be responding to medical treatment.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/> and click on the article *MRSA in Schools* or pick up additional information in your school's main office.



### **Spell-A-Thon**

It's Spell-A-Thon time again! The money raised at the Spell-A-Thon each year goes to funding classroom supplies and miscellaneous classroom needs. **Check your child's backpack!** A pledge envelope and parent letter (which explains how the Spell-A-Thon works, when the testing date is, and when the pledges are due) is being sent home TODAY! Thank you for your participation.

### **SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER**

Back by popular demand! We will be kicking off our annual See's Candy Fundraiser starting on November 13, 2007. Please note this is a PARENT REQUEST fundraiser. There is no obligation to sell candy. This is a great way to shop early for those hard to buy for people we all have on our Christmas lists, and make money for the school. On the "Winter Holiday" flyer the school will receive 50% of all sales, and 30% of sales on the general "Winter Fundraising Poster".

For safety reasons we are not expecting your children to go door to door, but ask family and friends to help out by ordering candy that they might regularly purchase during the holidays.

All orders must be returned to school by Monday November 26, 2007 so that we can receive shipment and distribute to you before the winter break.

Thank you in advance for supporting our PTA by participating in this fundraiser

If you have any questions please call Robin Allen @747-5719.

### **Art Docents**

We have an incredible group of mom's who are taking on the ART DEPARTMENT.

Art is an exciting and great way to teach, motivate and inspire. Our students are bursting with talent and look forward to these creative lessons: "Artworks for Kids".

Robin Allen and I will share the Art Docent

an ART DOCENT meeting November 14 at 9 am in the MP Room for all art docent volunteers to attend.

We'd like to recognize and thank those listed below for volunteering this year: Pat Jennings, Jeanie Cope, Melinda Flores, Diane Ridgley, Deb Ross, Maricelle Othman, Lisa Saari, Renee Stewart, Louise Knutter, Mel Paterno, Betsy Radtke, Judith Peterson, Tara Murphy, Kerry Walsh, Alma Cowley, and Ann Molinari.

-Joanie Schwartz

### **Directories are HERE!!!**

The Student Directory has arrived and has been sent home with your students (if you ordered one at the Back to School Fair). If you did not order one, or need an additional copy, you can get them in the office for \$5.00 each.

### **Student's Corner**

#### **Choir**

Wednesdays 3:05-4:05 – 11/7, 14, 28

#### **Conflict Manager Meeting**

11/16 12:45-1:15 in Rm. 20

#### **Student Council Meeting**

11/28 8:00 AM in Rm. 25



#### **Upcoming Field Trips**

11/14 Schmitt/Jack/S-Nelson to Bookshop Benicia @ 9 AM

