

Oxford School News

April 22, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We spend a lot of time talking about students who are not performing at grade level and, I believe, we have put several successful programs in place to help those struggling learners to achieve. We spend less time talking about how to meet the needs of high achieving students since they are already well on their way to successful school careers. However, all students should be instructed at their level and challenged daily. Honestly, the pressure of more scripted curriculum, pacing guides, and multiple assessments makes it more difficult for teachers to differentiate instruction as easily as they once could. I have some ideas of how we can improve in this area. I hope you can join me on *Thursday, May 13th* at 8:00AM, to talk about what we can do in partnership with you to meet the needs of higher achieving students.

—Janet Levenson

School Calendar

5/7	Talent Show
5/13	Meeting with Principal Levenson about the needs of higher achieving students, 8:00AM
5/13	Make It and Creativity Fair
5/17	Malcolm X Holiday (no school)
5/27	Open House, evening at Oxford
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday
6/11	Heritage Potluck
6/18	Last day of school

PTA News

Reminder of change of dates:

- Talent Show - *Friday, May 7*
- Creativity Fair - *Thursday, May 13*
- Heritage Potluck - *Friday, June 11*

Oxford Craft and Farmers Market a Success!

Thank you everyone who ventured out in the rain to check out our sale!

It was really fun and we made almost \$2,000 for the Oxford PTA! We had a lemonade stand run by our fabulous kids, a picture booth, super yummy food such as homemade salt caramels, peanut brittle, granola, cookies and cakes. There were beautiful handmade crafts, vintage stuff and fresh produce from Oxford garden. We had beautiful flowers donated by Monterey Market. We had a terrific and super talented group of people helping and harvesting our produce to sell.



Special thanks to these folks: Lee Kempf, Lyra King, Danielle Svingos, Cathryn Schmidt, Stacey Sharman, Yoko Drain, Keri Hayes Troutman, Kristen Takauwa, Cookie Svingos, Debra Shrem, Heidi Ross, Polly Pagenhart, Marie Chang, Chrissy Meuris, Melanie Green, Nicholas Rosenstock *and* Janet Levenson!

Thank you also last minute volunteers that stepped in to pull it all together. Thank you vendors that sold their beautiful crafts and made generous donations to the school. You guys are the best!

Thanks, Nan Mervin

Reminder

Free Admission Nights for all BUSD Families and Staff at Lawrence Hall of Science! Berkeley Public Education Foundation (BPEF) is sponsoring two *nights of free attendance* at the Lawrence Hall of

Science on *Wed.*, April 28, and *Thurs.*, April 29 to give all BUSD students, teachers, families and staff an opportunity to see the “**Race: Are We That Different?**” exhibit. The doors will be open from **6:00 - 8:30PM**. Limited free parking will be made available, as well as bus service from two BUSD sites: Rosa Parks Elementary, and Malcolm X Elementary. Those buses will *depart at 6:15PM* and *leave Lawrence Hall at 8:15PM*. For more information, call BUSD Office of Family and Community Partnerships at or see the BPEF website at <http://www.bpefonline.org/category/news-events/>

–Molly Fraker, Executive Director, Berkeley Public Education Foundation

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as attached MS Word documents. Submissions received by Fridays will go out in the Newsletter the following Thursday. Please send an email to the same address if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. *Thank you.*