

# Oxford School News

April 29, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Next week all 2nd-5th graders will be taking the California Standards Tests (CSTs). These tests measure how well students are achieving California's content standards for all subjects tested. The 5th graders take a science test in addition to the English-language arts and math tests. Please be certain that your child is on time every day since late arrivals are very disruptive. Under the No Child Left Behind legislation we are required to have 95% of our students take the test and a 95% participation rate for our designated subgroups as well. So please do not keep your child out of school except in the case of illness. We will have some make-up days for students who are absent on testing days.

As is always the case, students are able to concentrate better if they have had a decent breakfast and plenty of rest the night before. Most of the testing will be completed by recess but some days the children will have additional testing after recess.

—Janet Levenson

## Reminder

Please come to a meeting with Principal Levenson on *Thursday*, May 13th at 8:00AM to discuss ways to meet the needs of students who are achieving above grade level.

## Safety Committee

We need a few people to sit on a safety committee. The group will look at traffic safety around the school, disaster preparedness, and any other safety-related issues. Please let Janet or Lety know if you are interested in being on this committee.

## Reminder

Please join us tonight for the Family Night at Lawrence Hall of Science!!!!

“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 6:15 PM and leave Lawrence Hall at 8:15 PM.”

## Safe Routes To School Announcements

May 20th- Walk/Roll to Oxford

More information to follow...

May 8th (*Saturday*) - Berkeley Bike Rodeo, San Pablo Park, 11:00AM-3:00PM

“Get your bikes ready for Bike to School Days, find the safest routes from your home to school, learn about summer programs. Bring your bike, skateboard,



## 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)
5/20	Walk/Roll to School Day
5/27	Open House, evening at Oxford
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday
6/11	Heritage Potluck
6/18	Last day of school

scooter and helmet to cruise in the 'Mock City' and 'Slow Races'. Get bicycle maintenance tips, too. Free helmets and event t-shirts for children while supplies last. Enjoy youth arts and entertainment, food & drinks, and much more. The Rodeo is partnering with **Project BUILD and City of Berkeley's Parks and Recreation Department.** The theme is "*Playing Smart, Eating Smart and Riding Smart*". Get a taste of the amazing programs kids and adults can enjoy this summer through the **City of Berkeley Recreation Division.** Parents will have an early chance to sign up their child for summer programs. Enrollment and scholarship information will be available."

## **Submissions for the Oxford School Newsletter**

Please email submissions to:

[OxfordSchoolNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OxfordSchoolNewsletter@gmail.com)

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.*