

# Oxford School News

January 14, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today a team of visitors from NYU spent the morning on campus meeting with us to learn about our **ULSES** program (**Universal Learning Support for Every Student**). Every school in Berkeley implements ULSES as an effort to help every student receive the academic, health, and counseling support they need. At Oxford we start the year with "snapshot meetings" in which every teacher meets with me, **Mike Myers** (*school psychologist*), **Joal Arvanigian & Mary Burmester** (*literacy teachers*), **Andrea Hosmer, Bill Joyce, Randi Rucker** (*special education teachers*), and **Aaron Grayson** (*afterschool coordinator*) to discuss each student in his/her class. Then the group of specialists and a public health nurse continue to meet every other week to track the progress of all students and assign resources as needed. All students' reading levels are monitored on an assessment wall which gives a visual display of progress towards grade level expectations. There are follow up snapshot meetings in February to be certain that the students most at risk are getting extra support mid-year. The **ULSES** model provides resources for students needing dental care, eyeglasses, or other health related issues. Any parent can make a referral to the **ULSES** team if you have a concern about your child's academic or social/emotional progress.

—*Janet Levenson*

## School Calendar

1/18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/19	SGC Meeting, 6-8 PM, Room 9
1/28	GATE meeting, 6:00 PM at B-Tech
2/1	Staff Development Day ( <i>no school</i> )
2/12	Lincoln's Birthday ( <i>no school</i> )
2/15	President's Day Holiday ( <i>no school</i> )
3/29-4/2	Spring Recess ( <i>no school</i> )

## PTA News

One small way to help Oxford: We are collecting donations for our Auction this spring, and you can help. What's your favorite coffee shop, dry cleaner's or hair salon? Do you frequent there so much they know you by name? Take our letter with you next time you go, and let them know your child goes to Oxford and any gift is appreciated. Letters are available at the PTA table by the office or by email. *Questions?*

Contact: **Kristen Takakuwa**

## Take your bicycle to school!

Have you noticed? There are now two bike racks at Oxford:

- one outside the gate from the path to the upper yard
- one under the staircase to the lower yard

Plus, we'll be putting one just outside the Principal's office. Hey, time to start riding your bike to school (*teachers, too!*)

## Kindergarten Enrollment

The Admissions Office is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year; *the deadline is Feb. 5th*. If you have incoming younger siblings you need to submit enrollment information for these students to BUSD, and specifically request sibling preference on the parent preference form. They very much want to keep siblings together and it is much easier for everyone involved to do this during the first round of admissions. Thank you for your help on this matter.

## School Governance Meeting

**January 19th from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 9.** Dinner provided. The main agenda item will be looking at the data analysis to see how the school has done on its site plan goals.

## Middle School Registration

Fifth grade parents should check the **BUSD website** for information about how to register your student for middle school for the fall of 2010.

<http://www.berkeley.net/index.php?page=middle-school>

School	Information Night	Phone Number	Address
King	January 13	644-6280	1781 Rose St
Willard	January 20	644-6330	2425 Stuart St
Longfellow	January 27	644-6360	1500 Derby St

## 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.*