

Oxford School News

March 11, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We are still struggling to meet our target of 96% attendance every month. I am pleased that there was a little improvement this past month. Here are the numbers by grade level

K	1	2	3	4	5
94%	96%	94%	96%	97%	95%

Please get your child to school on time and don't keep them home unless they are very sick. We have found a direct correlation between number of tardies and absences and academic achievement. We need all students in their seats ready to learn at 8:00 AM.

—Janet Levenson

School Calendar

- 3/12 Schoolwide math challenge
- 3/8 RIF Day
- 3/17 All school photo
- 3/18 Annual Raffle, Silent Auction, and Spring Dance at Oxford Oxford in evening
- 3/29-4/2 Spring Recess (no school)
- 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
- 6/18 Last day of school

Please Note:

There is no community meeting tomorrow. The Emmy Orth contest awards ceremony today was our community meeting for the week.

Dance Dinner Menu

Dinner will be \$3.



*It includes a bottle of water,
fruit or green salad
and your choice of:*

*Vegetarian Gourmet Sandwich
of Roasted Zucchini &
Squash with Pesto, Mozzarella
and Tomato on grilled Lavash*

or

*Gourmet Chicken Sandwich
with Pesto, Mozzarella
and Tomato on grilled Lavash*

or

Cheese Pizza

NOTE: An UPDATED BUSD calendar for 2009-2010 is available online at the BUSD website: <http://www.berkeley.net/school-calendar/>

PTA News

One more week left for the Auction!

Only one more week to bid on your favorite auction items. Don't worry, you will still have a chance to bid at the dance as you enjoy great food and good company! For the easiest, fastest getaway at the end of the evening, make sure **Bidding For Good** has your credit card number on file. Otherwise, remember to bring your checkbook, and we'll send you out the door with your prizes in hand. Please take a look at the website, so you can be ready for action. We have ski lift tickets, architect and real estate services, Cal hooded sweatshirts, games, entertainment and *much much more!*

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/oxford>

... many more prizes & gift certificates!!

By now you all know the *Raffle Grand Prizes*

- HP Laptop Computer
- \$100 Gift Certificate to Five Little Monkeys
- Tour for 4 of Pixar Studios
- 2 Giants vs. A's Tickets
- and a Nintendo DSI



But what are the “*many more prizes*” mentioned on the Raffle Envelope?

To name a few:

- One Month Free Yoga
- Albany Bowl bowling party for 10
- Lawrence Hall of Science Family Pass
- Two Tickets for New Century Chamber Orchestra
- Two Tickets for the de Young Museum
- \$50 Gift Card for Whole Foods Market
- \$40 Gift Card for Picante
- \$50 Gift Card for Forrest Music
- \$15 Gift Certificate for Five Star Video
- \$25 Gift Certificate for The Missing Link
- \$25 Certificate for Juan's Place
- \$30 Certificate for Indus Village Restaurant
- \$25 Gift Certificate for Barnes & Noble
- One Month Albany YMCA membership
- Scandia Mini-golf Passes
- Digital Lab Services from Sarber's Camera

WOW!

Reminder: Panoramic All School Photo

The photographers rescheduled due to rain last week. The picture is now scheduled for **March 17th** at 12:30 PM. *You may still send in money to order one.*

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)!*

Oxford E-Tree

If you want to receive important information electronically, you should subscribe to **Oxford's e-tree**. Only subscribers may post and have moved to a moderated format to ensure that only school-related topics are posted. To subscribe to the list, send a blank email to:

everyone-subscribe@oxfordelementary.org

Instructions for subscribing and unsubscribing will also appear automatically at the bottom of all emails.

Lost and Found

Please, please write your children's names in their jackets so we can return them when they end up in the **Lost and Found box**. And please check the rack and box regularly for missing items.

Easy things to do to help Oxford:

Bring us Your Ink Cartridges:

We recycle ink cartridges to raise money for the classrooms. We get **\$1.00 for each laser ink cartridge** and **\$0.50 for each ink jet cartridge**. Please collect them at home and at work and bring them to the blue and yellow box outside the office.

Target's "Take Charge of Education®" Program:

If you use your *Target® Visa®* or *Target® Card*, Oxford school can receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the **Take Charge of Education® program**. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.

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Please email submissions to:

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.*