

# Oxford School News

May 6, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I had to deliver 3 layoff notices to non-teaching staff members last week. The main reason I had to give layoff notices is that BUSD won't let me hire people on the promise that I will raise the money through fundraising, grants and donations throughout the year. They can't offer us a loan. They need to see the money up front. I hate that I spend so much time asking for money. It is the sad state of our public education system that funding dominates so many of our conversations. That said, I want to remind everyone that we have a very generous offer of a matching grant from one of our families. They will donate \$7500 if we raise that much. Please try to donate any amount that you can. If every family gave \$25, we would make this goal. I hope we raise enough by June that I can rescind the layoff notices.

Thanks so much!

—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.

## PTA News

There will be a PTA meeting *Tuesday, May 11* from *6:30-8PM*. Free dinner and childcare will be provided. **Nicole Sanchez**, from the **Berkeley Alliance**, will present about **Berkeley's 2020 Vision**.

The **2020 Vision** is a citywide movement to ensure academic success and well-being for all of Berkeley's children and youth, by closing the achievement and health gaps in Berkeley's public schools. The City Council and School Board made a formal agreement committing to work together to close this gap by the year 2020. A team of dedicated people from the city, school district and many parts of the community has collaborated to form draft recommendations for achieving the goals in the agreement.

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

## School Calendar

5/7	Talent Show
5/11	PTA meeting, 6:30-8:00PM
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

## Theft Problem

Sadly, we are having a theft problem this year. Students are reporting that their lunches and library books are being taken. Several students have had their library books taken from their

classrooms. Please check your child's backpack to see if they accidentally took any of the books. Here is a list of titles:

- **Out of Order**
- **Mallory vs. Max**
- **In Business with Mallory**
- **Silly Lilly and the Four Seasons**
- **Captain Underpants and the Big Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part 1 (I kid you not!)**

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

Please email submissions to:

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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.*