

Oxford School News

November 5, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Swine Flu vaccine *has been delayed* but we are anticipating that we will have a vaccine clinic at school for students on **November 19th from 8:30-10:00**. All students can receive the nasal mist vaccine **if you have filled out a consent form**. If you wish to have your student receive the vaccine sooner, there are other options.

- Kaiser patients can be vaccinated at Kaiser (their website has information about dates, times, and locations).
- Health care providers in Alameda County outside of Berkeley have vaccine—families should check with their providers.
- Alameda County public health department is offering public H1N1 vaccine clinics at various locations—the Alameda Co website has information.

We will need parents to help with the clinic. Kathryn Levenson and Amy Garlin, are coordinating the clinic. Please let us know if you are available to help that day.

—Janet Levenson

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

School Calendar

11/6	No school (conferences)
11/10	November PTA meeting 6:30PM
11/11	Veterans' Day Holiday
11/13	Berkeley Symphony Orchestra concert, Oxford School, 8:30AM
11/19	Anticipated swine flu vaccinations at school
11/20	Spell-a-thon
11/25-11/27	Thanksgiving Holidays
12/17	Winter Fair, evening at school
12/21	Winter break begins
1/4/2010	School resumes
1/18/2010	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Reminder

There is no school on *Friday, Nov. 6th* due to parent-teacher conferences.

There is no school on *Wednesday, Nov. 11th* in observance of Veteran's Day.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who made the **Book Fair** such a huge success, especially *Jean Fichtenkort and Sally McLaughlin*.

Meeting reminder: our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 10th from 6:30-8:00PM**. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

The PTA is one of the great ways we build community at Oxford Elementary. We invite you all to attend November's meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about the PTA, please contact Melanie or Chrissy.

--Chrissy Meuris and Melanie Green, PTA Co-Presidents

The Spell-a-Thon is coming!

Only three weeks until the **2009 Spell-a-Thon** on **November 20!** By now, every student should have brought home a Spell-a-Thon letter, grade-appropriate list of words, and a pledge sheet. Mark your calendars, line up your pledges, and study those words!

Missing a pledge sheet? Question?

Please contact *Rebecca Kormos* or *Brook Vinnedge*.

...More details on the S-P-E-L-L-A-T-H-O-N...

We are thrilled to hear that the children are excitedly practicing their spelling words. This is great news! Please continue to work on getting sponsors for them. Relatives, friends, coworkers, or anyone else can pledge an amount per word spelled correctly or pledge a flat rate.

The **Spell-a-thon** will be held in the classrooms on **Friday, November 20th** at 8:30AM. Students will then collect pledges and return all money on or before **Friday, December 11th**.

...and more...CALLING ALL OXFORD GRANDPARENTS!!!

Please join us for the first gathering of Oxford grandparents at 10:00am on **Friday, November 20th**. We are asking our grandparents to help us score the **Spell-a-thon** tests. We will provide the red pens, coffee, snacks, and correct spelling lists. Please join us at this first gathering and spend about an hour correcting spelling tests.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra

Please join us on **Friday morning, November 13th** at 8:30am for a performance by the **Berkeley Symphony Orchestra**. This special program is funded by the Berkeley Public Education Foundation and allows the children to develop a special relationship with the orchestra through musician visits to classrooms, a concert at our school, and a concert in the spring where students perform with the symphony.

Mentors

We are looking for more mentors for our Scholars program. If you know any African American or Latino college students or recent college graduates who would be willing to mentor a 4th or 5th grader, please pass on the name to Aaron Grayson, our OASIS coordinator.

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.

Submissions for the Oxford School Newsletter

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.

Easy things to do to help Oxford:

Sign up for eScrip or update your eScrip account for 2009-2010!

If you haven't done this yet, please take a few minutes to go to eScrip.com and register or update your credit/debit/store cards. Or pick up a mail-in form in the office. Then, earn money for Oxford every time you shop!

eScrip ID: Oxford School # 137106327

Office Depot 5% Rebate

Did you know that if you give Oxford's number when you purchase at Office Depot, we get 5% back on all of your purchases? If you don't have the Oxford ID number (70006124) with you, just ask the cashier to look it up.

Box Tops for Education

Have you collected any boxtops over the holidays? Please drop them in an envelope or baggie to send them to school. Each of these little box tops is worth a dime to Oxford!

Barnes and Noble

If you shop at [Barnes and Noble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com) then you could have up to 6% of your purchase credited to Oxford just by registering first at Box Tops for Education at www.btfe.com/readingroom and linking to Barnes and Noble from their site.

Amazon SchoolRewards Program

Through SchoolRewards, we receive up to 10% of every Amazon purchase as long as shoppers use our **SchoolRewards** link to access Amazon. Our link is:

<http://www.amazon.com?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=oxfoelemscho-20> .

This link can also be found in the "links" section of our school website:

<http://www.oxfordelementary.org>.

This link takes you directly to Amazon.com, where you can shop just as you normally would. Please pass it on to your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else who might like to help us raise funds by shopping at Amazon.