

Oxford School News

November 19, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I wanted to update you on the status of PE. Thanks to the generous donations we received from families initially, we are able to hire a PE teacher. Every class will receive PE instruction weekly. We do not have enough money to keep the program going all year, but will continue to extend the contract as more donations come in. The PE classes will begin as soon as the District hires the teacher. We are hopeful that they will allow us to hire Jarrett Sanders again. If you have not contributed to the Oxford Enrichment Fund, donations may be made in cash, check or by credit card. Checks should be made out to Berkeley Public Education Fund with "Oxford Enrichment" written on the memo line.

—Janet Levenson

School Calendar

- 11/20 Spell-a-thon (tomorrow)
- 11/25-11/27 **Thanksgiving Holidays**
- 12/10 Winter Fair, evening at school (*please note change in date*)
- 12/21 **Winter break begins**
- 1/4/2010 School resumes
- 1/12/2010 PTA meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM
- 1/18/2010 **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- 1/28/10 GATE meeting, 6:00 PM at B-Tech

Reminder: There is no school next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (11/25-11/27). Happy Thanksgiving!



PTA News

Winter Faire is coming on the evening of **Thursday, December 10th**. This is a great time for families to hang out with their students at school and peruse the different classrooms. Each classroom will be set up with a different activity for parents and students to do together. **The Winter Faire** started as a way to celebrate the winter holidays together and share foods, games, and crafts from many different traditions. The kids love the *Winter Faire* and we hope you all can join us. Please contact your room parent for more information and to help out.

There will be no PTA meeting in December. Save the date for *January's meeting on Tuesday, January 12th, 6:30-8:00PM*. Dinner and childcare will be provided. And thank you to everyone who brought salads for the November meeting and to Sue who brought the delicious fixings for chicken tacos. Sue will be back with her amazing food in January.

—Chrissy Meuris & Melanie Green, PTA Co-Presidents

The Spell-a-Thon is coming!

Last chances for pledges!

This is a great chance for children to build their spelling skills while raising money for their school! You'll need to then collect and return all money by **Friday, December 11th**.

Thank you from the Book Fair Committee

Thank you so much to all of you who supported this year's Book Fair! We sold many more books this year, and raised nearly \$1,200 for Oxford. It couldn't have happened without the hard work of the many volunteers who helped set-up the fair, made signs, brought treats for the teachers' preview, ran the cash registers and packed it all up again. And your generous classroom wish list purchases provided many wonderful new books for our students.



Special thanks go to *Lynn Garnica* for creating the bookmarks, *Lee Kempf* for making the table signs and book plate stickers, and *all the volunteers from Ms. Archuletta's class*. We hope you liked the book selection from our new book vendor. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for next year's choices.

With much appreciation,

—*Sally McLaughlin and Jean Fichtenkort*

GATE (Gifted & Talented Education) Meeting

There will be a **GATE Parent General Information Meeting on Thurs. January 28th, 6:00-7:30 PM** at B-Tech. This is a repeat of the **October 29th GATE Meeting**.

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.*