

# Oxford School News

September 24, 2009

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At **Back-to-School Night** I shared with you my elation with our state test scores. As a school we scored very high (API=875) and all of our subgroups met their targets. That is cause for celebration since we and you work so hard to meet the needs of every child. I am not a big advocate of the state tests, and yet, they have proven to be a pretty accurate measure of how students are performing in class. There can be wide fluctuations in scores from year to year so we may see a decline next year and prepare ourselves for possible disappointment. It is not uncommon to have gains and losses from year to year. **The School Governance Committee (SGC)** will do an in-depth analysis of our scores to see where more work needs to be done and to determine which programs are successful in meeting our school's goals. Their task is to allocate resources to those successful programs. This week you are receiving a ballot to elect 2 parents to the SGC. Please complete your ballot and return it next week. All parents are welcome to attend SGC meetings; only elected members may vote.

—Janet Levenson

## International Walk and Roll to School Day

**SAVE THE DATE: October 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

Join millions of families throughout the world.

For more information and to help coordinate walkers/rollers in your neighborhood, please contact Jed Waldman, and see: <http://www.transformca.org/campaign/sr2s>

## School Calendar

- 9/26 **THIS SATURDAY** All School Picnic, 11:00AM-2:00PM, San Pablo Park
- 10/7 Walk-to-School Day
- 10/12 No school (Staff Development)
- 10/13 PTA meeting, 6:30-8:00PM
- 10/17 Harvest Fair/Book Fair, 11:00AM-3PM
- 11/2-11/5 Shortened days for parent/teacher conferences
- 11/6 No school (conferences)
- 11/11 Veterans' Day Holiday

**NOTE:** The BUSD calendar for 2009-2010 is available online at the BUSD website:

<http://www.berkeley.net/school-calendar/>

## PTA News

### The Harvest Fair is Coming!

**October 17, 11AM- 3PM at Oxford School**

**Harvest Fair Hoo-Ha!** The Harvest Fair is first and foremost a community builder. We have a wonderful time planning it, setting it up, enjoying the day. Even the clean-up at the end, where you can re-hash the highlights, is fun. We are hoping to create a relaxed atmosphere for everyone with free games, music and dancing, food and just relaxing while the kids do their things.

Hey folks, we are looking for **food booth** volunteers. Anyone who has ever been to an Oxford potluck knows we have some very fine cooks in the house. Step on up! How about it? Not sure were to start? Ask us!

We will also need help with clean up and set up on the day of the event!

Also, it's time for **fall cleaning**. Look through all those old party favors, trinkets and put together a bag of gently used, small, clean toys (of a non-violent nature). Then slip them in to the collection bin located in the office. Since it was such a success last year we are going to use recycled toys as prizes at the Harvest Fair again! *One kids junk is another kid's prize!*

Autumnal Happiness to all!

Love from your pals,

**The Harvest Fair gals,**  
*Ceci & Jennie*

## Welcome Back Cookout

Please join us for our first big event of the school year. We

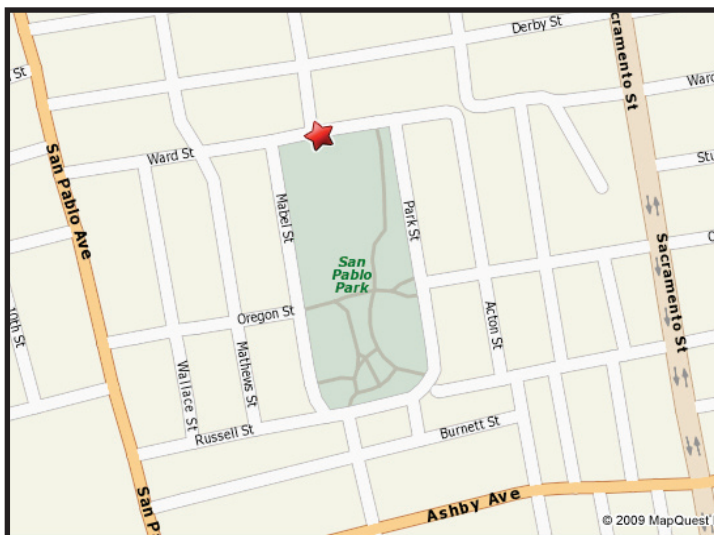


hope to see you at **San Pablo Park from 11:00-2:00 on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Bring a dish to share. The PTA is providing drinks and food for the grill.

Also, for those of you using public transportation, the 88 and the J bus lines go up and down Sacramento, the 72 and the 802 go up and down San Pablo, and the 9 bus goes along Ashby.

Here's a map showing San Pablo Park:



## 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](mailto:everyone-subscribe@oxfordelementary.org)

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

## The World Book Encyclopedia Online:

The World Book Encyclopedia is available on this website in 3 versions: one for younger students, one for older students, and one in Spanish. This website is directly accessible from any BUSD computer. Home access requires a username and password. Ask Mrs. Sheng for the password information.

## 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](http://www.btfe.com/readingroom) and linking to Barnes and Noble from their site.