



Benchley-Weinberger School
PTA Newsletter

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Message from the B-W PTA President *Chris Morache*

Greetings! Excitement is building for the Annual Variety Show, "Happy Days". The kids have been rehearsing and it's going to be a great show. I've also been to a few of the Annie rehearsals, the kids sound amazing! They are having so much fun. Ms. O'Hara and her team of teachers, parents and kids have been very busy singing and acting. The YMCA kids are getting into acting and having a great time preparing for their production of Peter Pan. Christene and her team are really excited about their upcoming shows.

The PTA is proud to host the Multi Cultural Fair that will take place Friday, January 6th. The kids will be touring the world classroom by classroom with Passports in hand. The classes have been busy making beautiful decorations and displays. There will be a Fiesta lunch and a Brazilian Dance team performing in the afternoon. Thank you to Janet Weaver, and a team of volunteers for all their help making this wonderful event happen. Thank you to Monica Morgan, she's responsible for arranging all the wonderful PTA sponsored assemblies throughout the year.

Thank you to our awesome Teachers and Staff for all their energy, time and creativity supporting this celebration of diversity and cultures. And thank you to all the dedicated parents and community friends for joining in and volunteering your time put on this terrific event. The PTA website: bwpta.org looks great and has so much information, thank you to Mary Myers for her expertise.

Mark your calendars Saturday March 21st for this year's Auction, it's Disco night this year and I'm excited. The Foundation is working really hard to organize another amazing event. You won't want to miss it, it's always the party of the year.

Please join us Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the auditorium for our February PTA and Foundation Meeting's. This is an excellent forum to keep informed and get involved. We always have an open forum for questions and answers during new business. Kids are welcome too! Happy Valentine's Day!

REMINDER - MAGNET APPLICATION DEADLINE

FOR MAGNET SIBLINGS OR NEW STUDENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Please make sure you have submitted a Magnet application for any magnet siblings for the 2009-2010 school year. The deadline is February 15, 2009. If you have any friends or neighbors wishing to send their child to Benchley-Weinberger for the upcoming school year, please remind them about this deadline! If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bouman at (619) 463-9271.

IDENT-A-KID COMES TO BENCHLEY - WEINBERGER

Benchley Weinberger Elementary has invited the IDENT-A-KID Child Identification Program to our school on **Wed Feb 18th**. We will be on campus for about the first two hours of school starting when the first bell rings. Even if you participated last year, law enforcement organizations recommend that your cards be updated annually. The application form is being sent home with your child. Look for it in your child's backpack or pick one up in the office. You may also print an application online by visiting www.myidentakid.com/onlineapp/ Envelopes must be returned to your child's teacher **on or before the program dates**. **Younger siblings are welcome to participate, bring them by!**

The cost is \$10 for three (3) cards.(1 card \$7 or 5 cards \$15). New this year you can also add to any id card purchase a luggage tag for \$1 each and a magnetic card holder for \$2 each.

Your support in the Ident A Kid program helps to support the donation of campus security software and STAFF, PTA and volunteer photo badges to participating schools nationwide! The donation of these very important tools are vital to helping keep your school campus and children safe!

Calendar Highlights

- Feb. 6—Multi Cultural Fair.
 - Feb. 9—Lincoln’s Birthday. No school.
 - Feb. 10—PTA meeting (6.30 PM)
 - Feb. 12—Magnet visitation. **100th** day of school!
 - Feb. 16—Washington’s Birthday. No school.
 - Feb. 18—Ident-A-Kid program.
 - Feb. 27—Spirit Assembly.
- Dates and times and locations subject to change.



Message from the Principal

Marian Jacobs

February 2009

Dear Families,

Benchley-Weinberger recently had a magnet inspection from the Magnet School of America. Dr. Robert Brooks, Executive Director from Washington D.C. and Caroline Massingill from North Carolina were gracious, lovely people who were very impressed with our communication magnet. We hope to get a very good report from them.

On Saturday, January 24th, our school participated in the first annual SDUSD Magnet Fair in Balboa Park. It was extremely well attended with many parents very interested in our school. Please remind your neighbors that February 4th from 1:00-3:00 our school will be having new student registration for the 2009-2010 school year. This registration is for new students who live in Benchley-Weinberger's boundaries. The deadline for applications for siblings or new students to attend our school under the Magnet Program is February 15th. This year the Magnet office will be notifying parents of available enrollment for students by phone or mail.

We have some exciting events coming up for February and March. The Multi-Cultural Fair will be on Friday, February 6th; Variety Show auditions have already begun for this year's Variety Show on March 13th and 14th; and be sure to attend this year's Benchley-Weinberger Auction on Saturday, March 21st.

Due to the current fiscal crisis in our state, we will let you know as soon as we can if this will impact our budget at Benchley-Weinberger. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue our exceptional academic program at our school.

Sincerely,

Marian K. Jacobs, Principal



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The PTA is sponsoring a school wide creative art and literature contest. Students are encouraged to think about the word of the month (for February, the word is: RESPECT), then write an essay (200 words or less) or create artwork on 8.5x11 size paper using any medium of their choice. Look for selected works published in next month’s Paw Prints issue and on our new PTA website www.bwpta.org

Questions? please contact Debbie Zappelli at dzappelli@hotmail.com

Auction Update!

Dust off your dancing shoes, reserve the date, it's the party of the year! This year there's even going to be a costume contest. The awesome B-W YMCA staff will be offering child care, look for details in your child's red folder.

The 17th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser Auction is Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the La Mesa Community Center.