



# Paw Prints

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

The magic of the season is here! The children are busy decorating their classrooms and teachers and staff have so many things to get done before winter break.

November was steeped in tradition with our annual Reflections Evening of the Arts exhibit and awards ceremony. The talent was displayed elegantly and there was certainly a "Wow" factor from the poetry to the music to the visual art. It was truly an amazing event. Thanks to Pam Hubbell and her creative team.

Amy Heil outdid herself organizing our best ever "Dine-Out". A big thank you to Rubio's, it was standing room only for while, they we're great! Also a big Thank you to Barnes and Noble for being such gracious hosts, we really packed the reading room. The kids were thrilled to have story time with their teachers. Special thank you's to all the families who made this their Friday night plan, it was great to see so many familiar faces. And the evening really came to life when the teachers started their stories.

It doesn't get much better than a huge group of kids sitting attentively listening to a book come to life. Special thanks to Mrs. Glaze, Mrs. Davis, Miss Trujillo, & Mrs. Paznokas for reading and spending your Friday night out to benefit the school.

December is aglow with the lights around school. Our annual Teddy Bear drive is always a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the joy of giving. Thank you to Mr. Ybarando and Mr. Salazar and Mr. La Branche for keeping this terrific event going at Benchley.

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## REMINDER— Check Lost and Found!

Please be sure to look over the lost and found cart before the Winter Break for any items your child may have lost over the past few months. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

To aid in identification, please be sure that items of clothing are marked with a name and room number. This makes it easier to return found items to classrooms to be claimed by the owner.

## Kindergarten Picture day on Channel 4

Recently, Channel 4's San Diego Insider program filmed a segment about our kindergarteners on picture day. If you would like to see the story, visit [4sd.com](http://4sd.com) and click on San Diego Insider schedules then go to show #254. Air dates are: Friday December 5, 6 & 8 pm; Wednesday December 10, 6 pm and Saturday December 13, 6 pm. They will be aired on Channel 4 cable or Channel 704 HD.

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## Calendar Highlights

Dec. 5—Spirit Assembly, Teddy Bear Drive

Dec. 12—Night at the Bench (Family Movie night)

Dec. 19— Sing-A-Long

Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, 2009. Winter Break. No School.

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What is OCILE?  
OCILE stands for Off-Campus Integrated Learning Experience.

To learn more, visit this link:

<http://www.sandi.net/ocile/>



## Message from the Principal

Marian Jacobs

November 21, 2008

Dear Families,

We are now into the busy holiday season at Benchley-Weinberger. Be sure to check you child's red folders on a regular basis to keep informed of all the classroom and school activities happening during the month of December. Some upcoming school events include:

12/5-Spirit Assembly

12/5-Teddy Bear Assembly

12/8-12/12-Grades 4 and 5 OCILE Week

12/19-School Wide Sing-A-Long

12/22-1/2-Winter Break

Thank you to everyone who attended parent/teacher conferences. We were all very pleased on how smoothly everything went with the new Standards Based Report Card. Your patience and understanding during this time is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the PTA for all their hard work organizing and distributing this year's School Directory. This is such a huge undertaking. Please remember that this information is personal and should stay within the Benchley-Weinberger community.

Happy holidays to all our Benchley-Weinberger families. I hope you all take time to spend special moments with your family and friends.

Sincerely

Marian K. Jacobs

Principal

## Innisbrook Update *Elaine Rosen*

Thank you! Our Innisbrook Sale was a huge success, because of your generous support! While the final numbers aren't in yet, we are so excited to let you know we raised over \$12,000 for our school. Our school can continue to earn money year-round. Visit [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) if you would like to place an order.

## Get your act together!

The Happy Days BW Variety Show is coming soon..... Auditions will be held in January so grab a friend or practice your solos to show off our wonderful BW talent! We will be showcasing Singers, Dancers, Gymnasts, Musicians, Karate Studs, Actors, Announcers, Hula-Hoopers, and more.... Questions???? Contact Debbie Zappelli at [dzappelli@hotmail.com](mailto:dzappelli@hotmail.com) or 619-466-0773



## Delivery Preference Survey *Jeannette Stumpfel*

A number of completed surveys have been received, but we still need your input. Please return the coupon below to indicate your preference for Paw Prints delivery. Your response is requested by December 19, 2008. The survey can be returned in your child's red folder. (Teachers, there is a collection envelope for this survey in the mail room). If you've already turned in your survey, thank you!

Your response will tell us if it is feasible to go 'green' with this newsletter. No response (not turning in a survey) will be assumed as wanting a paper copy.

**Paw Prints Delivery Preference 2008-2009 Survey**

Please select one option and return to school (if the project is feasible, your selection will be used):

I want Paw Prints ONLY in ELECTRONIC format. I already signed up for Paw Prints e-blast notification. Do NOT send me a paper copy of Paw Prints.

I want Paw Prints ONLY in ELECTRONIC format. I will view it at my leisure on the website and do not wish to give you my e-mail address. Do NOT send me a paper copy of Paw Prints.

I want Paw Prints in PAPER format.

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***PTA President's message continued***

The kids were treated to an afternoon at the Ballet for a pas de deux from Coppelia performed by the California ballet in our very own auditorium. Who would have thought there would be so much laughing? Everyone really enjoyed it.

I wish you all the sparkle and merriment of the season!

### **NEWS FROM MRS. KNIGHT IN THE LIBRARY**

Great news! Our Books and Beyond program is off to a wonderful start! Over 100 students have turned in their first reading sheets and I'm sure there will be many more to come after the Thanksgiving break. Please continue to read with your children and help them complete their reading sheets.

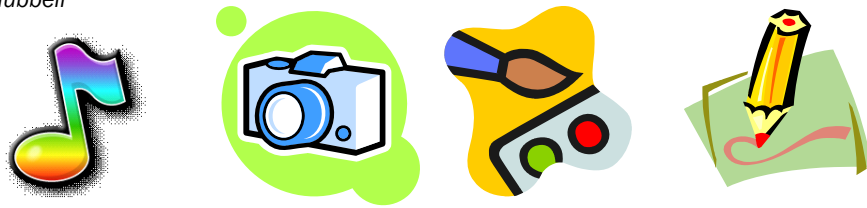
Our first R.I.F. (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution will be held in the auditorium on Thursday, December 18, 2008. All students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will receive their first free book. R.I.F. is a program sponsored by the government and our PTA to foster the love of reading. Three times a year, the students receive a free book that they personally select. These books are gifts for the students to keep in their home libraries. We are very grateful to participate in this special program.

Please remember that we still need volunteers to assist in the library and help with our programs! Whether you are able to donate 10 hours or even 10 minutes of your time, it is greatly appreciated!!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families!!

## Reflections Art Show and Awards Ceremony

Pam Hubbell



### Reflections Art Show and Awards Ceremony

Wow! The Reflections Art Show was a great success!! Congratulations to the many students who participated in this year's Reflections Art Program. Your artwork, photography, literature, and music was amazing. Thanks to all the families who showed up to support your children and this program.

On Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, about 200 people filled the auditorium to celebrate our 2008 Reflections participants. The artwork looked great, the poetry readings were entertaining, and the musical performance was a treat! On Thursday, Nov. 20, all of the artwork was on display in the auditorium, and teachers brought their classes through to view the art.

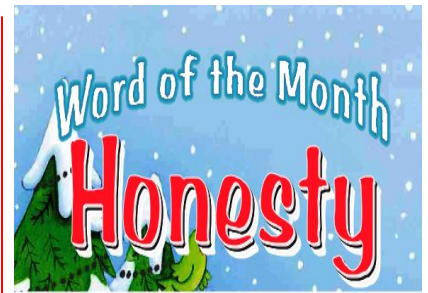
Twenty-four of our talented students will have their entries move on to the next level of judging in this National PTA program. **Finalists for Visual Arts** are Cameryn Sweet, Aysia Serna, Isaac Hunter, Corinne McHugh, Madeleine Macceca, Lily Pattengill, Emmanuelle Cola, Kalos Chu, Caroline Meyers, Andrew Moura, Cierra Heiser, Julia McCauley, Mikayla James, Lily Quintal, Krystal Vickery, and Ally Westerman. **Finalists for Photography** are Taylor Lofts, Isabella Lombardo, and Megan Leckner. **Finalists for Literature** are Ava Calbreath, Ben Kelly, Ian Calbreath, and Jessica Young. The **Finalist for Musical Composition** is Jack Winn. Congratulations and Good Luck!

**We send out a HUGE THANK YOU to the parents who helped this year:** Judit Havens, Kristin Kaufmann, Chris Morache, Scott Shelton, Teresa Lombardo, Jeannette Stumpf, Trina Maas, Susanne Albright, Tanya Quintal, and Regina Young. A very special thank you goes to Kristine Rhee for all her help and for preparing the prizes. Another very special thank you goes to Mary Radley for handling the refreshments.

**We'd also like to acknowledge and thank our community sponsors** for their various contributions: Labybugart Calligraphy Studio in Kensington, Art With Larisse in La Mesa, Marshall Williams Photography, author Christine D'Amico, and Starbucks (Lake Murray).

### Keep creating, and we'll see you next year!

*Sarah Calbreath, Heidi Dromgoole, Pam Hubbell, Kristin McGraw, Co- Chairs*



Sincere  
Integrity Truth  
openess  
Trustworthy  
Frankness  
Truthfulness Candid

The PTA is sponsoring a school wide creative art and literature contest. Students are encouraged to think about the word of the month (for December, the word is: HONESTY), 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](http://www.bwpta.org)

Questions? please contact Debbie Zappelli at [dzappelli@hotmail.com](mailto:dzappelli@hotmail.com)

## Box Tops Contest

Susanne Albright

Earn Cash For Your School

1. Clip your Box tops 2. Send Box tops to School - turn them in to your teacher. 3. Our School Earns Cash

The classroom with the most Box tops collected, from November 1st through May 15th, will win a Pizza Party sponsored by the BW-PTA. Any Questions, please contact Susanne Albright 619-465-9682 or [we4@cox.net](mailto:we4@cox.net)

