



Paw Prints

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Letter from the PTA President *Derby Pattengill*

The recent news of the devastating earthquake in Haiti has touched us all. Just imagine having nearly half of the buildings in your city flattened and the government helpless to aid its citizens. As devastating as this event is, it is also inspiring as to the kindness of mankind and the heroism of everyday people. This goes for the celebrity telethons down to the Haitian neighborhood groups banding together to pool their resources to help their neighbors. I would like to recognize someone our community for inspiring me this weekend and making me proud to know them.

A number of Benchley-Weinberger parents and students, along with some neighbors, organized a simple shoe drive for the quake victims. No big planning efforts or meetings, just some e-mails sent out and a table with some signs on a busy corner on Sunday. From 9 am until 3pm, kids and parents alike took turns manning the table and waving signs. By the end of the day they had collected over 2400 pairs of used shoes which were delivered to Sport Chalet and the Soles for Souls relief program. This is just a case of doing the right thing and helping their fellow man.

It is with this in mind that I bring up our "Lincolns for the Library" program. In the past we have asked the students to donate their Lincolns to raise money for new books for the library as well as support in some small way a local charity. My proposal is to forego new books for the library this year and donate the money to the Red Cross or UNICEF. It has been said that "a handout is what you get from the government. A hand up is what you get from your friends." If our kids can learn that we all have to take care of one another then I think we will be OK.

And now for something completely different. Thank you to all who attended our PTA meeting featuring school board member Katherine Nakamura. We listened to an informative budget presentation and participated in an open Q & A session. For more information, please see our website. Mary Meyers is constantly updating the site with events, announcements and links. It is bwpta.org

Questions, comments, critiques? Feel free to email or call me regarding PTA business. Of course let me know if you caught the Clint Eastwood line for this month.

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Message from the Foundation President *Drew Smith*

Please reserve Friday, March 19th, for a parent's night out and teacher and staff appreciation celebration. The B-W Foundation is sponsoring a spring cocktail party to be held at the Masonic Temple in San Carlos. There will be tasty food, drinks and dancing with DJ Paul Peterson. Details on this event will be provided in the next few weeks.

Don't forget: The Jog-A-Thon is February 10th and with all the budget cuts looming, we need your help now more than ever. Lets make this a great event and raise over \$30,000.

Letter from the Principal

February 2010

Dear Families,

The month of February is filled with some very exciting events and activities at Benchley-Weinberger.

The foundation's big fundraiser for this year, the Jog-a-Thon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. Hopefully everyone has worked hard to get those pledges in. If the school raises \$30,000, there is no homework for a week! The PTA multi-cultural fair is scheduled for Friday, February 5th. This is a wonderful event for the students to travel around the world and visit lots of different countries. Thank you to everyone on the PTA and Foundation who have worked hard to make these events happen.

In regards to the district's budget for next year, it looks like the Magnet programs will stay intact and class sizes will most likely stay the same, with no increase. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, emails, letters and phone calls to show support in continuing our Magnet program. Please continue to contact your representatives in Sacramento to voice your concerns on your child's education.

On January 14th, the PTA sponsored an informal meeting at Benchley-Weinberger featuring Katherine Nakamura, our School Board Trustee. I want to thank the PTA for scheduling this event and thank all the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend.

Upcoming events for the month of February include:

February 5th - Multi-Cultural Fair

February 10th - Jog-a-Thon

February 12 & 15 - Holidays - No student Attendance

February 26th - Spirit Assembly

Sincerely,
Marian K. Jacobs
Principal



Calendar Highlights

Feb. 5—Multi-cultural Fair

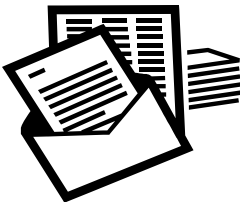
Feb. 10—Jog-A-Thon

Feb. 12 & 15—
No school

Feb. 15—Magnet Enrollment Options Deadline

Feb. 26—Spirit Assembly

Mar. 6—Magic Mile



IMPORTANT!!!!—Magnet /Enrollment Options Deadline

Please make sure you have submitted a Magnet/Enrollment Options application for any siblings of currently enrolled Benchley-Weinberger magnet students (or if you will be moving out of the B-W boundaries) by the February 15, 2010 deadline. If you have any questions, please call our office (619-463-9271) and speak to Kathy Bouman. Thank you!

2010 JOG-A-THON *Lou Bertsche*



Our 2010 Jog-a-thon will be held on school grounds on February 10, 2010.

It will be the biggest and best one Benchley-Weinberger has ever had! We will be offering the BEST PRIZES EVER this year.

The students who raise the most money will have their choice of a new WII, A LAPTOP COMPUTER, A DIGITAL CAMERA OR AN IPOD!

Every student who raises \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt. We have tons of great stuff to raffle off for the kids. Pizza parties for the top classes! Running shoes, gift certificates and more. However, if any parent has a connection (Padres, Charges, Zoo, Legoland, Disneyland, etc., etc.) that can lead to bigger and better prizes, please call us!!!! We need you!

The paperwork for the event has been sent home in the red folders—don't forget to bring in your pledge sheets and money as listed in the directions. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.00. If we reach our goal, the students will not have homework for one week! If you have any questions, please call Lou Bertsche, 619-743-0464.

Together for a time Remember it with a YEARBOOK

How will you preserve your memories? How about with a full color yearbook?

Order your copy today and receive a FREE PHOTO BOOK! *

Only \$20.00 each if ordered by February 1, 2010
\$22.50 each after February 1st

Please make checks payable to: BW Foundation

Fill out envelope at the bottom of the yearbook form that was sent home last week. More forms/envelopes provided in the office.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Cruz at cruzsm1@aol.com

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Cafeteria News *Paula Fearce, Cafeteria Supervisor*

Please call or come by anytime to check the funds in your child's lunch account. The cafeteria sends notices home with students when a child's lunch account is getting low on funds, but sometimes those notes do not make it home to the parents before the account goes in the red. At that time, the district does send an automated phone call home to parents informing them of this. Paying online through Pay-Pam takes a few days before the funds show up at the cafeteria site. Parents can also check their child's lunch account online anytime. Please be aware that students will always be fed even when they show no funds in their account....no child will go hungry at Benchley-Weinberger!

Thank you for your patience.

FAME, I'm Gonna Live Forever, I'm Gonna Learn How To Fly, High!

BW students, get ready to shine on stage with this year's Annual Variety Show. Auditions will be held on February 2, 3 and 4; so get your act together!!

We are looking for dancers, singers, actors, gymnasts, karate experts, cheer leaders, magicians, etc... and 5th Grade Announcers.

If you are auditioning for an Announcer position, please use the FAME theme as a guideline.

Dress Rehearsal is March 10th and the Evening show is March 13th. This is a show you don't want to miss. For information or to volunteer to help out please call Debbie Zappelli at 466-0773 or dzappelli@hotmail.com.

Your Variety Show Committee, *Debbie Zappelli, Chris Morache, and Kim Fakadej*

The Magic Mile! *Sue Sward*

Save the date!

The Union Tribune Kid's Magic Mile is scheduled for Saturday March 6, 2010 at 8:00 am.

Kids (big kids too) are invited to run, walk or stroll this one-mile, just for fun race in Balboa Park. Every participant receives a cool t-shirt and those under 12 receive a finisher's medal and a book! Register online or through school entry forms. More information will be sent home soon. Age 12 and under, \$13. Age 13 and over, \$18.

www.inmotionevents.com



Have a Cuppa!

Cold and thirsty during monthly Spirit Assemblies?

Stop by the table operated by fifth grade promotions and purchase a cup of coffee and perhaps a pastry or other goodie.

You'll warm up and help the fifth grade class in one easy transaction.

Paw Prints is edited by Jeannette Stumpfel and the Benchley-Weinberger PTA.

Next issue's deadline is February 22, 2010 for publication in the March issue. Articles may be sent to: BWPawPrints1@Yahoo.com

Please be sure to provide your name and contact information along with your article.