

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7TH, 2008

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From The Principal Teresa Williams: “All gates are locked at 8:50 am. If the gate is locked, entry is only allowed through the front doors.”

BRET HARTE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Bret Harte's **Spring Work Day is Saturday, April 19**. We need adults to help channel youthful energy. Could you staff the tool corral for a couple of hours? Help with sign in and job assignments? Supervise kids moving spare equipment? Help with setup or cleanup? It's a great chance to make a difference for our kids in just a few hours, and have some fun at the same time. Please contact Lesley Johnson-Gelb at 510-834-0646 or lesleyjohnsongelb@yahoo.com. Thanks!

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8th Grade activities: **NOTE: Only students eligible for promotion according to the District guidelines will be eligible to participate in activities. The final computation will be made after the fifth marking period which ends on April 25th. Also any students suspended from school for any reason on or after April 1st, will not be allowed to attend activities. Be sure to attend your administrative detentions. Failure to do so will result in suspension.**

8TH GRADE CLASS PICNIC:

When: ! Thursday, May 22, 2008

Where: Robert's Park

Time: Leave from in front of the school at 9:15am

Return to the school at 3:00 pm

Transportation by Walker's Bus Lines

Cost: \$15 per student to cover cost of lunch and buses

Last day to pay –Tuesday, MAY 6, 2008

Activities include: Music by DJ Top Flight, Soccer and a designated area for Super Soakers.

SWIMMING AND WATER BALLONS ARE NOT ALLOWED!

Dinner Dance: Thursday, **May 29th**, \$15.00, Last day to pay is Tuesday May 27th, 2008

Dance will be held at the Snow building @ Knowland Park from 8pm -11pm Pictures will be available.

8th Grade Promotion: Tuesday, **June 11, 2008** at 10 am

Promotion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center and students are allowed 4 tickets each.

Promotion attire: ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR WHITE TOPS AND DARK BOTTOMS. Girls may wear pants (black or Blue).

NOTE: Students may still be eligible for promotion, even though they may not have the 2.0 GPA necessary for 8th grade activities.

Panoramic Pictures: Panoramic pictures will be taken on **April 24th**, 2008 at 1:45 pm. The cost to purchase a copy is \$20.00.

8th grade Memorabilia:

Yearbook: \$30.00, Last day to pay is Thursday, May 9th, 2008

T-shirts and sweatshirts: Last day to pay, Monday May 5th, 2008

T-shirt: \$12.00
Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$15.00
Sweatshirt: \$30.00

All activities and memorabilia must be paid for with Cash only! For ordering information please contact the Parent Center.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Oakland Public Library presents:

JOB READINESS WORKSHOP: April 26th from 11-1:00 pm in the Main Library TeenZone. This program is designed to help teens organize and format their resumes and students will also have a mock interview session where they will be able to practice interviewing with library professionals as the "employers".

JOB FAIR FOR TEENS : May 14th from 4-6:00 pm. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes for potential employers. Representatives from Trader Joes, Mayor Summer Jobs Program, Kaiser Permanente and MORE! Both of these events are for teens ages 14-19. For additional information please contact Jessica Snow at jsnow@oaklandlibrary.org

INEXPENSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY:

Art Lets Kids March to Their Own Beat April 1-3, 5 p.m. -

Pleasanton Unified School District's first festival of visual and performing arts for students K-12. Free admission, all artwork available for purchase. Perform! once each evening.

Ruby Hill Winery and Event Center, 400 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton

Info, Mark Lightfoot, milightfoot@pleasanton.k12.ca.us

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

Christensen Middle School Theatre Group is proud to present its 10th annual Musical Production of 2008:

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" Over 40 students in the 6th to 8th grades are excited to perform in this ! delightful musical comedy, based on Charles Schultz's well-loved "Peanuts" comic strip.

Tickets \$6-7. For info and tickets, visit www.christensenpta.org

Livermore High School Theatre, 600 Maple Street, Livermore **April 4 & 5, 7 p.m. and April 6, 2 p.m.**

Children's AUDITIONS for Seussical (The Musical) April 5, 10 a.m., Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. "Seussical" is the August show for the 42nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals. There are nine roles for children who are (or appear to be) 8-10 years old. Details at www.woodminster.com. Also adult and teen casting opportunities for 3 shows in Summer 2008.

TRYOUTS for the Annual All-Oakland Talent Show April 8, 10, and 15. Calling all Oakland Youth to REPRESENT!!!

Youth Dancers, Musicians, Poets, Actors, Emcees, Singers...

Ages 5-18, see www.oaklandleaf.org/html/talentshow.html for details and locations of tryouts.

ATTEND the 8th Annual All-Oakland Talent Show May 9, 2008

Oakland Asian Cultural Center.

Their Eyes Were Watching God April 24-26, Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts, 6:30 p.m., Oakland Tech, 4351 Broadway, Oakland. Tickets \$5.

Grease April 9-12, 7:30 p.m. Skyline High School Performing Arts Academy's spring musical is fun for all ages. Tickets \$9 at the door. Rawley T. Farnsworth Theater at Skyline High School, 12250 Skyline Blvd., Oakland.

The OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA has great exhibits and events every single week. For April's schedule, click here: <http://www.museumca.org/cal-public/calendar.cgi?month=04>
These special events are included in the price of admission (\$5 students & seniors, \$8 adult). The second Sunday of each month is FREE!

The KIDS' CHALK ART PROJECT in Alameda

This community event celebrates and invests in the creative spirit of children. The Project's goal is to collaboratively create the World's Largest Chalk Drawing with the kids of Alameda (K-12), their families, friends, and neighbors, as well as the greater community of the San Francisco Bay Area. They are attempting to break several Guinness World Records and plan on obtaining a satellite photograph of the artwork. The chalk drawing will be created over a two-week period, culminating with a multi-arts festival, open to the public, on the decommissioned Naval Air Base of Alameda Point on **Saturday, June 7, 2008**. They're looking for participants, volunteers, and contributors.
www.reenchantingtheworldthroughart.org

ALLIANCE FOR ARTS LEARNING LEADERSHIP:

Join us for two April conferences on arts learning!

Statewide Leadership in Arts Education Conference

Reinvigorating Arts Education in California Public Schools: What's the Story?

April 21-22, 2008

Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA

This conference, presented by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association Arts Initiative and California Alliance for Arts Education, will showcase discipline-specific and integrated arts instruction, new resources for strengthening and expanding K-12 arts education in school districts, advocacy strategies, and new ideas for professional development and curriculum development. A plenary presentation by Oakland Unified arts teachers with Arnie Aprill will be featured!

For More Information:

http://www.ccsesa.org/index/attachments/Conference_registration%20flier.pdf

The Urban Small Schools Symposium

On Our Watch: Preparing Urban Students for Life, Leadership, and Academic Excellence

April 25-26, 2008

EXCEL High School, Oakland, CA

Join Alliance members who will be attending and presenting at this conference presented by the Bay Area Coalition for Equitable Schools. This conference will focus on creating equitable and just urban small schools, with a focus on powerful teaching and learning. Participants will take away tools and strategies to use in their classrooms, schools and communities.

For additional information: <http://www.bayces.org/article.php/EXCELconf>

FREE COMPUTERS

Oakland Technology Exchange West (OTX-WEST), provides free computers to students that are in grades 6th-12th and attend Oakland schools.

To receive free computers, parent and student must attend a 3 hour orientation regarding computers and provide proof that student attends a school in Oakland (report card or student ID). The distribution day for computers is the 1st Saturday of the month!!! Contact OTEX today, to schedule your orientation. Contact Info is listed below. Please share this opportunity with your family and larger community.

Oakland Technology Exchange West

<http://www.otxwest.org/>

1680 14th Street

Oakland, Ca 94607

Phone 510-893-4822

Bret Harte Middle School Announcements: If you have items to include in our weekly email announcements, please call us or send them electronically to bhparentcenter@yahoo.com. If we receive them before 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, they will be included in the messages posted on Friday afternoons.

Have a great week!
The Parent Center
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