

School Announcements:

Reminder: There will be no School Friday May 23rd in celebration of Lincoln's Holiday and on Monday May 26th for Memorial Weekend.

Bret Harte Spring Music Concert

Wednesday May 28th 7pm

Come out and support our Bret Harte students in their final concert of the year!

Student Announcements: !

ACTIVITY UPDATE!!!

Dinner Dance: Thursday, May 29th, \$15.00, Snow building @ Knowland Park from 8pm -11pm

We will begin taking payments for the Dinner Dance on Monday, May 19th, 2008.

Payments should be made with Ms. Dorothy in the attendance office. The final payment is due Tuesday, May 27th, 2008

Pictures will be available.

8th Grade Promotion: Wednesday, 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.

Community Announcements:

Join us for this year's Oakland Youth Arts Festival May 31 festival highlighting youth artistry from across Oakland:

- **Community Art Making**
- **Youth Arts Gallery**
- **Young Musicians Outdoor Concert Festival**
- **'Respect the Mic' Youth Poetry Slam**
- **Oakland Youth Arts Celebratory Reception**
- **Performing Arts Showcase featuring theater, dance, video, and spoken word**

For the festival schedule please visit: <http://artsaveslives.wordpress.com/about/>

Join us for the Art Saves Lives Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 28th from 5:30pm-7:30pm

George & Walt's at 5445 College Avenue, Oakland, CA

Support the festival while having a great time with fellow colleagues and friends! \$10 admission buys you a free drink, raffle ticket for a variety of prizes, and game tokens for the pool tables.

Featuring students from: AR! ISE High School, Bret Harte Middle School, Claremont Middle School, East Oakland School for the Arts, Lighthouse Community Charter, MetWest High School, Oasis High School, Oakland School for the Arts, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, McClymonds, Peralta Elementary, Piedmont Elementary, Thornhill Elementary and Westlake Middle School

Oakland Tech and Skyline Student Final Concerts:

Please come out and see the talented young Oakland performers from Skyline and Oakland Tech as they present their final concerts of the year.

Below are some performances at both Oakland Tech and Skyline. Tickets are about \$5. Curtain times are shown.

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m. Oakland Tech Performing Arts "Sampler" -- a little bit from each group! AT THE OAKLAND METRO, 630 - 3rd St. Come see MUSIC, DANCE, and DRAMA -- in one hour!

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Skyline Concerto Concert -- instrumental groups, at the Farnsworth Theater on the Skyline campus, 12250 Skyline Blvd.

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m. Oakland Tech Music Concert -- at the theater on the Oakland Tech campus, Broadway & 42nd St.

Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. Skyline Vocal Concert -- choirs & soloists, at the Farnsworth Theater on the Skyline campus, 12250 Skyline Blvd.

Thursday, May 29 AND Friday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Tech Dance Concert -- at the theater on the Oakland Tech campus, Broadway & 42nd St.

Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. Skyline Student Film Festival -- at the Farnsworth Theater on the Skyline campus, 12250 Skyline Blvd.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER
for Skyline, contact Elizabeth Benhardt at skylineseats@yahoo.com
for Tech, contact Bonnie Trinclisti at trinbrekke@california.com

Are you ready to make positive change in your community?

If so, the **Tavis Smiley Foundation** wants you to apply for admission to the 2008 Leadership Institute scheduled for **August 14-18** on the campus of **UCLA in Los Angeles**.

We're bringing the Institute home to sunny California this year, so pack your bags and get ready to head to the West Coast! Teens will have a chance to meet more than 200 fellow delegates from across the United States for five days of training on leadership, youth advocacy, volunteerism and civic engagement.

The sessions will include a Teen Town Hall moderated by Tavis Smiley. A community service project, a mock election, a college roundtable, and special sessions led by Dr. Cornel West.

Delegates also will have a chance to win prizes in the team project competition. Last year's conference included delegates representing 22 states. The Leadership Institute is an experience young leaders never forget!

The cost is \$500 and includes housing, meals, and all conference workshops.

Applications will be accepted via mail, fax and on-line. The deadline is May 31 and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

However, we will continue registration until we reach capacity. Last year's conference sold out in four weeks so don't delay!

To start your registration now visit: http://www.youthtoleaders.org/pro_tsfli.asp

Celebrate Teen Poets and Artists: Save the Date!

Join us at a **Book Launch and Party** for the wonderful teens who have contributed to a **newly published poetry anthology, Words on Fire, edited by Dimond Library staffer, Giovanna Capone.**

This book is dedicated to the memory of John R. Pichotto, poetry lover, longstanding library supporter and Dimond Library Friend. Meet the poets and artists. Stay for an open mic and refreshments. Check out this new book or buy a copy of your own.

Friday, June 6th, 4:30 to 7pm

Dimond Branch Library

3565 Fruitvale Avenue

For more information call 482-7844 or email Catherine J Nichols at cnichols@oaklandlibrary.org

Neighborhood Services Division Summit 2008

My Block, My Community, My Responsibility!

Saturday May 31, 2008

Laney College

200 Fallon St .

8:15am-3:00pm

Registration deadline May 16, 2008

You can now register online at <http://www.oaklandnet.com/> For more information I can be reached at 238-7159 or eguillen@oaklandnet.com.

FREE Delta Airlines Camp for teens 14-18 years old

Do you know of any young person that may want to attend a free 1 week camp during the summer?

This summer the Organization of Black Airline Pilots

(OBAP) will hold 2 Aviation Career Education Camps sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

The purpose of each one-week program is to introduce interested youth to the world of aviation by exposing them to the many challenging careers and opportunities which the aviation industry has to offer.

Please see the brochure/application and pass it along to anyone that you know who may be interested.

<http://dstfwac.org/files/deltaairapp.pdf>

The age range is for boys and girls between 14-18 years old.

Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation Oakland Leadership and Arts Camp

Creative Writing, Art, Vocal, Dance and More

Registration Deadline: June 6, 2008

Camp Dates/Times: June 16-20, 23-26, 2008 – 1-4pm

Friends and Family Reception: June 28th 3pm (Open to the Public) Tickets \$20.00

Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center

7701 Krause Ave (near Bancroft)

Oakland, CA 94605 – Phone: 510.615.5755

For registration info visit: www.TASF.org or TASF0671@aol.com

Music Scholarships

The application for the 2008 Ida Altenbach Scholarships are now available. These scholarships are to be awarded this summer by the Distaff Singers organization. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide funding for music education and is available for schools and organizations in Oakland. Please check the Distaff Singers website <http://www.distaffsingers.org/> for more information about their organization and the scholarships that have awarded in the past.

Please feel free to forward this email to any interested teacher, parent or administrator in your school or program. **The application deadline is June 1, 2008.**

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

Room 102

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