



Bee Informed on-line!

eNewsletter of the Bonita Canyon PTA

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Dec. 1-15	W-W	Families Forward Food Drive
Dec. 3	Fr	Picture Day Make-Ups and Re-takes
Dec. 6	M	Astronomy Night – see flyer in conduit
Dec. 7-10	Tu-Fr	Pencil Grams on sale \$1.00 – Student Council sponsored
Dec. 8	W	Coffee & Conversation with Mr. Curley 8:30 a.m. in MPR
Dec. 8	W	3 rd Gr. Field Trip to Gabrielino Walk – Be at school at 8:00a.m.
Dec. 10	Fr	BC Multicultural Club Holiday Party at 9:30a.m. – Please RSVP
Dec. 13	M	Astounding Inventions in MPR
Dec. 15	W	Reflections Art Gallery in MPR all day – Awards Ceremony at 1:45
Dec 17	Fr	Report Cards Home & 1:00 Dismissal! - Winter Break Begins

The Buzz From Mr. Curley

A warm “Thank You” to the dads who turned out in the early and chilly Wednesday morning in the MPR for “Dads & Donuts”. This informal get-together was a wonderful opportunity to converse with BC dads regarding school and district news and events, while enjoying a cup of coffee and donuts before starting the day. The turnout was terrific and I am looking forward to hosting again in March. Keep your eye on the *Bee Informed* for the date!



Our district’s Nutrition Services has updated food choices and entrees in our cafeteria. There is a greater variety of fruits and vegetables from local producers. In the next few weeks a group of students will be conducting taste tests on twice grilled burritos and chicken pot stickers. We are also collecting ideas and opinions from parents and students in our efforts to provide excellent service through Nutrition Services. An online survey is open for parents from now through December 17th. Please take a few moments to complete the 6 question survey. It can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WF7ZMC5>.

As our first trimester comes to close, I’m impressed with the progress students have made so far this year. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 17th. Report cards are also accessible online through the parent portal at www.myiusd.org. Directions to download the report card are attached to this email and beginning with the 2nd trimester report cards, hard copies will no longer be sent home.

Toilet Bowl Tournament Congratulations to Mr. Ngo’s *Ninja Lighting team*, winners of the 6th Grade BC Annual Toilet Bowl Soccer Tournament! Mrs. Pipp’s *Magical Land of the Red Gummy Bears team* came in 2nd place with *Mr. Dodge’s Blue Laser Pikachu team* placing 3rd. It was excitement for all and the coveted toilet seat trophy will be proudly displayed in the classroom.

BC Student Council & PTA Sponsor Families Forward Food Drive The Annual Bonita Canyon Families Forward Food Drive will be from Wed., Dec. 1st thru Wed., Dec. 15th. Donations will help FF provide Holiday meals to more than 700 area families. Collection bins are located in front of the office. Questions: contact Cathy Martinez cverlench@yahoo.com or Brita Hodgins britaabele@mac.com.



Picture Make-Up If your child missed picture day on Nov. 3, they can be photographed on Friday, Dec. 3, 2010. Order forms will be sent home with students needing a photo. If you would like your child’s photo retaken, please send your child with their original order to school.

Smencils On Sale Soon! Winter Smencil Pencil Grams will be on sale during lunch period from Tuesday, December 7 through Friday, December 10. Cost is \$1.00 each. Sale sponsored by the BC Student Council. These Smencil Pencil Grams sell out quickly so don't wait to get in on the fun!

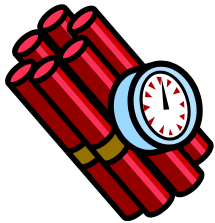
BC Multicultural Club Holiday Gift Exchange Party Join us for a morning brunch and gift exchange at Caroline Ginovker's house on Friday, December 10 at 9:30am. RSVP to Carol Lin, carol.lin@cox.net Detailed info will be emailed shortly to those on our e-mail list.

Bonita Canyon Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee is looking for parents to help fill all of our board and committee positions for the following year (2011-2012). If you are interested being an active parent at Bonita and would like to learn more about being on the Nominating Committee, please contact: Natalie Hill, PTA Parliamentarian, at nataliehill@cox.net

A BIG Thank You to All BC Families Who Dined at CPK! \$257.47 was raised (20% of the total proceeds) to support our instructional program. **Did you know that CPK offers Kid's Pizza Tours! Only \$10 per child for a tour and baking their own pizza. Great for birthday parties, cub scout outings, etc. For more details, call Karleen at California Pizza Kitchen (Michelson/Jamboree) 949-975-1585.**



Parents are Invited to the Reflections Art Gallery Stop by the MPR between 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 15 to view students works of art from this year's Reflections Art Program sponsored by the Irvine Public Schools Foundation and supported by BC PTA. This year's theme is **"Together we can..."** Special recognition will be given to the students whose artwork is on display at 1:45 p.m. Questions: contact Sun Hahn at sunhahn@yahoo.com or Pam Mok at ppjrus@yahoo.com.



Time Is Running Out! IPSF is looking to raise \$175,000 over the next four weeks to make the \$1 million mark for matching funds from the City of Irvine. Please donate between now and December 31st. Support all 27,000 Irvine students to help provide music, art, science, and technology. Let's not leave any "money on the table". Please join the parents, corporations, businesses and community members who have stepped up. Contact IPSF at cvancamp@ipsf.net TODAY!

Camp James Winter Camp 8 Fun-Filled Days Available Monday – Thursday 12/20 - 12/23 and 12/27 - 12/30 Ages 4 – 13. Camp is offered RAIN or SHINE and will offer a variety of our traditional summer camp activities including archery, canoeing, go-carts, rock climbing, sports, drama, dance, music, crafts, hiking, and so much more! Camp is located near Wild Rivers. Check out the website for more information and registration form. Camp James supports BC School - Mention BC when you register. Contact Camp James at 949/585-0464 or www.campjames.com.

Irvine Unified School District Furlough Date Changes – Mark Your Calendars Now!

Jan. 4	Tu	Students and Staff will report back to school on this date following the winter recess.
Jan. 28	F	All students and staff will attend school on this date, which now includes high school.
May 27	F	All students and staff will attend school on this date, previously a holiday for Gr. K-8.
June 16	Th	This day represents a staff development day. (June 15 is still last day for all students)
June 17	F	Nonstudent teacher work day. (June 15 remains the last day for all students)

Early Dismissal!

Friday, December 18, is a 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal for Grades 1-6. Kindergarten will meet 8:15 a.m.-11:35 a.m.

Winter Break Bonita Canyon will be closed for Winter Break from December 20 through January 3. All students and staff will resume school on **Tuesday, January 4.**

Newsletter submissions due Monday at noon. Email jjhilliard7@aol.com

