



The Pirate News

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BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR AND DINE-OUT DAYS

Families for Stevenson and **Barnes & Noble** will be hosting a **Bookfair** on **Tuesday, April 21** and **Wednesday, April 22** from **9 a.m. to 11 p.m** at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Burbank on San Fernando Road across from IKEA. Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage of every sale including sales at their **Starbucks Café** inside the store when you present a special **Bookfair voucher** that will be coming home in the Monday folders.

Tues., April 21, 6:30pm to 9:00pm: **Think Fun Game Night;** Play board games and compete to win!

Weds., April 22, 4:00pm to 8:00pm: **Storytelling Night;** Listen to Stevenson friends telling stories!

TO GO ALONG WITH OUR BOOKFAIR, PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OR BOTH OF OUR DINE-OUT DAYS.

Tues., April 21, All Day: **California Pizza Kitchen** in Burbank will be **donating 20%** of every check w/voucher

Weds., April 22, All Day: **Chevys** in Burbank will be **donating 25%** of every check w/voucher

These restaurant vouchers will also be sent home with your child and be available online.

Please don't forget to save all of your receipts from Barnes and Noble, California Pizza Kitchen and Chevys so we can add them to the **"MY SCHOOL IS COOL"** program which ends in May and winning schools in Burbank will be receiving cash prizes!



Congratulations

to our PTA Honorary Service Award
Recipients for 2008-2009:

- ★ CARRIE BROWN ★
- ★ TIFFANY BAKAS ★
- ★ MICHELLE BOND ★
- ★ PAUL BOND ★

And to our Continuing Service Award Recipient:

- ★ Joseph Marra ★

Your dedication and passion have helped to make Stevenson an amazing place for all of our kids!



STEVENSON ROCKS! JOIN THE FUN!!!

The Annual **Stevenson Rocks!** Family Fun Night is **FRIDAY, MAY 8TH.**

FFS is currently seeking **VOLUNTEERS** and **SPONSORS** to help make this event a **HUGE** success. We are collecting silent auction and raffle items and hope you will support our students by donating cash, goods and/or services for our silent auction and raffle. To thank you for supporting our school, we will provide you with opportunities to promote your business to our Stevenson community. If you have your own business and are interested in sponsoring our efforts **PLEASE CONTACT US!**

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

WE STILL NEED: A STAGE, STAGE LIGHTS, FIELD LIGHTS, LIGHTS
Contact: De Eldridge: 818-415-8487 or Jennifer Jespersen 818-752-3133



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents,

Spring is the time of growth, flowers, sunshine—and “testing season”. Your child will be taking a variety of tests, required by the state and the district. These tests are designed to measure either ability or achievement. Most teacher-developed tests, California Standards Test (CST), and District writing and multiple measures tests are achievement tests. These tests help measure what the student has learned in one subject or many. Please take note of important test dates and write them down on the calendar:

- **April 15-May 8** CST for students in Grades 2-5
- **Week of May 11** End of the year writing prompts for all students (K-5)
- **May 11-May 22** End of the year assessments for reading and math for all students (K-5)

Why do schools give children so many tests? Tests help teachers, parents, and students know more about what children have learned and what they need to work on. The tests help the school take a critical look at what is being taught and how it is being taught. The teachers and I use the results to make improvements in the areas of materials and instruction. Throughout the year, teachers provide practice for your children in test taking

skills and have an awareness and timeline of the content that needs to be covered.

What can I do to help my child do better on tests?

It is important that *your child comes to school on time each day, listens in class, gets a good night's sleep, and eats a healthy breakfast before coming to school.* THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR SUCCESSFUL TEST-TAKING IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND SCHOOL STAFF. If the child knows that taking the test and doing their very best is considered *really important* by the adults in their lives, their effort becomes sharper and more focused.

I also ask you to avoid making morning appointments during the testing period and make sure your child is at school ON TIME. Teachers will post TESTING signs on their doors to eliminate interruptions. If you have any questions about the CST or test procedures, I will be glad to discuss it with you.

Thank you for continued support of your child's education.
Sincerely,
Miss Ginnetti



Breakfast with Dads

Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Friends, Bring your Stevenson student to the Lunch shelter for breakfast before school!

Friday, April 10th
7:30 am to 8:30 am (Early Birds)
8:30 am to 9:30 am (Late Birds)



Muffins with Moms

Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Friends, Bring your Stevenson student to the Lunch shelter for breakfast before school!

Friday, April 17th
7:30 am to 8:30 am (Early Birds)
8:30 am to 9:30 am (Late Birds)



HELP OUR KIDS Reach For The Stars!

Join us at the next PTA & FFS meeting

Thursday, April, 9th
7:00pm in the Library

Come at 6:45pm for refreshments!

Refreshments & Childcare Provided

PLEASE NOTE: Our May 28th meeting will be at 8:45am in the Library.

STEVENSON'S 2009 SCIENCE FAIR

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE: **APRIL 3rd**

ALL PROJECTS ARE DUE: **APRIL 13th**

Participants and winners will be announced at school. Have fun and be ready for Miss Ginnetti and her judges. All entries will be on display in the library for classes to see during school.

If you have any questions, email Gina Boulais at danandgina@sbcglobal.net



Thank you to our Stevenson Pirates Website Sponsor!



If you don't have access to a computer but would like to view a complete article from this newsletter, copies can be requested in the school office.

From our website: www.stevensonpirates.net

THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE by Paul Bond

PUT ME IN COACH!

Spring has sprung and the Wellness Committee is hard at work playing softball with your kids. This is by far my favorite event as it so simply combines teamwork, fun and exercise in a safe and supervised manner. During each rotation of our pick-up game, the children get the opportunity to play every position and even have a turn at bat while cheering on their fellow players. The only thing that would make it more perfect would be having John Fogerty (or at least a really good cover band) singing "Centerfield" behind the backstop!

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FFS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Carrie Brown

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

I hope everyone had an opportunity to attend our Talent Show this year. It was so inspiring to see our kids come to life on the stage. As a parent of a 5th grader, I couldn't keep from getting teary-eyed as I sat there and reflected on all of the talent shows we have produced in our six years at Stevenson. I must thank Jessica Good and her incredible committee for producing the best show we've ever had. (I'm certainly not alone in this assessment as numerous other parents have said the same thing!)

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TAKE A BOW!

Congratulations to the sensational cast and crew of this year's Stroll Through The Decades Variety Show! Your hard work and amazing talent made for one heck of a show - you should be very proud!

It was a THRILL to direct you all and I have an ACHY BREAKY HEART that it's over!

With much gratitude - Jessica Good

One last curtain call for this year's AMAZING Talent Show crew of volunteers!

Congratulations on an amazing show!

DIRECTOR: JESSICA GOOD

CREATIVE TEAM: JESSICA GOOD,

DEBBIE COLLURA-KALISZ, VICKIE WHITECOTTON, MICHELLE BOND, JENNIFER JESPERSON

BACKSTAGE: DEBBIE COLLURA-KALISZ, VICKIE WHITECOTTON, MICHELLE BOND, JENNIFER JESPERSON, YVONNE SETA

SPOTLIGHTS: RENE FLORES, EDWIN & LENNON

GREEN ROOM: TIFFANY BAKAS, MAUREEN FEDAIL GINA BOULAIS, JENNIFER COSCIA

CHOREOGRAPHY SUPPORT:

LANA WILSON-ORR, SOPHIE OLSON (GARRI DANCE)

AUDIO & MUSIC SUPPORT:

PATRICK GRIFFIN, PAUL BOND, JOHNNY DOWERS

DECORATIONS: TIFFANY BAKAS & TEAM

PHOTOGRAPHY: JENNIFER JESPERSON,

TIFFANY BAKAS, CARRIE BROWN

VIDEOGRAPHY: MONIKA & JEREMY GOSCH

PROGRAM: FELICIA & TOM CAIN

SNACK BAR: RENEE KREGLER & TEAM

Thank you to Kevin Stolpe for donating the spotlights!

Thank you to ALL of our student volunteers!

Thank You For Your Support!

Thank you to the following families who made a contribution in March to Families for Stevenson's annual donation drive:

MR. & MRS. SAM GREEN

VENKATA YARLAGADDA

DON KASPER

THE REIVERS FAMILY

JESSICA & RICHARD GOOD

THE HATHCOCK FAMILY

Thanks to you and the support of our community, we plan to continue our great work in the new school year. Given the state budget crisis, we MUST continue raising funds to support our mission of providing arts education at our school, as well as helping out whenever a need arises. It's not too late to support our fundraising efforts by making a tax-deductible financial contribution today. (FFS Taxpayer ID# 56-2284271) Donations may be left in the school office. Please complete and include the form below with your contribution. **Thank you!**

~Carrie Brown

President, Families for Stevenson



Families For Stevenson Annual Donation Drive

All donations will be gratefully acknowledged on our Stevenson Pirates website. To ensure that your donation is listed correctly, please complete this form and return it with your check to the front office.

Please make your check payable to: **Families For Stevenson**

Name (as you would like it listed on our website)

Student(s) Name(s) and Grade(s)






Phone

Email

Amount of donation

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R.L. STEVENSON ELEMENTARY - APRIL 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARCH 30	31 *TUESDAY HOURS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: 2:30 PM  Domino's Night	APRIL 1	2	3 SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION DUE
OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL – 5TH GRADE				
6 Room Rep Meeting	7 *TUESDAY HOURS	8	9 7:00pm PTA/FFS Meeting - Library	10 BREAKFAST WITH DADS 7:30 AM
13 SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS DUE	14 *TUESDAY HOURS SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS DUE	15 CST for students in Grades 2-5 Testing Begins	16	17 MUFFINS WITH MOMS 7:30 AM
20 National Turn off TV Week Begins	21 *TUESDAY HOURS   DINE-OUT DAYS	22  DINE-OUT DAYS	23	24
27	28 *TUESDAY HOURS  Domino's Night	29	30	MAY 1

* TUESDAY HOURS

KGN Early Bird 8:30-1:05

KGN Late Bird 9:30-2:05

1st – 5th 8:30-2:05



Thank you to our
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WE HAVE HUGE BOOTS TO FILL!

the 2009-2010

FFS BOARD NOMINATIONS *are due!*

We are now accepting nominations for the following positions:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor

Some nominations have already been received, but there's still time to get your nomination in by contacting current FFS President, Carrie Brown carriebrown1@earthlink.net

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