



Bonnie Brae Star

April 21, 2009

From the Prez

Your school needs you! We are coming to that crucial time of the year when we need to fill the slots for positions on the PTO – we've enjoyed tremendous success this year, and I promise you that the more involved you are, the more fun you have. We especially need to have some of you become newly involved as we are losing some of most active volunteers as their children finish their time at BBES (sob!).

I have served on a variety of groups over the years and have rarely found one so open to new participants. You might recall that my family was new to Bonnie Brae last year...and now I've already had the wonderful chance to serve as PTO president (fortunately while surrounded by our incredibly experienced, talented, and tolerant board!). While you may not share my habit of jumping into waters way over my head, I hope you'll at least consider wading in...

If you have any interest in participating in a committee or board position, please let me or any board member know. We'll be glad to brief you on the positions, of which we have many. No experience needed, just your enthusiasm and commitment to helping Bonnie Brae be the best possible place for all of our children.

In the meantime, Spring fun fair will soon be upon us, and I look forward to seeing many of you there again this year – I'll again be playing tunes, so feel free to send in your requests. Enjoy the warming weather, and Go Scotties!!

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News to Note

May 25—**MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL**

June 18—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Coming Attractions

April 13 ~ April 29—Collection Period for Silent Auction Items

April 27 ~ Kindergarten Orientation (Cafeteria)

April 27 - DINING OUT—Silver Diner

May 4-8 ~ Teacher Appreciation Week

May 13 ~ 7:00 p.m. PTO Elections followed by Spring Band Concert (Cafeteria)

May 15 ~ BBES Spirit Day

May 29 ~ Spring Fun Fair

Dining Out Night – Silver Diner

Next Monday, April 27, let someone else do the cooking!

The PTO has arranged a Dining Out Night at Silver Diner, 12250 Fair Lakes Parkway, from 5:00pm—8:00pm..

Silver Diner is a popular dining out spot located in Fairfax behind Fair Oaks Mall. The atmosphere there is casual, the food is great (they have lots of blue plate specials and traditional diner foods like meatloaf, turkey and mashed potatoes, and classic burgers), and you can hear good music playing on the jukebox.



Best of all, when you come there that night, Bonnie Brae teachers and staff will be hosts, servers and cooks! PLUS, 20 percent of all proceeds will be donated to Bonnie Brae.

So plan on coming out next Monday night to help our school. Hope to see you there!

Fun Fair—May 29

Be on the lookout in Tuesday packets for information concerning the 2009 Fun Fair. There are many ways that you can help:

- Volunteer to help at the Fun Fair (a separate flyer is included in Tuesday packets). We will need people to work one-hour shifts during the Fun Fair to run games and concessions as well as help with set-up and clean-up.
- Silent Auction items—Plan to donate to the Silent Auction. You should have already received information about classroom themes (see separate article).
- Bake Sale—We will have a Bake Sale during the Fun Fair. We need a Coordinator for this as well as lots of people to bake goodies.
- Decorations Coordinator—Help to get the school decorated for the Fun Fair.
- Food Coordinator—Purchase food and supplies the week of the Fun Fair.

Please help make the Fun Fair a **BIG SUCCESS!!!**

PTO Board Elections

It's that time again. Time to elect PTO officers for the 2009—2010 school year.

Elections will be held the night of the Spring Concert, Wednesday, May 13. Serving on the Board is an opportunity to make a difference at the school.

The Board meets once a month to discuss current school issues, identify PTO-sponsored school programs, and decide how PTO funds will be used in the school. If you are interested in serving, please contact Andrew Flagel at flagelan@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 28.

President—This position will be served by Kelly Hood, who is the current President-Elect.

President-Elect—The President-Elect shall act as an aide to the President; perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to carry out those duties; and perform other delegated duties.

Vice President for Fundraising—The VP Fundraising shall oversee all fundraising efforts of the organization; in addition to any other duties as shall be determined by the executive board.

Vice President for Programs—The VP Programs shall research and procure programs and assemblies for the students at Bonnie Brae ES in support of the academic goals of the staff and administrators of Bonnie Brae ES; in addition to any other duties as shall be determined by the executive board.

Treasurer—The Treasurer serves a two year term. Christine Oswald is currently serving as the Treasurer and has one more year to serve.

Secretary—The Secretary shall keep all records of the organization; take and record minutes of meetings; handle correspondence; and send notices of meetings to the membership. The Secretary also keeps a copy of the minutes book, bylaws, rules, membership list, and any other necessary supplies and brings them to meetings.

Past President—This position will be served by our outgoing President, Andrew Flagel.

Teacher Appreciation May 4—9

At Bonnie Brae, we are truly fortunate to have world-class teachers, staff and administrators. To demonstrate our appreciation for them, we plan an entire week of activities: **Monday** ~ by Coyote Grill ~ parents will be serving lunch to all staff members following school; **Tuesday** ~ flower day (bring a flower to the teacher); **Wednesday** ~ playground coverage (give teachers a break and help watch students on the playground); **Thursday** ~ cookie and fruit day; **Friday** ~ sticker day (fashioned after the BBES stickers, students will receive stickers that they can give to teachers).

More information is included in Tuesday packets. Please plan to participate in the BBES tradition of honoring the school staff.

REACH Update

Thank you again to all who participated in the R.E.A.C.H. program. They read a whopping 159,969 minutes! We are on track to make over \$12,000 for new Smart Boards. Thank you to the entire BBES community for your support..

**BONNIE BRAE
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Silent Auction Collection Underway

By now, a box or container should have been placed in your child's classroom for collecting items for the Silent Auction to be held during the Fun Fair. Each classroom was assigned a theme, detailed below.

Collection will continue through this week and finish April 29. If you have not already done so, please send in an item related to the theme of your child's classroom. If you wish to donate to a different theme, please send in the item and we will be sure it gets to the appropriate basket. Thank you!

Giambastiani—Arts & Crafts (younger kids)
Kirwan—Nickelodeon
Martin—Princess/Hot Wheels
Miller—Books (younger kids)
Ghrist—Thank You!
McGuire—Lego's & Pixos
Ramsey—PBS Kids
Ta—Fishing & Camping
Brady—Science & Nature
Rovanssek—Sports/Move It
Safferson—Ice Cream
Taylor—Prized Pets
Andrews—Family Movie Night
McNamara—A Day at the Beach
Sisson—Coffee/Tea Lovers
Wicklund—Snow Day
Andersen—Books (older kids)
Blodgett—Outdoor Adventure
Compton—Arts & Crafts (older kids)
Priftis—Pamper Yourself
Carlson—Boy/Girl Sleepover
Church—Kitchen Gadgets
Lemon—Game Night
Orahood—Sunday Brunch
Boggs—Relaxation/Spa
Borick—Lawn & Garden
Crawford—Car Care
Frazier—Chocolate
Jahshan—Vacation/On the go

Kindergarten Orientation Reminder

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in the Fall, please remember that there is a Kindergarten Orientation scheduled for this Monday, April 27, from 2:00—3:00. If you have any questions, please contact the Bonnie Brae office at (703) 321-3900.