



The Bancroft Banner

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PTA News

Wow, it's December already! While you're out holiday shopping keep in mind we do have our Sock & Undie drive still going on for the Clothes Closet and the Holiday Food Baskets. Please add a little extra to your purchases to give to these wonderful causes.

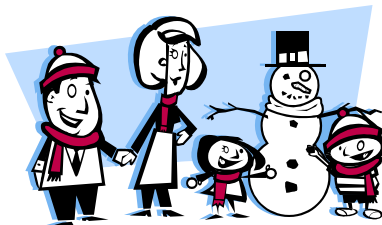
We are so lucky to always have so many ongoing events and activities in the works. A HUGE THANK YOU to **Julie Borgogno** for all her hard work for the spectacular Art Day activities as well as a fabulous Art Show evening!! The kids love creating the projects and we had a great turnout for the Art Show. Many of our students participated in the Reflections program thanks to the help of **Elizabeth Donham** and many of them have moved on to the next level of judging. I'd also like to thank our Ways & Means chair person, **Becky Boulger** who, while attending school, has made the time to organize our two very successful major fundraisers. We so appreciate all the hard work everyone puts out for ALL of our children!! **THANKS** to our wonderful Bancroft families that have made our fundraisers so successful.

Please let me know if you think you might be able to assist with any of our fantastic events or activities. Everything we do is for OUR children and I truly believe this is what makes our school so special....get involved!! They will appreciate it some day, my Junior in High School will attest to that any day now (my fingers are still crossed!!).

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kathleen Iwasa, PTA President

Tissue donations:
Trevor Bentley - 4 boxes
Gabe Kudin - 4 boxes
Way to go!!!!



Principal's News

Dear Bancroft Community,

As we get deeper and deeper into the holiday season, a variety of treats get into our students' classrooms. Please do not get me wrong; I love every treat that has ever been sent my way. However, I am concerned for all children and am asking that we be conscientious of the foods we send to school. Our country is suffering through an obesity and diabetes epidemic and I want our school to be at the forefront of fighting these two devastating diseases. I have been a Type II diabetic for about four years, and the changes I have had to make in my life have been eye-opening. I am by no means banning sweets from our school. I am only asking that we attempt to find alternatives to the preservative filled sweets that enter our classrooms during the holiday season. Please consider foods that are both healthy and tasty. I want us to work together to develop students who are strong in mind and body.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a terrific holiday season and a wonderful new year.

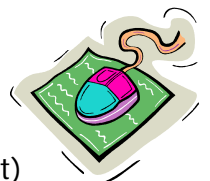
Mr. Flores

Excellent On-line Resources Made Available by the District

All elementary schools now have online access from school and home to Grolier Online for Kids and World Book for Kids. These are amazing resources; please check them out with your child.

<http://go.grolier.com>
(ID is scusd and PASSWORD is scusd)

<http://www.worldbookonline.com>
(ID is saccity and PASSWORD is student)



Fundraising Success!

THANK YOU to everyone who went out and sold cookie dough and items from the Gift Catalog! You were fabulous and made our fundraising efforts very successful. Your support allows the PTA to do great things for our school.

Congratulations to Jacob Wong, Matthew Ogihara, and Logen Paulus for selling the most cookie dough! They each won an IPOD Shuffle. GREAT JOB!

I'd like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Fat Cat for the delicious cookies we have all been baking and for their help and support during the fundraiser. A **BIG** thanks to Kathleen Iwasa for all of your help and support, and to all of you who helped on delivery day:



Tony and Amy Van Rees
Clem Ogihara
Stephanie Burr
Robyn Shaldone
Sean Yurica
Jan Mills
Sabra Pendleton
Julie Borgogno
Shelly Fleming
Tammy Garcia
Colleen Gale

Fundraising for the PTA is a team effort and all of you **SCORED!**

Thank you!
Becky Boulger
PTA Vice President



The Amazing Bubble Man

The Amazing Bubble Man assembly on 12/6 was a huge success. It was informative and fun! Here is the bubble recipe Mr. Pearl suggests using: Mix 2 ounces of Ajax liquid and 1 ounce of glycerin with 5 to 6 cups of water, adding more water or soap as needed. Have FUN!

Family Science Night

On Thursday, January 10th we will be hosting a Family Science Night with the Explorit Science Center. We need 15 volunteers to help at stations. The Explorit group sets everything up, you just need a brief orientation. The time would be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please call Shelly Fleming at 383-8712 if you are able to help with a couple hours of your time. Thanks!

Calendar of Events

12/12	Talent Show Info Meeting
12/14	Gift Wrap delivery
12/17-21	Food Basket Drive
12/19	Holiday Choir Performance
12/21	Minimum Day
12/22 to 1/6	Winter Break
1/8	PTA meeting

Sutter Open Enrollment Visitations

Attention 6th grade students: Open enrollment for Sacramento City Unified School District will be from February 12 -15, 2008. Sutter will have appointments available for classroom visitation on the following dates: December 4,5,6,11,12 & 13 and January 8,9,10,15,16, & 17. Visitations will begin at 8:45 am and can be arranged by calling Mrs. Okada at 264-4152.

Art Show Wrap Up

Art critics* *RAVED* about the exquisite detail, the intensity of color, the creativity, expression and talent displayed at Bancroft's "Art from the Masters" show on Thursday evening, December 6. Student art exhibited at this popular evening event represented works from such renowned artists as Picasso, Van Gogh, DeKooning, Matisse, Kandinsky, Lichtenstein, Cezanne and Johns.

It all began with parent volunteer (and Bancroft librarian) Julie Borgogno who, for the fifth consecutive year, planned the theme and orchestrated the event with the help of several other volunteers, the Bancroft PTA and staff. On our annual Art Day, each class worked diligently to replicate the work of a famous artist. For example, Mrs. Cohen's class created a wonderful Jackson Pollock "Drip" painting on canvas. (Sorry, it's not for sale.) There were Cubist Self-Portraits (Picasso) and Paintings with Scissors (Matisse) and pastel and acrylic works like those of Kandinsky, plus much more. In all, 14 famous artists from the 1890's to 1960's were featured, representing nine styles of art from post-expressionism to pop art.

The result was a truly spectacular show that displayed over 300 projects. As the music played in the background, guests walked from one exhibit to another in the crowded room, sipping cider, munching on scones, and enjoying the atmosphere of a very classy, highly acclaimed art program. If you were unable to attend the show, the work will be on display through January, and you're welcome to stop by.

**parents, teachers, and other proud relatives and alumni*