



# The Bancroft Banner

The Newsletter of the Hubert Bancroft Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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## Principal's News

Dear Bancroft Community,

With a few days to go before Spring Break, I would like to take the time to communicate some topics of concern. First, I again must mention school-wide tardiness. I am working with a group of teachers to develop a policy that will be consistent among all classrooms to hold students accountable for arriving on time. The idea is to have a statement that clarifies when a student is late for school. As part of our daily functioning, we are required by law to report both absences and tardiness to the district office, which in turn reports these statistics to the State Department of Education. My goal is to have this standardized policy in place by the beginning of next year. I believe it is important that we get our students to school on time, every day. The basic guideline for now is: "When the bell rings at eight, line up or you're late."

Second, students are staying after school and playing around on campus. My concern is your student's safety. Bancroft Elementary provides supervision after school ONLY for school-sponsored activities. There are many people from the community who use our facilities; however, they are not connected with our school. Please be sure to have your students go directly home following the school day. Your student's safety is our #1 concern.

Last, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in preparation for the Talent Show. The show looks to be another spectacular success. Take care and have a restful Spring Break with your family, and return with the vigor to be successful for the remainder of the school year.

Sincerely,  
Enrique Flores  
Principal



## PTA News

PTA is gearing up for a busy, busy spring time! Just in the next 2 months we have the Talent Show, Spring Fling Family Dance, school pictures and book swaps! And there is plenty more to come in May and June. Be sure to check those backpacks for flyer's coming home with event dates!

Bancroft students can be very proud that the Serna Center has asked that we display some of their wonderful art work from Art Day in the lobby. Of course it never could have happened without our fantastic Mrs. "B" (Julie Borgogno), who puts so much time and effort into our spectacular art program and displays. Many Thanks to Mrs. "B" for sharing her many talents and valued time on the displays!!

We are starting to build a list people who are interested in being on the PTA board for next year. If you are interested in any position please feel free to leave me a note in the office or call me at 600-8587. I'm sure we have a position that would fit your time schedule!

This is also the time of year when baseball and softball keep many of us busy. I know I'll be spending quite a bit of time at the fields. I hope you all have a fun and relaxing spring break.

Kathleen Iwasa  
PTA President



## Come to School on March 31<sup>st</sup>!

March 31, Caesar Chavez Day, is not a school holiday. Please come to school. We don't want you to get an unexcused absence!

## Calendar of Events

3/9	Daylight Savings begins
3/12	Talent Show School performance
3/13 & 14	Talent Show Evening performances
3/17-23	No School - Spring break
4/1	PTA meeting
4/10	School pictures
4/11	Spring Fling Family Dance

## Congratulation to the Winners of the Library Bookmark Contest!

Kindergarten: Shaina Corbett  
First Grade: Kinsey Yurica  
Second Grade: Josh Whitfield  
Third Grade: Zackary Harris  
Fourth Grade: Sierra Manzaneres  
Fifth Grade: Paige Borgogno  
Sixth Grade: Samantha Allard

Copies of the bookmarks are available in the Library!

Julie Borgogno, School Librarian

## Art from the Masters Moves to the Serna Center

During the month of March, a sampling from the November art show, Art from the Masters, will be on display at the SCUSD Administration Building, the Serna Center. It will be located in the 4 display cases to the left of the information desk and can be viewed during regular business hours.

Congratulations to the students whose artwork was chosen to be in the display:

Rylee Arnott  
Isabella Baraza  
Daniel Bettis  
Carson Burr  
Mario Carrasco  
David Castrejon  
Philip Contini  
Anna Criswell  
Elise Garcia  
Ethan Hall  
Josh Houchins  
Bethany Isaac

Max Kee  
Deanna Kellom  
Erin Konarski  
Gabe Kudin  
Mason Moos-Kersey  
Shauntel Payton  
Anne Plescia  
Anthony Shaldone  
Austin Soileau  
Bri Thielsen  
Anthony Traversi  
Kinsey Yurica



## Reclaim those missing garments from the Lost & Found!

The Lost & Found is bursting with unclaimed treasures! Come reclaim your misplaced or lost items from the coat racks in the cafeteria. Unclaimed items will eventually be donated to The Clothes Closet

**Tissue Donations**  
**Conor Konarski, 4 boxes**  
**Tissue Donations Badly Needed!!!**

## Kid-Friendly Snacks

*Taken from Morning Stretch with Denise Austin*

Want to help your kids break the junk food habit? Try offering them these seven healthy snack options recommended by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases:

1. Fresh fruit
2. Canned fruit in juice or light syrup
3. Small amounts of dried fruits like raisins, apple rings, or apricots
4. Fresh vegetables such as baby carrots, zucchini slices, tomato wedges, or cucumber spears
5. Reduced fat cheese or small amounts of peanut butter on whole-wheat crackers
6. Low-fat yogurt with fruit
7. Graham crackers, animal crackers, or low-fat vanilla wafers

## Recycle Those Phone Books

Bancroft is once again participating in the city's Telephone Book Recycling Contest during the month of March. They're giving away \$6,000 in cash awards! The schools that collect the most books will get the biggest prizes, and every school is guaranteed to get something. So PLEASE, bring your old phone books to the office. Ask your friends, neighbors and coworkers for their books. Every book helps keep Bancroft green - both environmentally and financially. ☺ Thank you.

## Bancroft Celtics Earn Sportsmanship Award



The Bancroft Celtics basketball team won another impressive trophy for the school by earning the Sportsmanship Award at their regional competition last month. The basketball program is an after-school activity sponsored by the Sacramento City Parks and Recreation District. This year's 13-member team included: Nick Iwasa, Jaida Daumen, Elise Jaramillo-Garcia, Max Allard, Chase Whitfield, Joseph Moreno, Linnea Bartley, Daniel Barreras, Victor Alameda, Chris Garber, Anthony Garcia, Kyle Cox, and Jakeyl Johnson-Millan.

Coach Juan Thomas worked with the team during a eight-week program that had four weekly practices after school. The team scored high enough in their skills competition at regionals to be able to play in the championships at Arco Arena on March 5. The Celtics had a good season and are very proud of their trophy, which is on display in the Bancroft office.

## Take a Village Approach for Fit Kids

*Taken from Morning Stretch with Denise Austin*

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and that just may be true — at least when it comes to teaching healthy fitness habits. A study published in the *Journal of Social Science & Medicine* says children raised in close-knit communities have less trouble keeping their body mass index within the desired range. Similarly, those in disconnected communities seemed to be at greater risk of weighing more than they should.

Why is this? While researchers can't say for sure, they speculate that kids in more social communities play outdoors and eat home-cooked meals more than they watch television or grab fast-food meals.

So what can you do? No matter where you live, encourage your kids to keep active. Take them to the park or community center, or get them involved in team sports. Sit down as a family to balanced, healthy meals. Do everything you can to create a village for your kids — even if it's just within your own household. A steady, consistent support system can make a big difference to their health!