



# Beechwood Weekly

Wednesday, January 25, 2012



## Upcoming Events, Deadlines & Notices

### **Hot Dog Lunch**

*Friday, January 27th*

*Hot Dog, Sun Chips, Juice, Cookie & Tangerine for only \$5.00!  
All orders must be placed by Thursday, Jan. 26th  
-All funds support the 8th grade outdoor ed. trip-*

### **Your Child & Facebook**

*Presented by Facebook Staff Members*

*Tuesday, January 31st, 6:30 - 8:30, Beechwood School*

*Presented in English & En Español, Childcare by Reservation*

### **Homebuyer Readiness Workshop: Money Management**

*Tuesday, January 31th from 6:00 - 7:30*

*Seats are limited, so call to reserve yours now. 415-625-1011*

### **Give Kids A Smile Day**

*Friday, February 3rd*

*For Uninsured and Underinsured residents of San Mateo County.  
Free dental exam, cleaning, fluoride application, x-rays and dental  
treatment for kids ages 1-18. Limited spaces! Call (650) 616-2002  
for an appointment.*

### **Mexican Plate Hot Lunch**

*Friday, February 3rd, Sponsored by Parent Advisory*

*Parent volunteers needed! Please contact Sonia Cruz at  
650-669-5079 to sign up.*

### **Beechwood Needs Crossing Guards**

*Crossing guards needed for the crosswalk on the corner of Terminal  
and Del Norte Ave. every morning from 7:45-8:30 and afternoons  
from 2:55-3:15. Parent points available. Sign up in the office.*

### **Mrs. Connolly Honored- Speech Transcript**

*Attached to the newsletter this week is a transcript of the wonderful  
speech Mrs. Connolly delivered on January 16th. Please read it!*

In September, a group of 5th grade girls asked Mrs. Getter to coach the cheerleading squad they had created. Mrs. Getter agreed, but only if the girls promised to work really hard. And they have! These ladies meet every Friday at lunch with their coach, and every Tuesday on their own. With the help of their parents, they held a carwash to fundraise for uniforms. Lower grade student council also helped raise money, and some of the girls even kicked in their allowance! We are proud of you Beechwood cheerleaders!

## *Our Valued Students*



### Willingness

### **Ruben Ponce & Bianca Vargas**

Ruben has demonstrated a willingness to get his work done, be an active participant in class and help his classmates. He does it all while maintaining a positive attitude and smile. Bianca has demonstrated a willingness to contribute in the classroom and in the school community. She follows through on her commitments, particularly as a member of the Beechwood Student Council.

### **Parent Education Class**

#### **Un Futuro Seguro**

*Jueves: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23*

*6:30 - 8:30, classe de siete grado*

### **Family Night**

Tonight is Family Night! No homework will be assigned. We hope that you will take this time to be together. This month, as with last month, we are issuing a special challenge to families: A "screen free" Family Night. Turn off your TV's and computers in favor of board games, art projects and conversation. Take a walk, cook dinner together or visit a relative! It will take some work but we can do it!





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**Transcript of speech given by Mrs. Kathy Connolly  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 2012  
San Mateo County Celebration**

I am very happy to join with you today in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. I am grateful to accept this award on behalf of Beechwood School.

Since 1979, I have had rich rewards and interesting challenges serving and working with children and families in Menlo Park's BelleHaven community and East Palo Alto. It is a great privilege to learn, grow, endure setbacks and enjoy victories alongside such wonderful people.

Beechwood School, the independent non-profit educational community in which I have resided for the past 20 years, was founded on the premise that all children deserve an excellent and equal education. Dr. King believed that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." He called all of us to offer the finest of educations to students of all ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds. At our school, we believe we are doing just that through challenging academics, broad and deep experiences in the arts, athletics, environmental education, community service, parent education and relevant lifeskills programs.

A rare offering that Beechwood's board provides is an alumni program which I am excited to be a part of. In-depth support is provided for high school transition, monitoring progress in 9th through 12th grades and well into adulthood. Presently we have over 250 alumni, the oldest being 31. Many of our students have come from oppressive circumstances, with great obstacles to overcome. Their perseverance and resilience is inspirational. First generation high school grads, Ivy League students, clerks, nurses, UC scholars, mechanics, parents, community workers, teachers, young adults and teens striving to find their ways – we love them all.

I am speaking about Beechwood School because I believe our educational setting is proof positive that when children and communities are given equal access to outstanding education in a supportive atmosphere, great things are possible. Dr. King advises, "Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." Until we can offer that to all of our children, our work is not done. We have made great progress, but there is more to do.

Dr. King asks us, "Life's most persistent and urgent question, What are you doing for others?" Working together, we can provide equal and integrated education for all children.

*Mrs. Kathy Connolly, 8th Grade Advisor and Alumni Director*