



Beechwood Weekly

Wednesday, June 1, 2016



Upcoming Events, Deadlines & Notices

Principal's Message This Week

12:00 Dismissal- All School

Thursday, June 2nd & Friday, June 3rd

Last Day of School / Free Dress!

Friday, June 3rd

Beechwood Uniform Exchange

Thursday, June 2nd at 12:00

Bring some, take some! Please drop off bags of used uniforms by Wednesday, May 31st. All clothing should be in good condition.

Beechwood Summer Enrichment Program for Grades 5-8

Only \$125 for the 5 week course! Sign up in the office now!

Graduation / Moving Up Ceremony

Thursday, June 2nd

12:00 Dismissal

4:00 Moving Up Ceremony for grades KP - 7

5:30 8th Grade Graduation

Volunteers needed to help with this event (parent point opportunity!)
Please contact Mr. Getter to sign up.

Science in the Park

Saturday June 11, 3pm in Hamilton Park

Come and have fun with stick bombs and rubber-band balls as we explore elastic potential energy. Keep an eye out for fliers posted in the park and the Belle Haven library.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Parent Points will be given for all events below

Alumni Reunion

Friday, June 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30

Volunteers are needed at the Beechwood Alumni Reunion. Help with setting up, serving food and/or cleaning up! Please contact the office to sign up.

Mother's Support Group

Come talk about your mothering experiences, challenges and ideas

Saturday, June 11 from 10 - 11

Child Care Provided * Presented in Spanish

Feel free to bring a snack to share

Heart to Heart

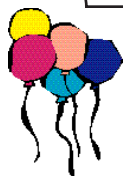
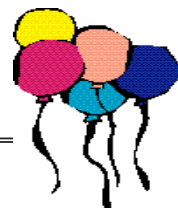
June 22 & 29 (Girls), July 6 & 13 (Boys)

East Palo Alto YMCA, Presented in Spanish

A free seminar on growing up for Parent and Kids which discusses puberty, the opposite sex and prepares parents and pre-teens to talk to each other about these important topics. Presented by Lucille Packard Children's Hospital.

Parenting Books

Beechwood has books available for you to borrow, in both English and Spanish. Check out a book from Ms. Jimenez, read it, fill out a short questionnaire, and return it for credit.



Beechwood Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to all of our Students and Faculty that are celebrating a birthday during the months of June & July!

Siana Barker
Joshua Silva
Hailey Romero
Joan Amezcua
Alexander Arreguin
Kimberly Pajaro
Elizabeth Cruz-Wallace
Ja'san Morton
Zahra Khan

Krishiv Singh
Victor Cunningham
Eniya Washington
Olivia Zendejas
Evan Perez
Daisy Bolaños
Steven Nuñez
Noah Sanchez
Alessandra Cisneros

Natalie Nuñez
Esmeralda Perez
Thomas Delgado
Cynthia Ponce
Anthony Mendoza
Pamela Fernandez
Ulysses Cruz
Benjamin Vargas
Alessandra Vilchez

Mr. Chiochios
Mrs. Stern
Mrs. Christopherson
Mrs. Langford
Mr. John Laurance
Mr. Pantoja
Ms. Richmond
Ms. Magid
Mrs. Dito



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Principal's Message

"The Ambassador"



This will be my last message for this year. There are so many things I could write about, as it has been an incredibly eventful year! It was a good year to be sure, but not one without sadness, especially with the departure of more than a few of our beloved staff members.

And so for this final Principal's message, I would like to pay tribute to the man who has published this newsletter so capably for the last 13 years: the great Eric Getter.

Since Eric often works behind the scenes, many of you may not know what an important part of the Beechwood community he has been. From my perspective, he has been a dream to work with. He is extremely dedicated and has high standards for his work. If you ask him to do something, he will do it well. If he does not know how to do something, he will figure it out. The guy is amazing.

He has done a terrific job with our library! Even when it was across the street in the duplex he always did his best to keep the selection of books fresh and to tailor the catalog to the tastes of the students. He was always enthusiastic, animated and fun when reading to our little ones. In spite of all the computers, tablets and phones that are available to our students, kids at Beechwood still love to read. Mr. Getter deserves much of the credit for that.

Eric's greatest contribution though, is his ability to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated. Whether he is hosting a visiting school, giving a tour to a new volunteer, communicating with a Reading Buddy or helping a parent with their volunteer hours, Eric has a way with people that is extraordinary. In many ways, with his engaging smile and easy-going manner, he is our Ambassador. He represents our school in the larger community with professionalism, grace and friendliness. When people work with Eric they fall in love with Beechwood and often ask, "What more can I do to help"?

Here's a quote from one of our Reading Buddies: *"It has been a great pleasure getting to know Eric over the last three years. His leadership of the Reading Buddies and Tutoring Programs was exemplary. Ever cheerful, Eric is one of those fortunate people that maintain a youthful enthusiasm, despite the "slings and arrows" of daily life. He will be missed by all of us, but will most certainly continue to contribute to his new community in the Carolinas. Good luck, Eric. We'll miss you!"* **Fritz M. Geibel**

Eric's departure will certainly be a loss for our community, but for me personally it goes deeper than that. The truth is that I am sad because my friend is moving away. I will miss our rich conversations and the trivial ones as well. I will miss going to see our favorite bands together and his tremendous sense of humor. I just love this guy and it will be hard not seeing him on a regular basis. But that's life, right? Joy and sadness and everything in between.

And so, safe travels to you Mr. Getter. You are without a doubt a Beechwood legend.
You are: The Ambassador.

Mr. Laurance