

What's all the BUZZ about?

A newsletter from
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Buzz Worthy Updates

Calendar at a Glance

January

13th

Round 1 2017/18

Kindergarten Registration Begins

16th

MLK Birthday, No School

17th

Parent Education Night

23rd-27th

Inclusive Schools Week
Observed at BP

25th

Inclusive Café - 8:30am MP
Room All Welcome

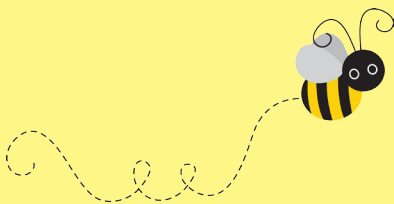
30th

ELAC Meeting 8:20 - 9:20 in
Staffroom

February

3rd

PTA Meeting in Staffroom
8:15 am



Happy 2017!

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we are already in 2017. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing vacation with your families. It was a low-key vacation for my family, and me as we stayed close to home and enjoyed one another's company.

As we start the new year we will be revisiting classroom and school norms. As you and your child get back into the swing of being in school it is important to remember to get back into the routines of going to bed early, eating a healthy breakfast and setting time for homework in the evenings. Have your child set an attainable New Year's Resolution regarding something he/she wants to accomplish at school the remainder of the year. Make sure the goal is attainable, measurable and appropriate. Perhaps it is getting all homework turned in on time, getting to school on time each day, reading 20 minutes each night, or making his/her own lunch the night before. Whatever the goal, track the progress and celebrate the successes.

Thank You For Our Wonderful December 16th Breakfast!

On behalf of the entire Barron Park Staff I want to thank our entire community for our delicious December 16th breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated to our event. It was a wonderful way for us to end 2016. It meant a lot to everyone and was appreciated by all. We all feel so lucky to work with such a supportive community.

Buzz Worthy Updates Continued

Inclusive Café

January 17th

Please join Principal Anne Brown and other parents for a coffee social to celebrate Inclusive Schools week. This coffee is for ALL parents and will celebrate the inclusion of all kids at Barron Park Elementary School!

Second ELAC Meeting

Monday, January 30th, 8:20-9:20 in Staffroom

The focus of our meeting will be technology and using students' one to one iPads to help with language acquisition, and connecting families to the school and classroom communities.

Every Wednesday is Walk and Roll to School

I'd like to remind

everyone that every Wednesday is Walk and Roll to school. We encourage all students to bike, carpool or walk to school if possible each Wednesday. Encourage your child to meet up with friends to walk and/or roll to school with each Wednesday.

We Are Seeking A Noon Time Yard Duty Supervisor

We are in need of more adults to help out with our lunchtime yard duty. We are looking for help each day from 12:25 TO 1:15 (Mon, Tues, Thurs. and Friday) and 12:00 - 12:40 on Wednesdays, to supervise the students. We have paid positions available and we always welcome volunteers to help out. Please inquire in the office if you are interested.

Inclusive Schools Week at Barron Park

Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) and Stetson & Associates, Inc., which is held each year during the first full week in December. Barron Park will be celebrating during the week of January 23rd-27th. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

This year, the Inclusive Schools Week's theme focuses on the concept of being a hero. This is particularly fitting because the definition of a hero, a person noted for courageous acts of nobility of character, resonates with all of the students, parents, teachers, principals and community leaders who take courageous steps forward each day to promote acceptance for all. The path toward more inclusive educational services has been challenging, yet rewarding.

The following is a list of activities our student government has come up with for Inclusive Schools week.

Inclusive Schools Week Activities

- **Kindness Wall:** Students can share acts of kindness and kind words.
- **Unwrapping Gifts:** Students will be writing about their own positive traits and these will be posted in front of their classroom doors.
- **Buddy Lunch:** On Monday and Tuesday, 5th graders will be sitting at the lunch tables for grades K - 4. On Thursday and Friday, 4th graders will sit at other K - 3 and 5 lunch tables
- **Spirit Day:** On Friday, wear what represents you. It can be cultural, your favorite t-shirt, favorite colors, team... or BP attire.

Our speech teacher, Emily Kingshill and two of our Education specialists, Ms. Erwin and Mrs. Cheung will be visiting every classroom giving Disability/Communication Awareness presentations that will highlight our many similarities and differences, which is what makes our community so special. Students will engage in some hands-on activities and learn about disabilities of all kinds. Students will also learn some practical strategies to support each other. The take-away lesson will be that we all have an important role in our community and some of us need a little extra help or a special tool to reach our full potential.

It is sure to be a fun week for everyone.

Parent Education Night

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 District Office,
SDC, 25 Churchill Ave
6:30 - 8 :00 PM

Parent Education Night:

Join us for an opportunity to learn about the content children are learning in the elementary classrooms.

Spanish translation provided. Topics we will cover:

- Common Core Math Practice Standards
- Literacy and Technology Integration

Round One of K Registration for the 2017/18 School Year January 12th and ends on February 15th

If you have an incoming Kindergartener or know of someone who does, please make sure you spread the word about registration.

The Priority 1 registration period begins January 12, 2017 and ends February 15, 2017.

This gives students the best possibility to attend their neighborhood school. The application must be completed and all original documents verified with the Central Attendance Office on or before February 15, 2017 to be considered Priority 1 status.

Visit the PAUSD website for more information regarding registration requirements and paperwork.

Sabore Oyie, Maasai Warrior and Chief from Kenya Visits Barron Park

Sabore Oyie, Chief Maasai Warrior from Kenya, delighted many students at Barron Park in December. I'm sure your student has probably shared some of his stories with you by now, if not it's worth asking them what they learned from Chief Sabore. Here is a little about Mr. Oyie.



Maasai Warrior and Elder Sabore Ole Oyie is a founder of the Oldonyo Orasha Water Project in Ewaso Nyiro, Kenya, established to bring clean drinking water to his community. Bringing the water source closer to the village will allow the girls an opportunity to attend school and receive an education.

Mr. Oyie's original goal of raising funds to build the first two wells for the community has been accomplished. His vision started with 2 wells but expanded after completing an intensive program called Global Leaders for Justice sponsored by the Global Women's Leadership Network at Santa Clara University. His inspiring challenge is now to build 400 wells for the Maasai community and thus allowing more girls to attend school.

Our BP student council has organized a fundraiser for Sabore's Wells organization to help raise funds to dig more wells and help him build a preschool in his local village.

For more information:

<http://www.saboreswell.org/>

