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The Bitney Springs High School News

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The Bitney Springs High School News is a weekly publication distributed each Tuesday to parents, students and the community. If you have information for an upcoming issue, please E-mail jan@tincatmedia.com or leave a phone message at 530.477.2274.

SUMMER PROJECTS – HELP WANTED

We have some summer projects we hope to complete in August: frame in and install doors on the art supply room and in the computer room, remove the carpet in the art room and install vinyl tiles, and landscaping. If you can help with these please call the school before July 1 or E-mail Marshall at mgoldberg@bitneysprings.net.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will officially close at the end of June and then reopen August 1st. Claudia will be returning part-time as the attendance clerk. Susan Wondergem (our new office manager) will be coming in next week to work with Angie on grades, transition, etc.

SUMMER YARD SALE – FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 13th. Start savings items to contribute. Items can be dropped off at the school beginning Aug. 1st.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Thursday, August 18th and Friday, August 19th (starting at 7:00 pm) are Schedule-Orientation days for all students and parents (new and returning). Thursday is for freshman and junior students and parents and Friday is for sophomore and senior students and parents. Among other activities, students will receive their academic schedules and choose electives. There will also be paperwork to complete (it really will end!) and important information will be provided regarding Wilderness Week and other school activities. You will be receiving more information about this from the school in early August.

WILDERNESS WEEK

Wilderness Week is an important tradition at Bitney Springs High School. Started in 1999, it is an opportunity for the entire student body to be together for an extended period of time, get to know each other better, learn to respect and support one another, and build community here at the school. Previous trips included camping at Tahoe's Sugar Pine State Park and Mendocino Woodlands Camp. Details about this year's trip coming soon!

WASC ACCREDITATION RESULTS

Our visiting committee report is on the Commissions June agenda (June 27-29). According to the Commission staff Marshall will have access to the results on July 5th and they will send us their report the following week.

WISH LIST

The school is *still* looking for a power lawn mower and/or a small riding mower and a weed wacker. We also need DVD players and VCRs, and 2 or 3 doors (1 for a 3 foot opening and 1 or 2 for a 5 foot opening) for the art supply room and another for the computer room. The school is also interested in donations of newer computers (not more than 3 years old). The computers must have an Ethernet connection so they can hook in to our network/internet.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEXT YEAR

Our school has been working with Karen Bledsoe and Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange program. If you are (or think you might be) interested in being a host family, check out <http://www.chinet.org/> or contact Marshall for more information.

LEARN ABOUT COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2005 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Call 650.877.8787. Since 1998 the Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL) schools have been traveling together to meet families interested in learning more about this distinctive group of colleges and universities.

ON-GOING MEETINGS –GET INVOLVED....

The Parent Council is a vital support group for BSBS. Meetings are held at 6:00pm at the school on the first Monday of every month. By taking an active role, parents make the most of the opportunity to be involved in their childrens' education.

The Bitney Springs Charter Council is the governing body for the High School. The Council normally meets at 6:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month. See the [school calendar](#) for details. The meetings are open to the public, and the agenda is posted at least 48 hours before each regular meeting. Minutes from Charter Council meetings are available at the school office. Go to our [downloads](#) section to download a copy of our bylaws.

ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Students can earn community service credit for working on projects around the school such as grass cutting, painting, etc. Contact Marshall at the school for more information.

ONGOING PAINLESS FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP

Use your Grocery Card to raise funds for Bitney Springs while you shop. Raleys and Safeway cards must be registered online EVERY YEAR. Pick up redemption slips in the office. You can also earn money for the school by visiting the Escrip website: <http://www.escrip.com/program/about.jsp>

GRADES AND HOMEWORK ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Grades can be checked on line. All you need is your student ID number. Grades are updated every 2 weeks. Homework is posted DAILY.

