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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.

ENROLLMENT

There is still time to enroll new students before school begins. If you know any prospects, please have them take a look at our Web site: www.bitneysprings.net and leave a message at the school office. They will be contacted as soon as the office reopens in August

WILDERNESS WEEK

Parents are needed to help plan Wilderness Week. To join the committee, contact Marie McClusky: mccluskey@wizwire.com.

MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

If you have marketing or fundraising experience, please join one of two newly formed committees. Call Jan at 477-2274 for more information.

PROMOTE PEACE -- HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Former Bitney teacher, Karyn Schluter Ben-David, now working with an international student exchange organization called AYUSA Academic Year USA, is looking for a family to host Omer Shahzad, a wonderful 16-year old boy from Pakistan. Omer is a very serious student who wants to study medicine one day. He loves soccer and sports is Muslim but does not expect a lot of special treatment—he just can't eat pork. Omer is with an American government sponsored program trying to promote peace and understanding between our two countries, and will come with his own pocket money and his own health insurance. Contact Karyn at USA [schluter@cwo.com] 885-3727.

RAVE REVIEWS FROM WASC ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

The committee praised the school and granted it the highest level of accreditation. Details from the report will be forthcoming.

SCHOOL WORK DAY –Saturday, August 20.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th, the weekend before school starts. The school will be having a workday to do some final summer "clean up and sprucing up" before school starts (landscaping, painting fences, and more). The hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm— come for as many hours (or as few) as you can. The school needs your help and student helpers receive community service hours towards their 150-hour graduation requirement. Many hands make light work and you can make a difference in helping make our school a more beautiful place to be!!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office officially closed at the end of June and will 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.

STILL WISHING FOR....

The school is *still* looking for a power lawn mower and/or a small riding mower and a weed wacker, DVD players and VCRs, and 2 or 3 doors (1 for a 3 foot opening and 1 or 2 for a 5 foot opening) and newer computers with Ethernet connections.

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 BSHS. 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 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>

PARENT & STUDENT HELP IS NEEDED

The school is in ongoing need of assistance for a variety of projects. As a result, you will be getting a phone call soliciting your help with an array of activities – from making phone calls to removing carpet. If you're too busy to help tax-deductible donations are always appreciated.

