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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](mailto:jan@tincatmedia.com) or leave a phone message at 530.477.2274.

### **TOP PRIORITY – INCREASING OUR ENROLLMENT**

The best way to help our school meet our budgetary needs is to increase student enrollment - direct prospective parents and students to the school. If you know of any good candidates, please have them take a look at our Web site: [www.bitneysprings.net](http://www.bitneysprings.net) and/or contact the school office.

### **PLEDGES**

Parent volunteers – Jan Fishler, Francesca Spencer, and Renee Powers will be calling all parents to remind them to pledge, make good on their pledge, or to sign up for painless fundraising and help out with various jobs around the school. A letter containing a pledge form went out this week. Please read it over, decide what you can give, and return it to the school ASAP. If you didn't receive one, please call the school office to have one sent to you. Thank you for your support!

### **ONGOING PAINLESS FUNDRAISING**

Renee Powers has assembled information about painless fundraising – ways to earn money for the school without having to write a check! This information will be mailed to you. When you receive it, please take the time to read it carefully and take advantage of the various opportunities to raise money for Bitney. If you have questions, please contact Renee at work: 478.7556.

### **SAFETY ISSUE – MORNING DROP OFF**

In an effort to avoid accidents, please follow this simple procedure when dropping students off in the morning:

1. Pull as far up and to the right of the curb as you can.
2. Make sure students are ready to get out of the car.
3. Follow the flow of traffic when you leave (avoid making a U-turn)
4. If you are going into the school, just go directly to a parking space.

### **KUDOS TO WILDERNESS WEEK VOLUNTEERS AND TEACHERS**

Thank you to everyone involved in creating Wilderness Week especially Marie McCluskey for organizing Wilderness Week, and Diana Patterson, Wilderness Week's chief cook and bottle washer. Special thanks also to Marshall Goldberg, principal and David Baker, Dean of Academic Affairs, as well as the teachers (Mary Abbott, Denise DeCarmine, Bruce Herring, Missy Patton, Laurel Phillips, Chris Schneider, Rexanne Simpton, Evelyn Soltero, Chad Wood

& Michael Zysk) and chaperones (Susan Dunn, Eileen Foster, Mary Sue Glaspie, Terri Lavagnino, Alice Martin, Sally Nash, Renee Powers, Joan Rasmus, Susan Rogers, John Burnside, Gerry Davenport, Richard Donahue, David Lavagnino, Clif MacKinlay, Mike Narvaez, Drake Palmer, Bruce Rasmus, Rick Robins & John Rogerson) and other volunteers (Jan Fishler, Chris Gardner) who took time off work and other obligations to spend their time so that this fantastic annual community event can take place.

### **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 children's' education. Looking for more information, contact Susan Dunn (272-5953), Parent Council President.

The Bitney Springs Charter Council is the governing body for the High School. The Council normally meets at 6:00pm on the second Monday of each month. The next **meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **STUDENT GRADES AND HOMEWORK AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Your student's grades and homework are posted online every two weeks. Go to [http://www.bitneysprings.net/get\\_homework\\_report.html](http://www.bitneysprings.net/get_homework_report.html) and enter your student's ID number and name (last name, first name). If you don't know your students ID number or need assistance please call the school office.

### **POLICY CHANGES**

The 2005-2006 Student Handbook contains several policy changes regarding the: Admissions Policy, School Boundaries, Cheating, Cut/Tardy Policy, Disciplinary Referrals, and Visitors on Campus. Be sure to take a few moments to review these changes.

### **MILITARY OPT OUT FORM**

Parents who attended the Orientation and Schedule evenings just before the start of school, did not get the updated "opt-out" form—the form allows students and parents to decide who (military, media, etc.) has access to your student's contact information. The updated forms are available in the office. We plan to send them out to all families with our next mailing, however, you can pick one up at the school or call Susan Wondergem (our Office Manager) and ask her to E-mail or send you one sooner. Please sign and return them to the office.

### **CALENDAR DATE CHANGE**

There will be no school on January 2, 2006.

### **TRY FENCING**

The Nevada County Fencing Club invites students to come learn the art of Fencing. Monday nights 6:45 P.M. at the Grass Valley Veteran's Building. Call Dr. Robert Woodhall at 432-1750 for details, or pick up a flyer in the office. Bitney students participate for free and receive PE credit.

### **STILL WISHING FOR....**

The school just received a power lawn mower (a riding mower was also recently just donated!) and a weed wacker. We can still use DVD players and VCRs and newer computers with Ethernet connections. We also just had someone donate a door we needed. Thank you to all for your donations and helping make our school a better place for us all!

