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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.

KUDOS TO Omer Shahzad

Omer Shahzad, our exchange student from Pakistan, and president of the new Key Club at Bitney Springs High School spearheaded a fundraising effort to raise money for those left homeless by the earthquake in northern Pakistan. Read more about this in an October 14 front-page article in The Union, which is available online.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE RESULTS - Cold Fusion 2005

Air Traffic Control returned to Eugene Oregon in force this year (20 players!) and fielded a better team than we ever have before. Our seniors stepped up to the plate admirably and managed to infuse our new players with the Spirit necessary to help win some very difficult games. An epic battle of Street Fighter ensued after our loss to Tribe, featuring a marathon "Tiger Uppercut!" exchange between Alicia and a guy from Crescent Valley who obviously didn't know who he was up against.

After going 2-2 in pool play Saturday, we were seeded second in the lower quarterfinals. We won our first game easily (OK, so it was a middle school team), then faced South Eugene B again, hungry to avenge a close loss to us in pool play. We traded points for a while before South started running away with it. I called time out at 4-7, talked them up a bit, and then the team went back in there and scored 4 unanswered points to finish the half ahead 8-7. South never scored again, and we took it 9-7 after the game was capped. This was a true team effort, with the sidelines screaming and providing subs for our spent athletes. Although we lost the finals to HOTI B, our team once again took the Spirit Award (three times in a row!).

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENING – November 15 at 6:30 PM

Back-To-School evening for parents: Wednesday, November 15th, beginning at 6:30 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet your student's teachers in person, make a direct connection (if you haven't already), learn exactly what students are doing in each of their classes, see some of their work and ask questions. Parents will follow their student's schedule - 1st period starts at 6:30 pm sharp! A short wrap-up assembly will follow the class schedule. This evening is intended for parents only (no students if possible). Please plan to attend.

THINGS TO DO – Fencing, Soccer, German, Dance, Alter Show

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. **SOCCER:** If you want to play soccer, sign up on the sheet on the glass case outside room 8. **GERMAN:** Interested in learning German? Talk to Laura Schulte or Marshall – with enough signups an elective is a possibility.

Echappe Dance Art Theater, the newest dance studio in Nevada County invites kids, teens and adults—ballet, tap, jazz, hop hop, modern, belly dance, musical theatre and more. 763 South Auburn Suite B, Grass Valley, CA. 530.271.1200. <http://echappe.org>. The first class is FREE.

Altars Del Mundo Alter Show is taking place at the Nevada County Fairgrounds from OCT 28 - NOV 6. (530) 432-4280. The entire school is planning to attend on Wednesday, November 2. Be sure to sign your student's permission slip. The event is free.

PLACES TO GO

The Movement Alliance, a contemporary dance company, presents *Turn A Bout* -- November 3-6th at the Center for the Arts 314 W. Main Street. Grass Valley, CA. Call 277.2046 or 478.1680 for more information.

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Help is available at the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition. Call the 24-Hour Crisis Line at 272-3467.

WISHING FOR....

In addition to needing DVD players and VCRs and newer computers with Ethernet connections, we could also use a vacuum cleaner and microwave ovens.

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 and/or contact the school office.

THANK YOU for Pledges, Painless Fundraising Efforts & more

Thank you to all families who have pledged and made good on their pledges, to those who are involved in our painless fundraising efforts, and for those of you who have been helping out with various jobs around the school.

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.

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 14th**. 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 and enter your student's ID number and name (last name, first name). If you don't know your student's ID number or need assistance please call the school office.