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The Bitney Springs High School News

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The Bitney Springs High School News is an electronic publication distributed 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.

THANK YOU TO

Susan Rogers for volunteering to write and submit press releases about Bitney to The Union. Look for Union reporter, Stacy Hickland's, article about Alicia Stillwell on the sports page.

OUR FIRST FULL COLOR YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Full color yearbooks are on sale now for \$45. To order, send cash or check made out to BSHS Parent Council.

KEY CLUB FUNDRAISER

If you have new, sample sized and hotel sized shampoo, please bring them in. The Key Club is collecting them for distribution to the Manzanita House and Hospitality House.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

Next week sophomores will be taking the California High School Exit Exam. Details about the exam are provided in the attached PDF. Contact Dave Baker for more information.

IMMORTAL HEART

Students going to see Amy Tan's play, *Immortal Heart*, on this Friday, need to get permission slips in ASAP. Parent drivers are also needed for pick up and drop off.

TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

On Saturday, February 11th, there will be a bus trip to the MOMA with Mr. Z and Miss Jens. Students who want to go need to pick up permission slips and get them in before the trip. Cost is \$20. Bring a sack lunch.

COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW

The Freshmen and Sophomore classes are presenting Bitney Springs 1st Annual Community Talent Show on March 10, 2006, at the Banner Grange on McCourtney Rd. Please invite the greater community to join our talent show. For more information contact Evelyn Soltero.

VOLLEYBALL WRAP UP AND KUDOS TO MIRANDA HENSLER

Volleyball ended a couple of months ago, but the Bitney team –who had to play a league above their level- played hard, never gave up and improved immensely over the season. They even won a few games. Special thanks to sophomore, Miranda Hensler, for organizing the team, making phone calls and T-shirts and playing in all the games.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING - www.schoolpop.com

Go to schoolpop. Check it out and make money for Bitney. It's painless!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- ☞☞ February 11th – Trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.
- ☞☞ February 28th –Sacramento Opera trip (Puccini's *Turandot*) with Mr. Woo
- ☞☞ March 10—community Talent Show
- ☞☞ May 27th - May 29th--Air Traffic Control, the school's Ultimate team will be holding their annual tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. Note that we had to change the date to avoid a conflict with the Western Junior Ultimate Championships.

HOMEWORK ONLINE

Keep track of grades and assignments on line at <http://www.bitneysprings.net/parents.html>

RECYCLING

Kate Allen is coordinating the recycling program at the school, which will begin in January. Start saving your cans and #1 plastic. Bins will be located outside of the school near the parking lot for easy drop off.

ON-GOING MEETINGS –GET INVOLVED

The Parent Council meets at 6:00pm at the school on the **first Monday** of every month. The next meeting is February 6. The Charter Council meets at 6:00pm on the **second Monday** of each month. The next meeting is February 13.

WISHING FOR....

In addition to needing DVD players and VCRs and newer computers with Ethernet connections, and a vacuum cleaner.

PLEDGING

One third of our families have already made a pledge. Our goal is 100% participation. If you haven't pledged, please make a commitment to support Bitney—the only high school in Nevada County that can boast "**a supportive, college prep environment with small classes, enthusiastic teachers, and personal attention in an atmosphere of mutual respect.**"

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

As of today, 104 students are attending Bitney. Our enrollment goal for this year was 120 students, so if you know of students who are "**lost in the crowd**" at another high school, please tell them (or their parents) about our school and community.

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

Try out for Nevada County Girls Softball – Saturday, January 21 10a.m. -2p.m. at 49er Family Fun Park in Grass Valley or LOP Round Table Pizza. Call the bat line 273-5228 for details. Register online at www.ncgasa.com

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.

If you want to play soccer, sign up in the glass case outside of the office.

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.

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KAYAKING ELECTIVE

Hey students, always wanted to learn to kayak down a white water river? Here you go. Coming this spring, Bitney Springs is offering a white water kayak elective. It's true. Off campus, five Saturdays and Sundays in March and April, on local rivers. Lead instructor is Mr. Bruce Herring. Additional instructors, along with boats, gear, shuttles, and encouragement provided by Wolf Creek Wilderness.

Fee: \$325(which is over 40% discount off normal Wolf Creek prices). We need a minimum of five adventurous souls to make it happen, and the class maximum is eight. If there are a lot more than eight interested, a second class will be added in May. Five PE credits are yours for completion of the course. Questions? Talk to Mr. Herring.

.MARKETING

The Marketing Committee has completed a draft of the Marketing & Public Relations Plan. If you would like to view a copy, or if you would like to get involved in various marketing and public relations activities, please call Jan at 477-2274 or send an e-mail jan@tincatmedia.com. WHO IS DOING WHAT

Several new committees have formed this year. To get involved with any of the following efforts, please contact the individuals listed below:

Committee	Contact Person/Chair	Phone number/e-mail
Fundraising: School Pop	Francesca Spencer	639-2767 (home); frannie@spencerbiz.com
Fundraising: Painless	Francesca Spencer/Renee Powers	639-2767; frannie@spencerbiz.com 470-2395 reenepowers@anandaconstruction.com
Grant Writing	Marshall Goldberg	477-1235 (school); MGoldberg@TRESK12.CA.US
Lunch Program	Diana Patterson	432-4562
Marketing/Newsletter	Jan Fishler	477-9173 (home) jan@tincatmedia.com
Recycling	Kate Allen/Marshall Goldberg	265-2244 (home) 477-1235 (school) michris@sbcglobal.net
School Calendar	Connor Gregory	477-1235 (school); < Aztrohop@GMail.com >
Volunteers	Francesca Spencer	639-2767 (home); frannie@spencerbiz.com

BITNEY CLASSIFIED ADS

Have something you would like to sell or trade? Have a want? E-mail it to Jan@tincatmedia and it will be listed in the next newsletter.

FOR SALE: feeding silo, trampoline, girls mountain bike in excellent condition, oak single chest bed (bedding available), outdoor plants and starter trees. Call Yuri at 477-9173.

FOR SALE: A pair of chairs from Ikea. Silver tubular steel frame and silver fabric. Modern design, very good condition, \$30 for the pair. Call Max, Michael or Allison at 274-1164.

FOR SALE: Spa chemicals. We changed the system we're using, and have some of every flavor (pH increaser and decreaser, balancer, etc) left from our previous system, SPA GUARD. We have 9 bottles; most are full, others are almost full. Approximately \$50 worth of chemicals, asking \$20. Call Max, Michael or Allison at 274-1164.

FOR SALE: Laura Schulte is making and selling custom macrame key chains, chokers, bracelet, necklaces, with glass beads and letters. She needs at least 2 weeks notice.