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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.

IMPORTANT CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING THIS THURSDAY, May 18

The upcoming Charter Council meeting will start at 6:00 P.M. Critical topics will be:

1. Whether our academic program is financially sustainable.
2. Discussion of Nevada Joint Unified HS District's plans to relocate the Earl Jamison program to share our school site, as well as their latest offer to relocate Bitney Springs HS to portables on the Nevada Union HS campus.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

May 20	Prom
May 27 th -May 29 th	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
May 30 and 31 st	Big Night – Senior Project Exhibit
June 9	Graduation 5:00 p.m. at the school.
June 12	SNOW DAYS – THERE IS SCHOOL
June 23/24	4th Annual All School Yard Sale Laurel Phillips will chair the event. Drop off your items anytime. We have plenty of storage space. Volunteers will be needed for set up, sales and clean up. Please let Laurel know if you can help.

COLLEGE BOUND

Congratulations to the following Bitney Springs seniors who have been accepted to the colleges listed.

Gardner, Jed: CSU Humboldt; Gregory, Connor: CSU Humboldt; Kaufman, Sara: CSU Chico, CSU Sonoma, UC Santa Cruz; Lery, Eric: CSU Humboldt; McCluskey, Jessica: National Career Education; Patterson, Rebekah: Culinary Institute of Technology; Rapp, Max: Lewis and Clark College, Willamette University, UC Santa Cruz; Rogerson, Aden: Linfield College; Skalisky, Ricky: Full Sail School of Art; Skeen, Kate: CSU Humboldt, Evergreen; Spencer, Robert: CSU Humboldt; Stillwell, Alicia: UC Santa Cruz, Univ of Nevada Reno, Lewis and Clark

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – May 19th

On May 19, 2006, Yuba River Charter School, grade 6 will present The Medieval Games Day in Nevada City, hosting sixth graders from 6 other regional schools.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer and obtain community service hours by assisting the parents and teachers from Yuba River Charter Scholl to host this exciting event. The Medieval Games include an obstacle course, archery, javelin, tug-of-war and jousting events, all staged in period costume from the 12th and 14th centuries.

We need volunteers on May 18th to help construct a medieval castle out of straw bales. We need volunteers on May 19th to hand out refreshments to sixth graders at rest stations and to sell food at booths for all participants of the games. If you are interested in helping, please contact Betsy Welton at (530) 265-8645.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to Diane Gross for organizing breakfast during Star Testing. You did an excellent job!

Parent Council will need 1 or 2 new representatives to the Charter Council for the next school year. If you are interested in serving on Charter Council, you should come to the next meeting on Thursday, 5/18/06 ay 6:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the school library.

During our last meeting, we elected officers for the next school year: Lora Willis, Chair; Gerry Davenport, Vice-Chair, Susan Rogers, Secretary and Diane Gross, Treasurer. Thank you to everyone who served this year.

If you are interested in being involved, Parent Council is the place to be. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We meet in the school library. Our meetings are typically over before 8:00 p.m. If you don't like to attend meetings but would like to get involved, contact our volunteer coordinator, Francesca Spencer at frannie@spencerbiz.com

Some of the items we will discuss at next Parent Council meeting will be: location for the next Wilderness Week, summer retreat (with parents and faculty), parent concerns, graduation, summer yard sale and planning for the next school year. New ideas are always welcome.

GOOD SEARCH.COM – NEW, PAINLESS FUNDRAISING OPTION

Now you can raise money for Bitney Springs High School just by searching the Internet at GoodSearch.com. <http://www.goodsearch.com>. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine - the site is powered by Yahoo! - but each time you do, money is generated for us. Here's how it works:

1. Go to www.goodsearch.com <<http://www.goodsearch.com/>>
2. Type (your organization) into the "I support" box and click on "verify"
3. Search the Internet just like you would with any search engine
4. Since GoodSearch shares its advertising revenue with charities and schools, every time you search the Internet at GoodSearch, you'll be earning money for us.

GoodSearch also has a toolbar you can download from the homepage so that you can search right from the top of your browser. You can keep track of our estimated earnings by clicking on

"amount raised" once you designate us as your organization of choice. The more people who use the site, the more money we'll earn, so please spread the word!!

THE PROM – May 20th

A Bitney tradition for "all" students. Scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, 6-11 PM at the Stonehouse in Nevada City. Tickets are \$40, which includes dinner! Don't miss it.

BIG NIGHT – May 30 & 31st

Big Night, our annual exhibition of senior projects, is a treat for both parents and students in all grades. This event, held on May 30 and 31st at the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, showcases the exceptional projects our seniors are completing as they prepare for graduation and moving on.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY:

Learn Photoshop CS2: Introduction to Electronic Imaging at Sierra College Nevada County Campus Summer 2006. David Arnold, Instructor. Summer Session takes place from June 19-Aug 3, 2006 MTWT 8-10:25. Register at www.sierracollege.edu

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS THE LOAN OF A TRACTOR

Parent Volunteer, Maria Unger needs the use of a tractor prepare the garden behind the school. Maria also needs: wheelbarrow, shovels, hoes, hoses, soil test kit, starting trays and soil, stepping stones, irrigation drip, bulbs, seeds, starters and fencing: 4-8' T posts, 4-10' T posts, 3 peeler cores, 3 bags concrete, a gate, T post hooks, fence staples. If you can help, call Marie at 274-0272.

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 May 1. The Charter Council meets at 6:00pm on the **second Monday** of each month. EXCEPTION: **The next meeting is Thursday May 18.**

HOMEWORK ONLINE

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

WISHING FOR....

We still need DVD players, VCRs and newer computers with Ethernet connections, and an electric correcting typewriter (IBM or Wheelwriter) for use in the office.

FOR SALE

Three 12-speed mountain bikes for sale:

1) 19" mens Diamond Back Ascent, \$95

2) 23" mens Diamond Back Ascent, \$95

These were purchased in 1987, have seen moderate use and are in fair shape. They both are turquoise blue in color. Will probably need new tubes and possibly tires.

3) 13" girls Trek - dark purple, purchased 1998, hardly used, \$125

Call Diane 478-5929