

BITNEY COLLEGE PREP NEWS

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The Bitney College Prep News is an electronic publication distributed to parents, students and the community. If you have information for an upcoming issue, please contact Marshall Goldberg. The publication is also available at the school office and on the school website (www.BitneyPrep.net).

A MESSAGE FROM MARSHALL GOLDBERG, PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe spring is here and the school year is almost over. Less than 8 weeks to go! So much has happened these last few weeks; foremost among these is the Charter Council's approving next year's budget. We've also secured an agreement with Nevada Joint Union High School District for continued use of this campus and completed our WASC mid-term accreditation visit. I'm happy to say it was all very positive and we're on track with our program planning for next year.

This was no small achievement and it took the combined efforts of faculty, parents, and students to make it a reality. Most of all I want to thank everyone for being here, believing in our school, and voicing your support (both verbally and monetarily). Once again, these actions speak to who Bitney is. Not merely just another high school.

With these tasks behind us (mostly) we are now focused on building enrollment for next year (conferences with prospective students/families) and our end-of-year events. If you haven't been to our "Big Nite," where our seniors present their senior projects, or a Bitney graduation, you are in for a real treat. Check out the dates below and mark your calendars. I hope to see you soon.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERRING:

Hello Everyone. Here are a handful of announcements and opportunities. For more details, please contact me. I am offering a kayak touring class (available for students, staff, and parents) through Wolf Creek Wilderness. Students can earn one quarter of PE credit. The first two days will be on Scott's Flat Lake, and the last day will be a run down the lower Yuba River. The dates are May 3, 11, and 23. Cost is \$150 to cover boat and equipment usage, transportation, and instruction. Full retail price for an equivalent course would be \$295.

I also have an opportunity to take up to fifteen people (students, parents, staff) to Washington D.C. in January for the presidential inauguration. The trip includes sightseeing and tours of major D.C. sites, and runs from Jan. 17-21, 2009. The actual inauguration is January 20. We will have a spot reserved for the ceremony (not very close, but close enough), and for the parade route afterwards. All inclusive cost is approx. \$2,000 per person.

And, once again, anyone interested in hosting a foreign student next year, the time is now. Consider this incredible opportunity.

MESSAGE FROM LISA HOOPER, PARENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PLEDGING, PAINLESS FUNDRAISING & GETTING INVOLVED

At our Parent Council March meeting, we had a substantial number of parents reconfirm their commitment to Bitney. It was empowering to see so much support. Please keep that energy going and do what you can for your child's education here. Next year's school

budget includes \$37,500 in "Local Income". That means money from donations, Painless Fundraising, and other fundraising. Our support is an integral part of Bitney's success.

Your time is also very much needed in many ways. Please come to our next Parent Council meeting on 5 May at 6:15 pm to learn what's going on or contact me at 272-1182, Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com.

Pledging. Expect to see letters soon thanking you for your donations or confirming how you want to meet your pledge. If you have not yet pledged for this year or next, please consider doing so. Every dollar matters! Forms are available in the office.

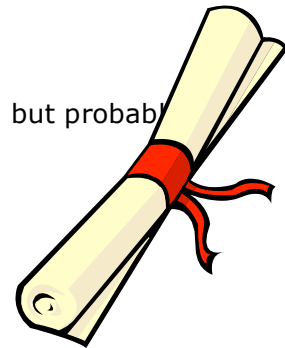
Painless Fundraising. Painless Fundraising has raised about \$2,000 so far this year. That could easily be \$20,000 if every parent participated. It's Painless! Businesses donate a portion of the purchase directly to our school. Pick up coupons for SPD and Briarpatch from the office and use them when you shop. Log onto www.schoolpop.com and register your credit cards. Ask for a Raley's Quality of Life Card at the school office, and then register your card online at: <http://www.raleys.com/neighborhood/qualitycard.jsp>. Register your Safeway Club Card online via <http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/safeway/index.jsp>. You can also register your Washington Mutual VISA debit or bankcard online or at the bank. Search for all of these under "Bitney".

Also remember that many employers make grants (or donations) to non-profit organizations; others match donations their employees make to non-profit organizations. Check with your employer for more options for helping Bitney College Prep HS. Some companies like to have a place to donate their (still good) computers, so let your employer know that Bitney would be interested in such donations.

Spending 10 minutes registering for Painless Fundraising will give our school easy, much needed money. Please do so TODAY!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 14 Parent Council Meeting 6:15 – 8:00 P.M.
- April 21 Snow Makeup Day – No School
- April 22 Cal State visit for 11th and 12th graders (all day)
- April 26 Work Day at the school (see parent Help Needed, below)
- April 26, 27 CAsateUltimateChampionships Air Traffic Control, the school's Ultimate (Frisbee) team will be competing in the California Junior Ultimate State Championships. Location TBA, but probably UC Santa Cruz or UC Davis
- May 2 Night at the Opera
- May 5 Parent Council Meeting 6:15 – 8:00 P.M.
- May 5-9 STAR Testing; Graduation Trip to Santa Cruz area
- May 13 Charter Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- May 17, 18 Bitney To Host Ultimate Tournament
- May 23 Snow Makeup Day – No School
- May 26 Memorial Day Holiday – No School
- May 28 Big Night (Senior Project Presentations) at Miner's Foundry
- May 31 PROM
- June 2 Parent Council Meeting 5:15-8:00 P.M.
- June 2-6 FINALS
- June 6 Graduation Ceremony at the school, 5:00 P.M.



BIG NIGHT

Bitney's annual "Big Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm at the Miner's Foundry in Nevada City. Another tradition at Bitney, this event provides an opportunity (and graduation requirement) for all seniors to present their senior projects to our school

community and the public. There is a small admission charge for adults to help cover the cost of the facility rental.

PARENT HELP NEEDED

- A parent has offered to pay for the cost of replacing the tent poles (pipe) damaged in the winter storms. Thank you! Chris Gardner will be coordinating the purchase of the pipe and the assembly and erection of the structure and tent. A work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. No special skills needed, please come help!
- Parents are needed to serve breakfast to students during the week of STAR testing: Breakfast will be served Tues.-Thurs., May 6-8. If you can help, contact Lisa Hooper, Parent Council President.
- A parent has offered to pay for the cost of replacing the damaged poles (pipe) for the tent. Chris Gardner will oversee a work day to re-erect the tent and fix the gate on Saturday, 26 April. Please plan on helping out for a few hours that morning. At least 6 people will be needed to resurrect the tent.

WISH LIST

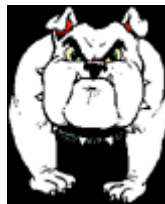
Currently, the school is in need of: a new vacuum cleaner, sheds for the storage, newer computers, portable self-contained sinks, storage shelves, 7-12 passenger van. If you can help, please call the office.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

- Attend Parent Council meetings: usually held at **6:15 pm** at the school on the **first Monday of every month**. Contact Lisa Hooper for more information: Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com
- Participate in Painless Fundraising
- Pledge
- Recruit new students
- Be sure your student comes to class

WEB SITE: www.bitneyprep.net HOMEWORK ONLINE

Grades and homework are online. Access instructions have been mailed to all families. If you do not receive information on accessing these or need help accessing your student's grades (once you receive the instructions) please contact Claudia in the office (477-1235).



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