



# Burbank PTA Newsletter

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Supporting Your Children As They Grow

2008

## **Welcome New and Returning Burbank Families**

On behalf of the Burbank Parent Teacher Association (“PTA”), welcome to the 2008 – 2009 school year at Burbank Elementary School. The Burbank PTA is comprised of parents, teachers and Burbank’s school principal, all working together to enhance our children’s educational, social and emotional development at Burbank. The PTA hosts a wide range of activities throughout the school year including the Book Fair, the Pot Luck Social, Library Night, Field Day, Art Night, Math Night, the International Fair, the Geography Challenge and many in school and after school enrichment programs. We invite our new and returning families to attend any of our bi-monthly PTA meetings to learn more about the good works of the PTA and the educational and fun filled events that the PTA proudly sponsors.

## **New Computer Lab**

As many of you may have heard, the PTA has approved the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to revamp and relocate the school’s computer lab. Current estimates put the project total at around \$17,000. The project included a new space design to accommodate 24 students, new desks, new carpeting, fresh paint, curtains, air conditioning, and new wiring and circuitry. Upon the completion of the project, we expected the School Department to give us some refurbished computers but fortunately we were given 24 brand new computers. The lab should be completed some time this month. Stop by and see this exciting project for yourself!

The PTA is proud to have sponsored this project that will benefit the educational goals of all of our students. This sizeable donation would not have been possible without the generous support of the parents. Thank you for allowing us to make this project a reality. Your continued

support will allow us to fund other small and large scale projects like this one. We will continue to work with the school administration to identify additional suitable projects.

## **The Annual Capital Appeal**

The Annual Capital Appeal letter went home last week in your child’s backpack. The “Capital Appeal” approach was adopted a number of years ago in lieu of traditional fundraising events that often cost families more and provide less funds for educational needs. Our annual appeal allows 100% of monies to be dedicated to the educational programs and community activities rather than to fundraisers themselves. This is the only time throughout the year that we will ask for a direct financial contribution. The suggested donation is \$100 per family, but we are grateful for any donation, large or small. We hope to achieve 100% family participation. Please send in your donation through your child’s classroom or drop it in the main office. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Volunteerism Is Alive And Well At Burbank**

Parental participation is a vital part of Burbank’s overall success in educating our children. It is wonderful that so many parents have volunteered to help in classrooms, in the library and on various PTA committees and events for the upcoming school year. As the year progresses, and your schedule changes or you see an upcoming event of particular interest, please don’t hesitate to get involved. Call or e-mail Mary Ellen Manganelli or Lorraine Kermond and we will connect you with the people working that event or activity.

## **School Advisory Council**

Thank you to Bob Fogel, Glen Mohr, Amy Alvarez and Lisa Scali for running for the open

School Advisory Council positions. The votes are in and Bob Fogel and Amy Alvarez will fill the two open slots on the Council. Holly Muson and Adrianna Poole are returning this year to complete the second year of their two year term. Thanks to all for volunteering your time for this worthy cause.

### **Thank You To The Room Parents, Room Parent Coordinators and Library Volunteers**

Thanks to the parents who agreed to be room parents, the room parent coordinators and the many parents who have signed up for library duty for their children's classroom. Having parents volunteer in the library is a big help to our new library aide, Ann Dinsmore.

### **Curriculum Night**

Thank you to all the Burbank staff for making curriculum night informative and enjoyable. Thanks also to the high school community service young women for babysitting our Boston/Belmont family friends' children after the welcome coffee. This great service enabled Boston and Belmont families to meet before curriculum night and parents to attend classroom meetings without their children in tow.

### **10 Ways You Can Support The PTA**

1. Join The PTA And Make A Donation To The Capital Appeal
2. Join A Committee Or Volunteer To Help At A PTA Sponsored Event
3. Attend A PTA Meeting
4. Purchase Tickets To See High School Musical 2 At The North Shore Music Theatre
5. Support The Burbank Book Fair
6. Buy Burbank Attire For Your Kids to Enjoy
7. Send In Your Shaws Or Star Market Receipts
8. Clip And Save Box Tops For Education
9. Register And Use Your Target Card
10. Printer Cartridge Recycling/Cellular Telephone Recycling

For more information on any of these items, please contact Mary Ellen or Lorraine.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Family Pot Luck Social** – Friday October 24th from 6-8pm in the cafeteria. This is a wonderful family affair. Don't miss it. Contact Jennifer Thomas or Brittanie Bowman if you would like to make a dish or help with setup or breakdown.  
Jennifer\_w\_Thomas@yahoo.com  
brittanie.bowman@gmail.com
- **PTA Meeting** – Our next bi-monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 3rd at 7:30 in the library. Please join us!!
- **Burbank Book Fair** – Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 7:00 in the gymnasium. This is a great event that parents and kids really enjoy. Stop by after school or come around dinner time and enjoy the Pizza Dinner.

### **Keep Sending In Those Shaws Receipts**

To date, you have sent in about \$15,000.00 in Shaws and Star Market receipts. This will earn us about \$150.00. Keep sending them in. We hope to beat last year's earnings of \$650.00.

### **High School Musical 2 Tickets**

Recently a flyer went home about High School Musical 2 performances at the North Shore Music Theatre. Don't miss out on one of the 19 shows that run from December 18th – January 11<sup>th</sup>. The North Shore Music Theatre will donate \$10.00 of each ticket price to the PTA as long as you enter the promotional code FBES1 at checkout. Log onto [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org) and order your tickets. Enjoy the show and benefit the PTA at the same time!

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