

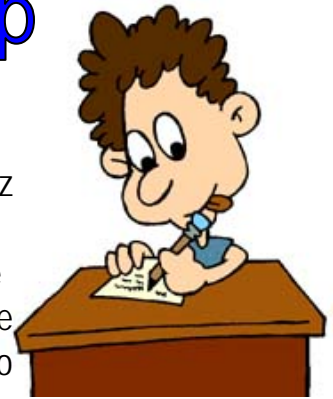


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Berkeley Prep Writing Workshop

This week the 5th and 6th grades both enjoyed trips back to Berkeley Prep to continue their participation in Berkeley's Writing Workshop. Our students worked with Berkeley students to write essays about being a preteen. Mr. Ibanez says "They were wonderful; the kids learned a lot and had a wonderful experience working with the high school kids in a writing environment." We are expected to be directly connected to their Writing Workshop, "Blackboard," in the next two months. This will provide an outstanding opportunity for our students to experience firsthand the high expectations of students at schools like Berkeley.



"Wicked" Performance

Those of you who responded to the forms that were sent out will be receiving tickets to "Wicked" next Friday during pick-up with instructions regarding pick-up and drop-off times and directions to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Remember, the play begins at 2:00 p.m. and is expected to last a couple of hours. We are looking forward to it!

Ms. Nita's Workshops

As you know, Ms. Nita holds weekly workshops on Tuesdays either in the auditorium or in her office. These workshops cover various issues that every family faces. Thanks to a great suggestion, we are now including the dates of these workshops in the calendar on the last page of the newsletter every week! Hopefully, this will remind you to join us. Remember, you'll receive an hour of volunteer service for learning how to better your relationship with your child!



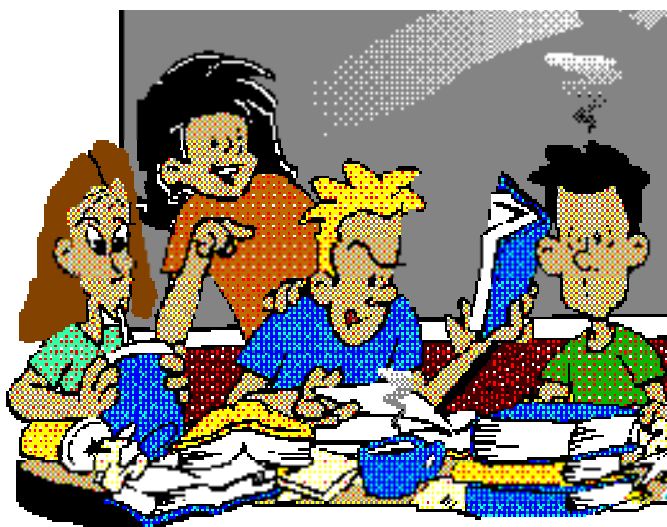
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Volunteer Opportunities

Receive Hours for Referrals!

Please keep in mind that you can receive **3 hours** for every new student you refer to us who takes the assessment test! This is a great way to get hours in by not having to physically come on campus!



Important Dates & Activities

Feb 4	5 th Grade Field Trip Mandatory Volunteer Opportunities!
Feb 5	"Wicked" TBPAC
Feb 7	Ms. Nita's Workshop "Are My Child's Eating Habits Normal?" Volunteer Hours!
Feb 10	Early Observance of Presidents' Day
Feb 11	6 th Grade Field Trip Mandatory Volunteer Opportunities!
Feb 21	Ms. Nita's Workshop "What Can I Do When I Suspect My Child is Lying to Me?" Volunteer Hours!

Lunch Duty

As always, we are in **great need** of volunteer support on Fridays during our extended lunch period. If you are free between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Fridays, and would like to help us serve lunch and monitor the students, please call Ms. Williams at x129. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours in. Feel free to bring a family member or a friend with you to get double the time! Thank you for your support.