

# BOOKSIN BEAT

BOOKSIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## October 2008

- 7 BЕСCA Meeting, 7PM, Library
- 11 Walk-a-thon, "Peace, Love, Booksin"
- 17 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day
- 23 SSC Meeting, 4PM
- 25 Garden Cleanup, 9-11AM
- 28 SJUSD Brown Bag Meeting, Noon-1:30PM  
Rm. 337
- 31 Halloween Parade

## November 2008

- 2 Daylight Saving Time ends - set clocks BACK  
one hour
- 3-7 Food Drive
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veteran's Day Holiday
- 14 Walkathon Awards Assembly
- 15 Garden Cleanup Day
- 17-20 Conference Days
- 18 BЕСCA Meeting, 7PM, Library
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** - Inservice Day
- 27-28 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Holiday

## PARENT EDUCATION

San Jose Unified School District, Office of Parent Education & Involvement, invites you and your child to a performance about resolving conflict and creating peace. For parents & students in 3rd - 6th grades, the evening is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Programs and Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence.

- Where:** San Jose Unified School District  
855 Lenzen Ave., San Jose, Rm. 129
- When:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008
- Date:** 6:00-7:30PM

Dinner will be served from 6-6:30PM. Daycare will be provided for children four years and up. FREE t-shirts to students who participate in the show! To reserve your dinner ticket, please call Lucero Arellano at (408)501-7545.

## *Booksin School Vision:*

*Booksin School is a supportive, safe, and caring learning community where challenging and enriched instruction considers diverse student needs resulting in academic success and the fulfillment of every student's potential.*

## Message from the Principal:

This week I had the privilege to join in and recognize the contributions of one of our staff members. When I found that our school was one of only 1000 schools across the nation to have this award, I realized the difficulty of choosing just one teacher to receive the award and recognition. As I thought about the many contributions our teachers make on a daily basis it became clear that Mrs. Macon impacts students through her work on Project Cornerstone and other student leadership opportunities for 3rd through 5th graders. Keeping this a total surprise added an extra twist to the award. On Wednesday, our third through fifth grade students gathered in the cafeteria under the pretense of a "Safety Assembly." As I delayed Mrs. Macon in the office, the students waited to provide a thunderous round of applause and cheers as Mrs. Macon walked into the room; her entrance was heartwarming. Due to the generosity of OfficeMax, Mrs. Macon received a generous donation of classroom supplies. The students presented her with flowers to honor her commitment to students and to our community. Best of all, the representatives from OfficeMax had only compliments for our students and staff. It's always a pleasure to share the excellence of our school.

On a related note, this week I watched a video of a young man asking a very profound question, "Do you believe in me?" This ten year old young man posed a question that was easy for many of us to answer. What I see at Booksin is a common goal that all of our students will believe that they can be anything, do anything, dream anything or create anything. Your support for students comes across in very tangible ways and helps build a foundation where children's dreams come true. You do this by donating to Walkathon, carpooling for families in crisis, spending time arranging play dates, volunteering in classrooms or on school committees are all ways that parents impact our children's future. I have no doubt that the students at Booksin have people who believe in them. If you have not yet found your niche I encourage you to volunteer so that you too can grow and help develop the dreams of our children.

I'm sure you already heard about the rousing Walkathon Kick Off Assembly last Friday. Maybe I am biased, but this has to be the best Walkathon ever! The Laugh In take off was a hit with students and staff alike. I truly hope to see all of you at our 'not to be missed' Walkathon on October 11. I plan on walking and eating and having fun all day.

***Peace \* Love \* Booksin!***

## GATE

Lyceum Open House  
October 29, 2008  
7:00 - 8:30PM  
Saratoga Library's Community Room  
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

Lyceum is a local parent-participation organization that offers seminars and social activities for gifted children. Any parent interested in finding out about enrichment activities for their intellectually gifted child is encouraged to attend the open house. For more information go to: [www.lyceum-online.com](http://www.lyceum-online.com).

## KINDER READINESS

The YMCA is now offering a Kindergarten Readiness program at Booksin. The program provides a nurturing environment to increase independence, improve self-concept, and focus on values in a stimulating, hands-on learning environment, while developing the necessary skills to successfully transition to kindergarten. Local school districts have designed content standards/student outcomes that the YMCA of Santa Clara Valley utilizes in this Kinder Readiness Program. These standards are consistent with the new Pre-K Learning and Development Guidelines dealing with literacy and learning programs throughout the state of California.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Sanchez, Center Director at (408) 265-3588, or email: [ssanchez@scvymca.org](mailto:ssanchez@scvymca.org).

## FOUNDER'S DAY PARADE WRAP-UP

Thank you to all the Booksin staff (including Lola, the grooviest Bulldog mascot ever!) and families that marched in the Willow Glen Founder's Day Parade this last Saturday morning. What a great showing of hippies, flower children and proud Booksin students! Thanks also to the parent volunteers who helped make this event possible. We had a blast jamming to the tunes of the '60s & '70s and once again sharing our Booksin Pride with the Willow Glen community!

## FUN IN THE JUNGLE

Attention Kinder families: save the date for a very fun, FREE event planned just for you at The Jungle in Saratoga on Thurs., Oct. 16, 5-8:30PM. Watch for flyers going home in the Thursday envelopes next week. You must present the flyer for admission. Parents must remain in attendance with their children. Questions? Contact Kate Jazbec, [katejazbec@yahoo.com](mailto:katejazbec@yahoo.com).

## DOGS ON CAMPUS

Pursuant to California Education Code #32210 and Penal Code 626.8, dogs are not allowed on campus at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **BESCA**

Next meeting: Tues., Oct. 7, 7PM, Library

Come hear the latest Walkathon News, Principal's Message, and BESCA updates and presentations about Campus Safety, Garden and Library.

## Walkathon

**Pledge cards** went home last week in the WAT packets and it's now prime time for students to collect pledges from family, friends, coworkers of parents, and neighbors. Parents, please be sure to accompany your child to get sponsors! Students have until Oct. 10th to get pledges. **More than 60%** of Walkathon income comes from pledges the children collect for walking, so keep collecting those pledges!

**Top Club** students will take part in a special celebration just for them! There are two ways for students to earn Top Club honors at Walkathon:

- Raise at least \$150 in pledges AND turn in all of your pledge money by the October 27th deadline.
- Walk the minimum number of miles for your grade level AND turn in all of your pledge money by the October 27th deadline.

The Top Club minimums for miles walked are:

Kinder. & First Grade - 10 miles  
Second & Third Grade - 12 miles  
Fourth & Fifth Grade - 15 miles

Students who cannot attend Walkathon can still participate. Just turn in your pledge card on Oct. 10th to your teacher with a minimum of \$15 in pledges and your class will still receive 100% participation and you will get a WAT t-shirt. You can still achieve Top Club Status, too, by turning in the minimum of \$150 in pledges by October 27th.

Walkathon questions? Contact either Diane Hayward at [dbhayward@hotmail.com](mailto:dbhayward@hotmail.com) or Stacy Hoffman at [hoffcrew@pacbell.net](mailto:hoffcrew@pacbell.net).

## Walkathon Food Tickets

Want to avoid lines at Walkathon and be the first to have a bagel and coffee? Buy food tickets and Opportunity Drawing tickets on Friday, Oct. 10, 1-3PM, in the Spirit Court near Rm. 25. Food tickets are 50¢ each and can be bought in \$5.00 sleeves. Opportunity Drawing tickets are \$20 each. Cash or check made payable to "BESCA".

## Box Tops

The Box Tops program has begun! Please remember to clip and send in to your child's teacher the Box Tops coupon located on General Mills products. It's easy money for Booksin!