

JANUARY 2022 - 2ND HALF OF MONTH

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Benchley-Weinberger Elementary

January



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Save
THE
Date

Check the BW website for
more details

- January 22
E-Waste Event
- February 9
Jogathon
- February 18-21
President's Weekend

JANUARY'S SUCCESS STORIES...

Good news @ BW since 2022 started...

- The Rapid Testing prior to coming back from Winter Break proved to be super successful. We have had low positive numbers compared to other schools in the district as families are staying home when showing symptoms of any sicknesses. *** Please note if you are keeping your student home, our teachers will do their best to get you make up work as soon as they possibly can. Thanks for all your patience during this time.
- Mrs. Armstrong welcomed her adorable Granddaughter Holly to the world. Already starting her off the panda way, with a book!
- Jogathon Registration is up and running and families had the opportunity to get a practice run in for a mile at Legoland on the 15th of January.



JOGATHON UPDATE



THANK YOU!

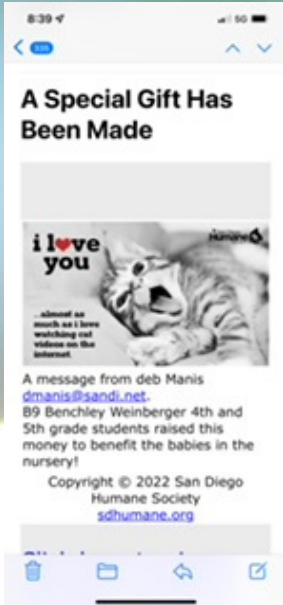
Please donate at
<https://bwpta.org/jogathon>

Click [HERE](#) for the 2022 Jogathon
information Power up Pandas!

DISTRICT DIETITIAN CONTACT

Please contact the SDUSD's Dietitian if your student has any food allergies to our daily menus. Our wonderful cafeteria staff cannot alter meals without a dietary plan from the district. Contact Mary Tyranski at mtyranskisandi.net

BW HAPPENINGS



Over the past week my class has been donating money for the Betty White Challenge and my teacher Mrs. Manis also set up an Instagram post for people to donate money. In total we raised \$275. We donated the money to the San Diego Humane Society's kitten nursery to help provide the money needed to care for them. By Lillian M.



Our Parent & Staff Equity Team's work to diversify our school library is already making an impact. Check out [Hair Love](#) by Matthew A. Cherry



In third grade we tried to get a sharpened pencil to balance on the edge of our desks. This is how it works. The point of the pencil is the center of weight. But the pencil top will not stand straight up, throwing the pencil off balance. So the clothes pins balance the weight of the top of the pencil, which balances the pencil. By Grayson V.

First and second graders are loving their new outdoor learning spaces.



5th grade music class has been playing sweet ukulele music. They sound awesome!

MULTICULTURAL FAIR SURVEY

Many of you have heard about, or even participated in, our annual Multicultural Fair in the past when we were all on campus. For those families that are newer to our school, the MCF was a parent-volunteer-led event, with booths about different countries. These booths displayed information about the country and there was usually an activity/craft to do and/or food to sample. Classes would get approximately 5-10 minutes at each booth. The intention of the MCF has been to facilitate our kiddos getting a glimpse into a variety of cultures in a fun and engaging way. It is our hope that it gets them excited, and inspired to learn more, about other cultures as well as their own.

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold an event like that, but with students back on campus however, we do have more options than we did when we were virtual last year. As we are working to re-envision what this Spring's Multicultural Fair may look like, we want to hear your input.

[Click here for Multicultural Fair Survey.](#)

MEDIA LAB UPDATES

Media Lab is back! We are moving to an every-other-week format for formal class meetings. This week I saw Kindergarten as well as 1st and 4th Grade classes. Kindergarten and 1st Graders tackled how to be safe online! We covered why it is extremely important to keep personal information off of the internet by learning 3 Simple Rules. Rule 1: Always ask your parents first. Rule 2: Only talk to people you know. Rule 3 Stick to sites just right for you. Below is a link of 5 Tips to help you get the conversation started at home. 4th Graders finished up our lessons on branding. They have learned about Color Theory/Psychology; understanding that colors actually have meaning in media as well as having the ability to make humans feel things subconsciously. We also learned how brands affect us in our everyday choices. Pandas were also introduced to personal branding and how we can use it in the future for things like job interviews, college prep and more!

Tech Update:

The district is in the process of trying to locate "lost" Chromebooks. SDUSD has locked all Chromebooks that are not currently checked out to a student. If your students Chromebook locks, please notify your classroom teacher. If you are in possession of an "extra" Chromebook, please return it to the office Attn: Media Lab.

Event tomorrow!!!!

January 22nd 10am-1pm we will have another E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off event. If you have anything electronic that you would like to get rid of in an environmentally friendly way come see us! We'll be set up in front of Benchley-Weinberger. This is a free event however, there is a fee for hard drive destruction.

5 Safety Tips Link: <https://www.common sense.org/education/family-tips/k-5-privacy-and-security>

Cheers,

Mr. Dev