

FEBRUARY 2022

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Benchley-Weinberger Elementary

# february



## JOGATHON UPDATES

- Jogathon Registration is still available to sign up...Almost time to run!

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



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## Save the date

Check the BW website for more details

- [February 8](#)  
PTA Meeting
- [February 9](#)  
Jogathon  
D'Amatos Fundraiser
- [February 15](#)  
Parent Equity Meeting
- [February 18-21](#)  
President's Weekend

### Show Your Support!



70%

SCHOOL GOAL

**\$50,000.00**

WE'VE RAISED

**\$35,290.00**

Our School Has **721** Total Donations

Donations Accepted Until March 1st, 2022

⌚ 25 days left

## UNIVERSAL TK

We just got the news that BW will be offering Universal TK next year! That means students turning 4 by September 1 will be able to attend Benchley. Look for registration information for UTK in May.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

- The 2022 Summer morning academic program is open to ALL students.
- The enrollment window is open from Tuesday, February 1st to Monday, February 28th
- Any enrollment requests after February 28th will be waitlisted
- BW will not have Summer School on our campus but many of the nearby schools are options.
- Info session: Wed, February 9, 5:30 to 6:30pm [Flyer \(click here\)](#)
- [Click here for Summer School Registration](#)



## GATE TESTING

### Current 2nd and 5th Grade Students

- All 2nd graders will be screened this Spring
- 5th grade students who meet reassessment criteria, are new to the district and/or have not been assessed will be assessed this Spring

### Current 3rd and 4th Grade Students

- All current 3rd grade students be assessed during the SDUSD **Summer Experience**
- Current 4th grade students who have not been assessed or are new to the district
- The district will coordinate and schedule assessment administration dates during the Summer Experience programs that will be taking place at sites across the district. Students enrolled in Summer Experience will be assessed during the regular program day. Students who are not enrolled in the Summer Experience Program will have the opportunity to register and attend an assessment session.

More information about the session dates and registration process will be posted on the [GATE website \(click here\)](#) and sent to applicable families in the spring.

## KINDNESS ALERTS



We'd like to give a big thanks to Liz Biala, REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker West: Providing boutique service with a national brand. Liz sold another home within the Benchley Weinberger community and used her \$500 donation to the school to purchase these larger-than-life Connect 4 games with storage bin for our students. We appreciate this continued support of our school and community, and can't wait to see what she donates with her next Panda referral!

We would like to spotlight Logan J. who recently noticed while he was in the Health Office that there was no extra clothes for another student that had an accident. After observing this, our Kind student went home to tell his parents that he was going to clean out his closet to donate clothes so other future students have something to wear immediately.





# HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR



This year, 2022 is the year of the Tiger. During Lunar New Year, I did the lion dance, and got lots of money. Then we lit up fireworks and ate. We took some pictures, then went to the Temple and took more pictures. -Kyle 3rd grade

Stay tuned for the PTA Sponsored Lunar New Year Asian Storytelling event Feb 25 (in classes)



## LOST PANDA GEAR

Our students' jackets and drink containers (we will be throwing the drinks out due to covid safety protocols if they are not labeled) are accumulating at an astronomical rate. Please LABEL your student's belongings. We will try to bring out the racks in front of the Office to peruse at your leisure.

Check out this ADORABLE video that our TK class made about our growing Lost & Found pile! Mrs. Sward did a great job teaching those communication skills! [Click here for video](#)



## BW'S "DID YOU KNOW?"

- Did you know we have a continual fundraiser with Papa John's that gives back to our school AND you get 30% off on the order too? Just enter the promo code WEINBERGER on your next order.
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