

APRIL 2022

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Benchley-Weinberger Elementary

April

MULTI-CULTURAL STORIES

In lieu of our Multicultural Fair this year, our PTA and Parent Equity Team are planning a stories around the world event this Friday, April 8th. Stories with diverse characters and cultures will be read over Zoom for classes. Classrooms will pick and choose the stories throughout the day. We hope to create a video playlist of the readers as well so we can enjoy the stories for weeks to come.

PRE-ORDER 2021-2022 YEARBOOKS

You can now start pre-ordering this year's yearbook and create custom pages. [Click here for the link](#)

DERBY AUCTION/GALA

Bust out your big hats and bow ties and join us at the Annual BW Foundation Gala & Auction on April 23.

Dine and dance the night away as we raise funds Derby-style in support of our school.

Find info at: <https://bwpta.ejoinme.org/bwauction2022>

JOGATHON PRIZES

One of the prizes for reaching our Jogathon goals was Principal Ahrens Crazy Hair Color... Fun prizes and a Recess Dance Party were also distributed the same day!



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save the date

Check the BW website for more details

- April 23
Derby Gala/Auction
- March 13
Gr 3-5 Panda Prom



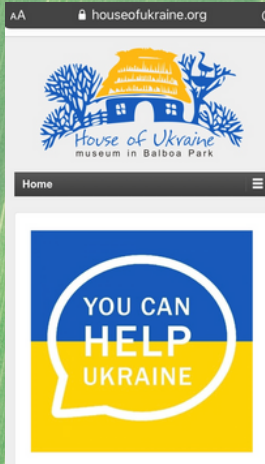
THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT



The Butterfly Project was founded in San Diego in 2006 by educator Jan Landau and artist Cheryl Tattner Price as a gentle yet profound way to teach Holocaust education. It is an artistic educational project that memorializes the 1.5 million children who died in the Holocaust, and honors the survivors.



On Monday, March 21 the students of B2, B8, and B9 got to partake in this project. This is our first year participating. The students listened to presenters that are descendants of Holocaust survivors. They taught them what the Holocaust is and their families personal stories. They told them about people that were upstanders during the Holocaust and how they need to be upstanders in their lives. The students the next day received a card with information about one of the children who died during the Holocaust. After reading their card they then painted a butterfly in remembrance of that child. Our task now is to create a memorial at our site for these butterflies and the many more to come over the years as we continue to take part in this act of remembrance and hope.



JACKET DONATIONS TO UKRAINE



"7 bags, of 159 beautiful and washed jackets went to house of Ukraine. They were so grateful. The volunteers are so kind and positive. They said refugees will be coming here and will need these as well. Thanks again for allowing me the honor of doing this! Thanks to all the BW pandas." - Parent Volunteer Beth

THE M.E.E TAKES FLIGHT



A Roller Coaster for Marbles by M.E.E.T
(Mini c EEI team)Electric Eel)

M.E.E.T is a marble roller coaster building team of Fourth Grade students. M.E.E.T was formed by the students of B10.

"We were studying energy and how it gets formed, when Mrs. Filner let us build roller coasters to build in the library," says B10 student Quinn. "We were in teams when we decided to put all of our tracks together which made our roller coaster." This roller coaster was supposed to help us understand energy and how it's formed, but it turned into something much more. Our creation was powered by the energy in a marble that went a long way into a cup.

-Written by Simone, Quinn, Amanuel and Dylan

LEPRECHAUN SIGHTINGS AT BW!

Third graders attempted to help out BW by catching those naughty leprechauns. Unfortunately, they escaped each and every trap. Drat!



A WELL-EARNED RECESS DANCE PARTY

