

APRIL 2022 - 2ND HALF

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Benchley-Weinberger Elementary

April



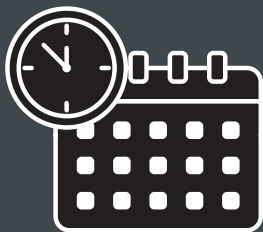
## WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

Please remember during the upcoming warm weather months, to sunscreen up your students prior to school and throw in some chapstick in their backpacks for those chapped lips.



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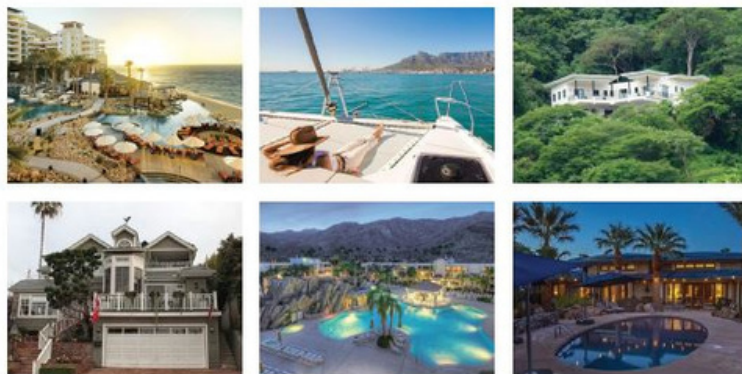


- April 23  
Derby Gala/Auction
- May 13  
Gr 3-5 Panda Prom

Check the BW website for more details

## LIVE AUCTION ITEM PREVIEWS

Check out some of the items @ tomorrow's auction



## GET READY TO BID!

Want to get a preview of what will be available during the live auction at the Benchley-Weinberger gala fundraiser? Here are some incredible stays, experiences and opportunities going to the highest bidder:

LEOPARD 45' CATAMARAN DAY SAIL FOR 10 | VALUE: \$2,500

HISTORIC COPLEY ESTATE "HAPPY DAYS" 2 NIGHT STAY | VALUE: \$3,000

GRAND SOLMAR LANDS END, CABO SAN LUCAS 7 NIGHT STAY | VALUE: \$4,200

SPECTACULAR LA JOLLA SHORES BEACH HOUSE 4 NIGHT STAY | VALUE: \$3,000

VILLA SANTA LUZ, COSTA RICA 7 NIGHT STAY FOR 10 | VALUE: \$15,000

PALM CANYON RESORT, PALM SPRINGS 7 NIGHT STAY | VALUE: \$4,200

SDPD RIDE ALONG EXPERIENCE | VALUE: PRICELESS

VIP (VERY IMPORTANT PANDA) PARKING SPOT | VALUE: PRICELESS

5TH GRADE PROMOTION RESERVED PARKING SPOT | VALUE: PRICELESS

...plus so many more silent auction items and raffle opportunities!

Limited tickets remain at: [bwpta.ejoinme.org/bwauction2022](http://bwpta.ejoinme.org/bwauction2022)



# GR 3-5 PANDA PROM FAQs

**When is it?** May 13th @ 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Where is it?** Benchley Weinberger school. Tentatively set for outside, may change to inside

**Who's putting this on?** The Papa Pandas of BW in conjunction with the 5th grade class.

**Who's invited?** Any student grades 3-5.

**Why is it only grades 3-5?** This is a mutual decision between the panda prom organizers and the school administrators to limit the attendance, and to also have something for the younger grades to look forward to in the future.

**Is this a dance for students to bring other students as a date?** No. This is a spirit event in which the student will be bringing an adult guardian as their accompanying person.

**If I have 2 children, one in grades 3-5 and one not, can I bring both?** No, this is for students grade 3-5.

**Is this a "drop off" event?** No. Each student must have an accompanying guardian.

**Is there a charge for Panda Prom?** No. The Papa Pandas are passionate about making this free of charge. There will be food available for purchase, prepared by the 5th grade class. All revenue from the food goes toward the fifth grade class (and future 5th grade classes)

**Will there be a DJ?** Yes! We will have an amazing DJ at Panda Prom.

**Do we need to stay the whole time?** No, you may come and go as you please as long as you take your children.

**What else will be at Panda Prom?** There will be photo booths and glow sticks. Donations will be accepted for both and will go toward putting on future Panda Proms.


## YEARBOOK ORDERING TIME!

[Click Here to order your yearbook for 2021-2022 Year](#)


**Passcode 101601053329134**

**Our deadline for custom pages is May 13**

## LEVEL UP SUMMER ACTIVITIES



**LEVEL UP SD**  
A Summer of Learning and Joy




The San Diego Unified School District and the San Diego Foundation created the Level Up SD for all K-12 students to enjoy summer activities beyond the classroom. Please join us to learn about the Level Up SD summer activities from more than 65 non-profit organizations, free of charge and open to all San Diego Unified students.

**Monday, April 25, 2022**  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

or

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**  
10:30am - 11:30am

 **Meeting link:**  
<https://sandiegounified.zoom.us/j/87151367319>

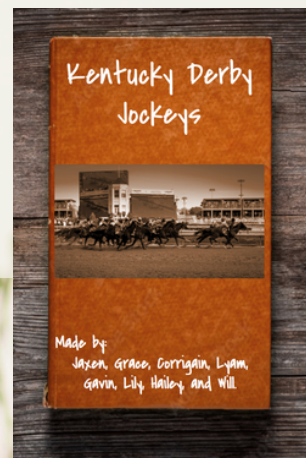
**Meeting ID**  
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**Interpretation services available:**  
Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, and Tagalog  
Interpretation services start 15 minutes before each meeting.

If you need interpretation in another language, please click on the link and fill out the form at least 3 days ahead of the workshop:  
<https://forms.gle/q3phGumNNaM3STDs9>

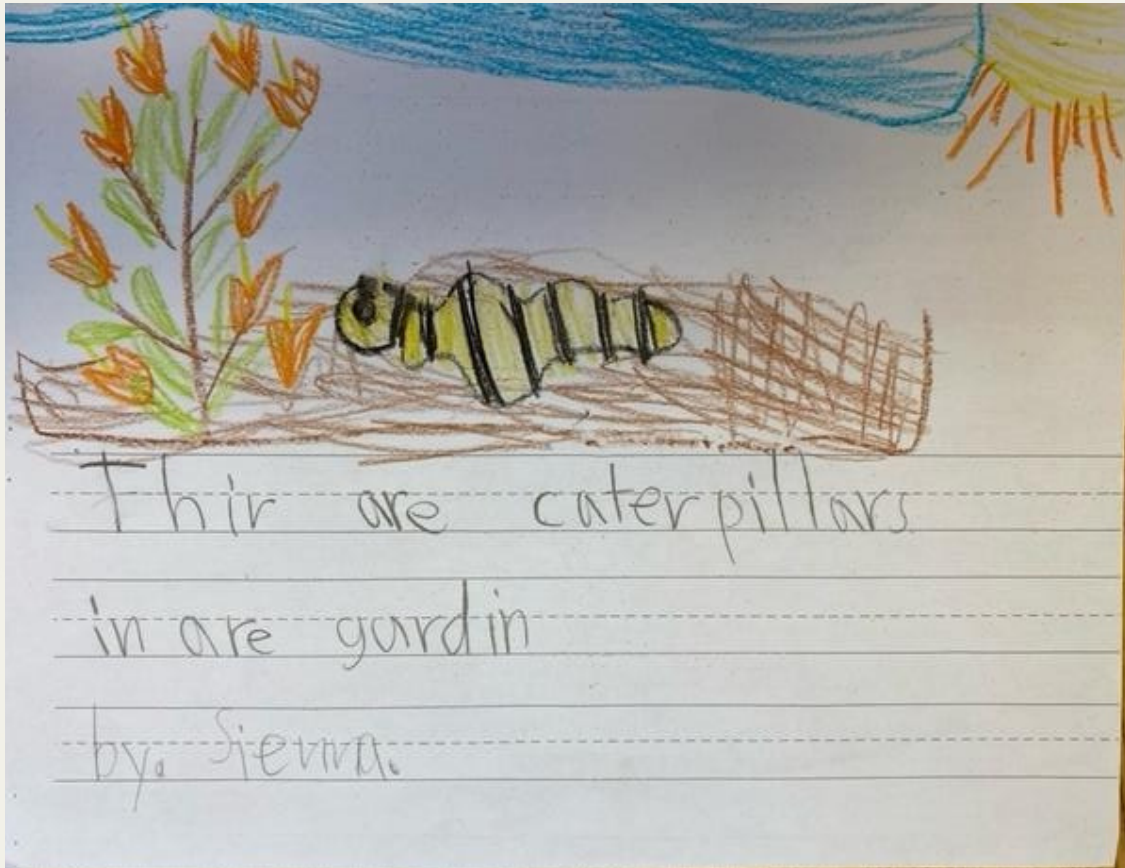
## KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

B-8 has been studying the history of underrepresented jockeys in the Kentucky Derby so they can teach parents at the upcoming Gala. If you're attending, check out the booklet on each table.





## NEW EDITIONS TO THE KINDER-GARDEN





# PANDA WITH HEART REFRESH

We're using student voice to refresh our Panda With Heart vision. Our ASB team took a look at the previous Panda With Heart contract and pulled out the most impactful words. Then our recent 4th grade Panda With Heart Award winners created a vision statement. Next, the Ambassador Club worked on defining what that vision should look and sound like at recess and in the classroom. Our final steps will be to design a way to share this out with the school.

Here's our new Panda With Heart  
Vision Statement

