

### **Last Week in BUSD Volume #3**

*Last Week in BUSD is a window into events/activities that we share with BUSD teachers and staff through the PIO News. We can't capture everything, but the goal is to give you a snapshot of what's going on in the District. Please send additional items that we miss that are of interest to our teachers and staff to [markcoplan@berkeley.net](mailto:markcoplan@berkeley.net) for inclusion in the next issue.*

### **Thousand Oaks 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Friends with Words**

The 5th graders at Thousand Oaks performed a play about allies, bystanders, targets and excluders. Written and directed by teacher Jennifer Wendel, the play explores the effect of unkind words, and the role we all play when they are used. Jefferson 5th graders and Thousand Oaks 4th graders made a great audience. Jefferson students and teachers walked to T.O., and the performance and the message were worth it.

Thousand Oaks 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Friends with Words Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157651256956994>

Thousand Oaks 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Friends with Words Video: <https://vimeo.com/129163968>

### **Rosa Parks Mock Trial 2015**

This was the second annual mock trial for Rosa Parks students, and was the brainchild of board member Ty Alper, whose other hat is that of law professor at the UC Berkeley Boalt School of Law. As Director Alper said in his remarks, "This is not a play. These students have been given the facts of the case, not a script." The students first learn about the law, and the roles in the court in the after school program. Then they were divided into teams, given the facts of the case, and they develop a case for the defense and the prosecution. Other students make up the jury and witnesses. They hold the trial in a mock courtroom at the law school, and the case is preceded over by a real judge.

Rosa Parks Mock Trial 2015 Photos:

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### **Longfellow Spring Concert 2015**

Longfellow has a wide range of musical opportunities for their students, and you can enjoy band and orchestra, jazz band, chorus and modern music all in one great show. Check out photos and video of the performances. They are posted on the Student Performance page on the BUSD website: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/2015/05/07/busd-student-production-2015/>

### **BUSD Parent Technology Training**

Our Office of Family Engagement and Equity worked on this important workshop for parents with BUSD Technology, Professional Development, and a parent with expertise in child psychology and the impact of social media. The workshop, "Keeping Our Children Safe with Technology" was well attended by a diverse group of parents from across the District. This well thought out collaboration gave parents practical tools to use with their own family, and a better understanding of the hazards and the options available to them.

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Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157653909976731>

### **BHS Bridge Graduation 2015**

This was the second cohort of students to complete Berkeley High's Bridge Program, and Bridge teacher Kimberley D'Adamo couldn't have been any prouder of these students she has mentored for the past four years. This was the first of a series of small learning communities graduations, leading up to the big graduation at the Greek Theater on June 12th.

BHS Bridge Graduation 2015 Photos:

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### **Berkeley High Band and Orchestra Final Concert 2015**

Friday night was the last concert of the year for the Berkeley High Band and Orchestra. Music teachers Karen Wells and Mary Dougherty have built the group to over 140 musicians. They have had an extraordinary year, but they really outdid themselves Friday night.

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### **BHS African American Studies Graduation 2015**

The African American Studies Department Graduation included students from all of BHS's small learning communities, as well as students from Independent Studies and Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA).

BHS African American Studies Graduation 2015 Program Photos:

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BHS African American Studies Graduation 2015 The Graduates Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157653409940730>

### **Thousand Oaks Carnival 2015**

Thousand Oaks held their spring carnival on Sunday. There was no shortage of activities for the kids, but as usual, the highlights were the Quilt Raffle and the Cake Walk and Cake Decorations Contest. The winning cake was one of at least three depicting the Warriors championship, and among some pretty amazing designs, everyone wanted the winning cake. You'll just have to see it.

Thousand Oaks Carnival 2015 Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157653757548556>