

Last Week in BUSD Volume #4

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 for inclusion in the next issue.

BUSD Middle School Jazz Bands at Yoshi's

Last week kicked off with all three BUSD middle schools performing at Yoshi's in Jack London Square. Our middle schools play there every year, and they seem to be better every time.

Watch for photos and video of all three performances on the BUSD website:

<http://www.berkeleyschools.net/2015/06/08/busd-student-production-2015/>

BUSD Retirement Celebration 2015

This year's retirement celebration hosted by Human Resources staff was the biggest to date. Retirees, friends and family packed the west wing of the King Dining Commons, enjoyed a delicious Vietnamese dinner and warm and touching speeches;1 and each retiree was gifted with an engraved sterling silver frame in which to enjoy their retirement photo. To top it off, three school board members were able to attend and passed out the certificates! Enjoy photos of the event.

BUSD Retirement Celebration 2015 Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157653936957141>

BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting

Last week was the final meeting of a very busy year for the BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee. This important oversight committee has representation from every BUSD school, and its members oversee the \$25,000,000 that our local BSEP parcel tax provides for our schools. Learn more about the important work of this committee and the BSEP

staff: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/bsep/>

BSEP P&O Committee Meeting June 2 2015 Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157654311927005>

Berkeley All Stars Youth Leadership Gala 2015

Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) worked with Berkeley High School, Berkeley Technology Academy and Berkeley Youth Alternatives to put together a gala celebration to honor Berkeley youth. A Berkeley organization serving homeless and otherwise challenged adults and youth in our community, BOSS really came through for our students last Thursday night.

Berkeley All Stars Youth Leadership Gala 2015

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157654085538622>

BHS Advanced and ROP Photography 2015

Berkeley High's advanced and ROP photography students had a very creative exhibition last Wednesday night. I couldn't make the show because it conflicted with the school board meeting, but I was able to slip in earlier and capture the entire show for your enjoyment.

BHS Advanced and ROP Photography 2015

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157651835417153>

BUSD Board Video Updates

Check out BUSD Board Video Updates and follow all of their discussions and decisions.

Last weeks' discussion items were the BSEP planning process and report on Berkeley High's recent WASC report.

BUSD Board Video Updates June 3 2015 (attached)

LCAP - PAC Meeting

Last Thursday was the final meeting of the year for the LCAP* Parent Advisory Committee. The PAC and the Educators Advisory Committee (EAC) advise the Board and the Superintendent in the LCAP process. *Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

LCAP – PAC Meeting June 4 2015 Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157653897235208>

Bay Area Book Festival WriterCoach* Competition

You may have noticed the Bay Area Book Festival that took over the entire downtown area of Berkeley over the weekend. One of the highlights of the event was the Bay Area Book Festival WriterCoach Competition, which honored student authors from Berkeley High School and all three BUSD middle schools. WriterCoach Connection has provided adult writing coaches in Berkeley secondary schools for years, and has expanded their successful program to other school districts. This event only confirms their success with Berkeley students. **WriterCoach Connection is Trademark*

Bay Area Book Festival WriterCoach Competition Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/53901376@N04/sets/72157654188273655>

Bay Area Book Festival WriterCoach* Competition Video: <https://vimeo.com/130011104>

Graduations 2015

Berkeley High small learning communities' graduations are in full swing, and are about to begin their celebrations. You can already see photos of the following celebrations on the BUSD website under Graduations 2015: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/2015/06/06/busd-promotions-and-graduations-2015/>

Now On-line:

BHS Bridge Graduation 2015

BHS AC Graduation 2015

BHS African American Studies Graduation 2015

Independent Studies Graduation 2015

Berkeley All-stars Youth Leadership Awards

BIHS Graduation 2015

BHS Green Academy Graduation 2015

BHS Chicano/Latino Graduation 2015

BHS CAS Graduation

Berkeley High Graduation 2015 – Greek Theater

Sorry for the ones we were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Upcoming Graduations:

Willard Middle School Thursday June 11 7:00 p.m. Berkeley Community Theater (BHS)

Longfellow Middle School Thursday June 11 3:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church (Dana at Channing)

King Middle School Thursday June 11 4:00 p.m. Berkeley Community Theater (BHS)

Berkeley High School Graduation *includes I.S. and BTA 5:00 p.m. Cal Berkeley's Greek Theater