



Summer Fellowship Applications Open February 1

Applications for 2016 [Teacher Summer Fellowships](#) will open on Monday, February 1. The deadline for applications is Monday, February 29 at 5pm.



Summer Fellowships began in the summer of 2012, and since then the Schools Fund has funded about six fellows each summer. Teachers choose their own projects, and grants serve to broaden personal and professional experiences. Fellowships also provide teachers with additional professional development opportunities beyond those that standard budgets and time might allow.

You can read more about last year's Summer Fellows [here](#).

Jefferson Student Film at Bay Area International Children's

Film Festival



A short film made by Jefferson second grade students was recently chosen for the [Bay Area International Children's Film Festival!](#) "Persevere: The Wilma Rudolph Movie" tells the story of the first American woman to win

three gold medals at the 1960 Summer Olympics.

"Persevere" was born out of 2nd grade teacher Lisa Rossi's Schools Fund Classroom Grant for [Berkeley Rep's Story Builders](#) program. Rossi explains, "We absolutely loved our time with Carla, our Berkeley Rep instructor, and the students were able to move so much of what they learned into our language arts curriculum. We used these skills to write, narrate, and act in 'Persevere.'"

[Purchase tickets](#) for the Film Festival here! Students will participate in a Director's Q&A after the screening, [which takes place on January 31 at 1pm.](#)

On the Blog: World of Hip Hop at Washington Elementary

This semester we're visiting classrooms throughout the schools to observe and experience some of the many Schools Fund Classroom Grants awarded in the fall. First up: [Hilary Mitchell's grant for World of Hip Hop](#), which has become a staple of the Washington School community over the past 12 years. Head over to [the blog](#) to read all about how Ms. Mitchell and her dance consultant, Mr. Santos get students "in the dance zone," and how confidence created through dance transfers to the rest of a student's academic and personal success.



Help Support Cragmont Teacher, Claire Dugan



On January 2, Cragmont teacher Claire Dugan was the victim of random gun violence when she was shot in the face and neck while driving. She and her partner, Lori, were also injured from the subsequent car collision.

A fund has been set up to help with medical bills and living expenses while they are recovering; they are about \$5,000 from their goal. [Please donate](#) to help one of our dedicated teachers and her family during this tragic time.

BAMPFA Opening Soon!

The new Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) is opening at the end of this month. To celebrate, the museum is offering exciting [programming and events for families](#). From free admission on [Community Day](#) (January 31) to workshops and film screenings, there are many ways to enjoy the new museum space with your youngsters!



Donor Spotlight: Acme Bread Company



This month's Donor Spotlight is [Acme Bread Company](#). Part of what makes our annual Spring

Luncheon so wonderful is the opportunity to showcase fresh, local ingredients. Acme Bread has been donating to the Berkeley Public Schools Fund for over 12 years! Our Spring Luncheon tables always feature delicious bread donated by the company, and they have also been frequent Luncheon sponsors and donors.

Save the Date: 2016 Spring Luncheon

The **2016 Spring Luncheon** is on **Friday, May 6** at Hs Lordships on the Berkeley Marina. We'll announce this year's theme very soon so stay tuned! You can get a jump start on this year's Luncheon by sending in your [Sponsor Commitment](#) form or [purchasing individual tickets](#). We hope to see you there!



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