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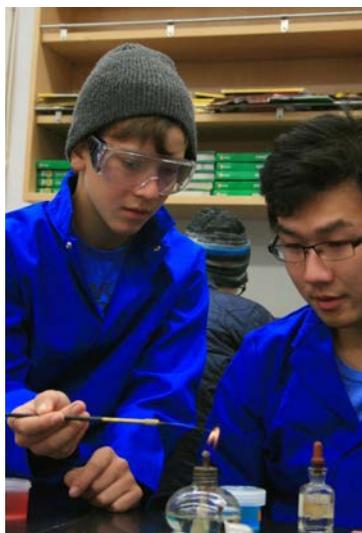
The 2016 Spring Luncheon is on **Friday, May 6**. This year's theme is *Let the Music Play*, honoring the BUSD music program. It's not too late to show your support as a [Sponsor](#). This event always sells out, so the time to purchase your [tickets](#) is now! Don't miss out on this annual community event! We hope to see you there.

Friday, May 6, 11am–1:30pm
Hs Lordships on the Berkeley Marina.



Curious about what the Spring Luncheon is all about? Check out this [highlights video](#) from last year's Spring Luncheon, filmed and edited by Berkeley High's Phil Halpern.

On the Blog: Be a Scientist—A Symbiotic Partnership



This month we welcome guest bloggers Teresa Barnett (Community Resources for Science), Kate Spohr (Berkeley Research Development Office), and Mary Wildermuth (UC Berkeley's Department of Plant and Microbial Biology) to tell us why Be A Scientist, a 7th grade hands-on science program supported by a [Strategic Impact Grant](#) and a UC Community Partnership grant, is not only important to our middle school students, but also UC Berkeley scientists.

"Be A Scientist engages UC Berkeley graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and upper-level undergraduates as role models for 7th graders in the Berkeley schools as they design and carry out their own individual scientific investigations. Berkeley 7th graders benefit from having individualized instruction and mentoring from enthusiastic young scientists, while UC Berkeley students and postdocs learn critical communication, instructional, project management, and mentoring skills that are essential building blocks for their future careers, whether in basic or applied research, teaching, science communication, public policy, or any number of other occupations."

[Read the full post here.](#)

Donor Spotlight: Local and Fresh at the Luncheon

This month's Donor Spotlight features the businesses who supply the local and fresh ingredients for our always delicious menu at the Spring Luncheon.

Thanks to all of their generosity, over 90% of the money raised at the luncheon goes directly to our schools!



The Luncheon is catered by **Curt Clingman**, a Chez Panisse and Oliveto's alum. Our generous purveyors include [Edmunds St. John Fine Wines](#), (their 17th year providing wine), [Monterey Fish](#), [Monterey Market](#), [Cooks Company Produce](#), [Beaune Imports](#), [Full Belly Farm](#), [Riverdog Farm](#), [Oya Organics](#), [Happy Boy Farm](#), [Ital Foods](#), [Kashiwase Farms](#), [Whole Foods Gilman](#), [Berkeley Natural Grocery](#), [Acme Bread](#), and [Peet's Coffee](#).

THANK YOU to all of our Luncheon purveyors! We look forward to an amazing meal on May 6th!

Friends & Family: Ready for the Centennial—Willard Mural



Our [Friends & Family Grants](#) site has several projects currently looking for funding. Teachers from Longfellow, Thousand Oaks, BAM, Willard, and King Middle are looking for donations for a variety of projects—some are even school-wide.

Our biggest Friends & Family grant to date is George Rose's [Willard Middle School Mosaic Tile Mural](#). Students have designed the mural, which will adorn 800 square feet and reflect the spirit of the school community—just in time for their Centennial celebration in the Fall. They still need to raise \$12,483! In addition to donations, Mr. Rose is also looking for volunteers to help with the project in the summer. [Email him](#) for additional information.

[Megan AbramsonWard](#) is seeking funds to bring Michael Bauce to her second grade classroom to teach students how healthy, organic fruits, vegetables, and grains help their bodies. AbramsonWard writes, "By bringing cooking into the classroom, the process will lend itself to our new informative writing curriculum. By experiencing the cooking procedure, students will write detailed accounts of how they measured, counted, cut, and chopped. They will also write about the nutrition, the science behind cooking, and their five senses." [Donate here](#).

Check out [Friends & Family](#) to find even more projects to support!

Cal Day on Saturday

[Cal Day](#) is this Saturday, April 16 on the UC Berkeley campus. Explore over 400 events, including lectures, performances, and tours of museums, gardens, and galleries. Programs geared toward kids and families "introduce your family to the wide world of Berkeley. Watch dancers move and groove, hear the boom of the Cal band, hug a robot, and get some hands-on science experience." [Full Kid and Family programming here.](#)



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