



2016 Spring Luncheon: The Highlights

The 2016 Spring Luncheon was on Friday, May 6. This year's theme was ***Let the Music Play***, honoring the BUSD music program. Almost 500 Attendees were treated to beautiful performances from LeConte Elementary School third graders, Longfellow Middle School Mariachi Band, and the Berkeley High Chorus. Caterer Curt Clingman provided a delicious locally-sourced meal. It was a great celebration and we raised a record amount to support Berkeley's public schools!



Thank you so much to everyone who attended the luncheon! You can check out photos from the event [here](#).

On the Blog: Bringing the Arts to Life



[Alan Miller's Storytelling Festival](#) at Berkeley High and [Gladys Biscocho's grant for an Art Show](#) at Franklin Preschool.

The Storytelling Festival featured three culturally diverse storytellers. Charlie Chan shared a Chinese folktale, Kanyon Sayers-Roods offered stories and music from her Native Community, and Diane Ferlatte brought an Aesop fable to the 21st century with banjo music and 2016 issues. Read more [here](#).

In the Building Artists blog piece, we juxtapose Franklin Preschool's art show with Berkeley High's. The post features many photos and notes about the beautiful pieces in each show. Check them out [here](#).

Livestream Classroom Grant: Longfellow Balloon Launch



On May 4, Matt Hinckley's Longfellow 8th graders live streamed a high-altitude balloon launch as part of a Schools Fund Classroom Grant project. The project involved refining lab report writing skills and predicting conditions at extremely high altitudes based on their understanding of physical science concepts. [You can watch the results here!](#)

Benefit Concert for Berkeley High Jazz Program

Pacific Mambo Orchestra for a glamorous evening of big band sounds and Latin dancing at the new UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall on Friday, June 3rd. This event will benefit the BHS Jazz Program and ensure that every music student has access to world-class programs. Learn more about the event and purchase tickets [here](#).



Donor Spotlight: Berkeley Federation of Teachers



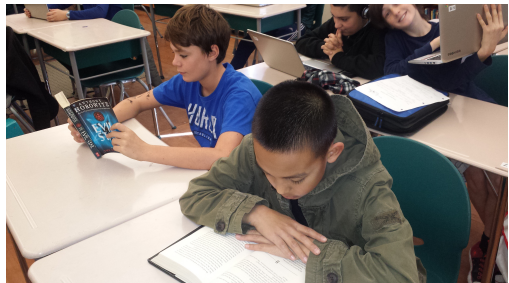
This month's Donor Spotlight features the [Berkeley Federation of Teachers \(BFT\)](#).

The BFT is made up of 800 teachers (K-12, Adult School, and Child Development), counselors, substitutes, school psychologists, Adaptive PE teachers, librarians, and speech pathologists serving

Berkeley public school students. The BFT has been donating to the Schools Fund since 1990, including as longtime Spring Luncheon sponsors. Thank you, BFT, for all you do for Berkeley teachers!

Friends & Family: Let's Make Them All Successful!

Our [Friends & Family Grants](#) site has a small batch of grants looking for funding right now. Let's finish the school year strong and make these all successful projects! Click below to donate to these fun projects:



[Steven Conley's "Books for Reluctant Readers." King Middle](#)

[George Rose's "Willard Middle School Mosaic Tile Mural," Willard](#)

[Vanessa Sinai's "We Need a New Rug," Berkeley Arts Magnet](#)

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