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Team Schools Fund 2016: Bigger, Faster, Stronger

The Berkeley Half gets better every year and Team Schools Fund, in its 4th year, is doing our part by getting ready to break our previous records! Join Team Schools Fund to raise money for our schools—we can give you 357 reasons: the number of [grants we were able to award](#) to Berkeley teachers last year!



Berkeley Half Details

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Races this year include 5k, 10k and Half Marathon

Just click "Get Started" on the [Fundraising/Team Page](#)

Runners have the choice to join the Race for Free program, which gives you free race registration in exchange for a modest fundraising goal. So get running!



If you follow us on [Facebook](#), then you already know we've been participating in a phenomenal program this summer: the [Young African Leaders Initiative](#) (YALI). President Obama launched YALI in 2010 to support young African

leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. The UC Berkeley Public Policy School is host to 25 of this year's 1,000 YALI Fellows, and each is placed with a local non-profit for 4 days during their 6 week stay.

We have been thrilled to share our work and that of our partners with Alhasan Bah from Gambia and Steven Harageib from Namibia once a week in July. These amazing young men have inspired us, shared their stories, and laughed with us.

Alhasan and Steven presented some of their work to us in an informal brown bag lunch last week. Steven shared about his work with women and children (especially those suffering from gender-based violence or human trafficking), career counseling, and the LGBTQ community. Alhasan, a teacher with a class of 75, shared about his work starting the first library in his town, hosting a radio program, and supporting women and children's rights in Gambia.

You can see a video of Alhasan's presentation [here](#), and a video of Steven's [here](#).

Nickels for Non-Profits at Whole Foods Gilman

As part of their Nickels for Non-Profits program, [Whole Foods Gilman](#) will be donating five cents to the Schools Fund every time a customer uses a reusable bag between now and August 31. You're saving the environment and supporting Berkeley schools! So be sure to dig out those snazzy Schools Fund bags (or any reusable bag) for your next grocery run!



Getting Muddy and Telling Stories: Blog Round Up



This month on our blog we're featuring two projects from Berkeley elementary schools: LeConte's [Inquiry Play Forest Day](#) Strategic Impact Grant and the [Berkeley Rep Story Builders](#) program.

LeConte teachers Erika Englund and Natalia Bernal wanted to address the issue that students are spending less and less time outdoors. They used their grant money to bring 76 Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students to Joaquin Miller Park once a month, guiding them in science and math lessons, allowing time for child-directed play, and acting out stories they read aloud in the classroom. Read more about the project and parent and student responses [on the blog](#).

For over a decade, the Schools Fund has partnered with Berkeley Rep to bring the Story Builders program to elementary classrooms. This past year, we started offering the program to every 3rd grade class in the District. These workshops couple children's stories with drama techniques, tapping into a variety of learning styles and opportunities for all students. Learn more



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