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Berkeley Public Schools Fund Jumpstart their future

More and More Classroom Grant Applications



Applications for 2016-17 Classroom Grants are in, and like last year, more teachers are taking advantage of the opportunity to broaden and deepen student learning through field trips, art, bigger classroom libraries and a growing emphasis on science instruction - just to name a few. We received almost \$450,000 in requests, more than we can grant. **You can help more teachers accomplish their goals for their students**

this year by donating <u>here</u> before the end of October and indicate that you want to support this year's classroom grants.

Team Schools Fund 2016 at the Berkeley Half Marathon

The Berkeley Half gets better every year and in our 4th year as the race's Charitable Partner, we're getting ready to break our previous records! In the past three years, we've raised \$90,000 in total with our Berkeley Half team - that's about 150 classroom grants. Join the Team!

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 for the Schools Fund. **Here's**



an extra incentive: if you raise \$500 with at least 3 donations between October 25 - November 8, you could be picked for a match by the Berkeley Half.

AND...

Do you know a high school student taking the ACT or SAT tests soon? Sign up for Team Schools Fund and receive **free access for 6 months to** <u>Magoosh</u>, the online test prep platform that's like having "a private tutor, anytime, anywhere." It's a \$99 value from a Berkeley start-up and generous supporter of the Schools Fund!

Boatwright/Weinstein Music Scholarship Benefit Concert



THANK YOU to local jazz musicians Herbie Mims & Friends, including guest vocalists Janice Maxie Reid and Daria Nile for their phenomenal performances at the Freight & Salvage this past Monday to benefit the <u>Boatwright/Weinstein</u> <u>Scholarship Fund</u>. The scholarship provides private music lessons for students who have interest in deepening their musical training beyond the BUSD middle school program, but can't afford private lessons. The goal is to maintain diversity in the music program as it becomes an elective in middle school and high

school.

The concert also featured performances by Berkeley High School Jazz Combo, "Smoked Gouda" with Lev Ami, Max Nierlich, Quinn Rocklinone, Liam Ereneta and Aidan Price and members of the Berkeley High Chamber Orchestra: Gabrielle Montenegro, Lady Ibarra, Itzel Montano. See more pictures here.

Donate here to support the Boatwright/Weinstein Scholarship.

2016-17 Volunteer Opportunities—Tell Your Friends!

New Volunteer Orientations Each Week!

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer but don't know where to start? To learn more about the BSV process, please visit our volunteer page.

We have a number of teachers ready for volunteers - from working with ESL students at the Adult



School to Kindergarten classrooms plus gardens, libraries, after school programs, and more!"

Thursday October 27 from 12noon – 1pm Thursday November 3 from 11am – 12noon Tuesday November 8 from 1pm – 2pm Thursday November 17 from 12noon – 1pm

Teachers: Click here to request a volunteer for 2016-17!

Family Fun: Berkeley Sunday Streets This Sunday

<u>Sunday Streets</u> is happening in Berkeley this Sunday, October 23rd from 11am–4pm. Two miles of Shattuck Avenue from Rose Street to Haste Street



are closed to cars and open to biking, skating, dancing and playing in the street. It's great fun for kids!



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