



Planning & Implementation Grant

The REACH Charter School has applied for, and received, a 3-year Planning and Implementation Grant from the California Department of Education. These grants are federal funds administered by the state to help new charter schools in early start-up and implementation. REACH applied for the funds immediately after its charter was awarded by the Sebastopol Union School Board in May, and was formally notified in October that its application had been accepted. The grant is for \$250,000 dollars over a 3-year period, with \$150,000 available the first year, \$50,000 the second year, and another \$50,000 the third year.

REACH will use the funds primarily to fund the directorship of the charter school, as well as continuing to focus on excellence in arts; project-based learning; thematic instruction; differentiation; and support for the school's positive social climate.

Drama Club Performances This Week!

by Sophie Lev

This year the Drama Club is performing a twisted fairy tale. In the movie Shrek, the fairytale creatures all get shoved together in Shrek's swamp while Shrek goes to save Fiona.

Our play is a TV show about how the all fairy tale creatures cope in that situation, but it is a modernized version. It features The Frog Prince, Goldilocks, The Three Bears, The Three Blind Mice, The Big Bad Wolf, The Seven Dwarfs, The Three Little Pigs, The Ginger Bread Girl, The Golden Hen, and Pinocchio.

Watch romance, anger, and drama unfold at Reality Fairy Tale. Fun for the whole family!!!

Drama Club Production
Wednesday November 4th

Student performance: 11:00 am, BH Drama Room

Family & Friends Performance: 5:30 pm, BH Drama Room

Mark Your Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 29

All School Field Trip: *Where the Wild Things Are*, 10am

Tues., Nov. 3

4/5 Field Trip: Sonoma County Museum, 9:45am

Wed., Nov. 11

NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

Mon., Nov. 16

Parent Meeting, 6:30pm BH Library

Wed., Nov. 18

Culmination, 1:30pm

Thurs., Nov. 19

End Trimester I

Mon., Nov. 23

RPF Meeting, 6:30pm BH Library

Mon., Dec. 14

RPF Meeting, 6:30pm BH Library

Mon., Dec. 21 - Mon., Jan. 3

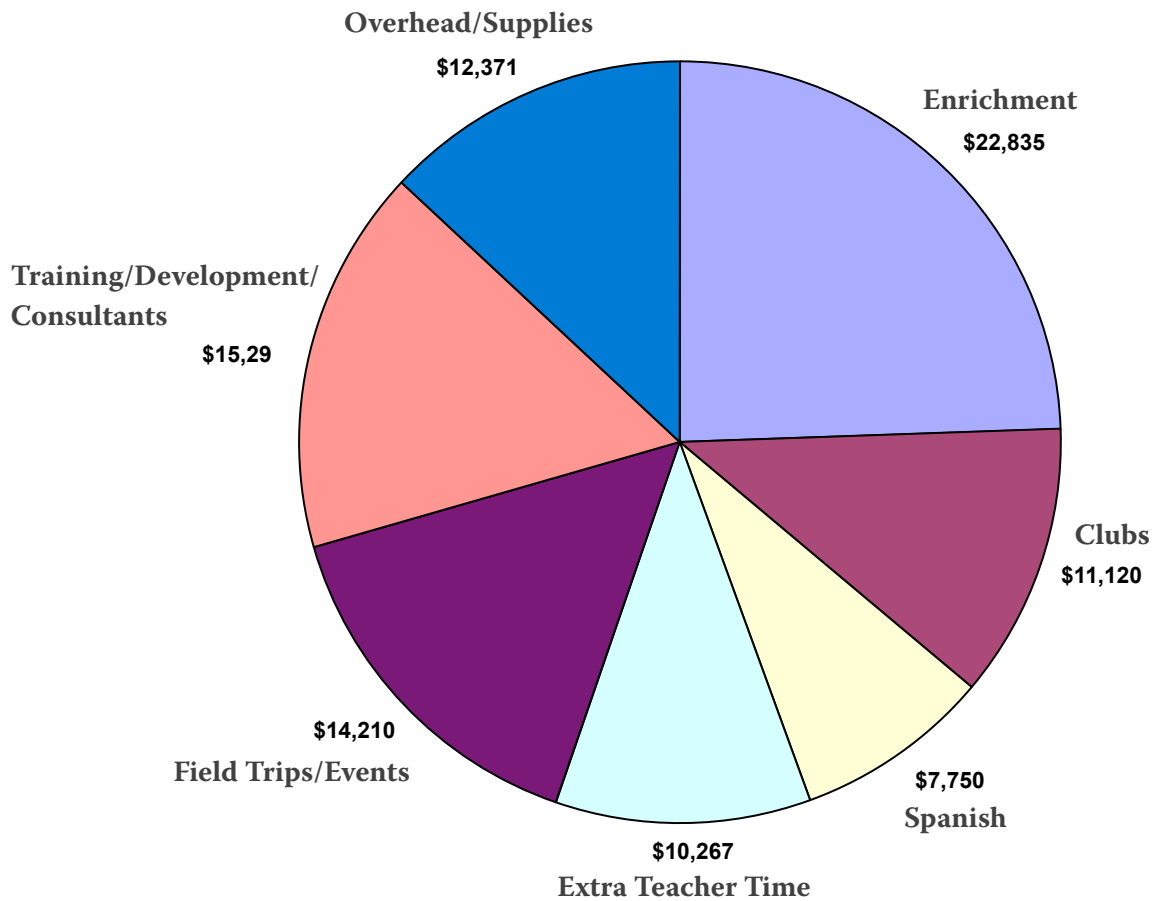
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Day of the Dead - Ben Lev, Spanish teacher

In Mexico, the **Día de los Muertos** is an important fiesta that culminates on November 2. We will make a class altar with candles, flowers, special bread, and most importantly, something to help us remember our family members, friends or pets who have died. Students can bring in decorations, photos and drawings starting this week. The altar will go up this week and stay up into early November.

RPF EXPENDITURES FY 2009

This chart shows actual expenditures for the 2008-9 fiscal year for the REACH Parent Foundation. RPF's budget in 08-09 was funded primarily through parent pledges (73%) with the balance provided through additional private donations including the funding from the Vivian Springford Charitable Trust we received in January 2009.



Parent Teams!

Many thanks to the Field Trip Parent Team:

Rachelle Steele, Marianna Poulos, Davy Figaro, and Jeanne Carter,

for finding and setting up field trips for REACH students. This awesome team has already met twice since the beginning of the school year and has worked directly with teachers to find the field trips that are a best fit for curricula and students. It is a lot of detail work, and procedures are still being worked out—all the more reason to appreciate these parents for their time and thoughtful participation. *-Casey Morrigan*

E-scrip Update For Safeway Shoppers

Families who have Safeway Club Cards must renew your cards (which can be done online) by Nov. 1st for your contributions to continue without interruption.

The REACH News Team is:

Greg Armstrong • Sherry Fader • Fred Poulos • Leila Rand • Stella Rijeka • Paul Schwebel

We welcome submissions! Due every other Thursday to Leila Rand: mamabear1012@comcast.net.

Contact Leila with any questions.

Nutrition for the Family: Supercharge Your Brain to the Head of the Class with these “Brain” Foods

By Sherry Fader

Keep it colorful and varied: Turns out that eating fruits and vegetables are not only good for our bodies but they give our brains a big boost as well. Blueberries, Raspberries, Apples, Broccoli, Chard, Carrots. Share your favorite with a friend.

Yippee for Yogurt: Provides protein essential to neurotransmitters which help the brain stay awake and alert. The calcium aids memory function. Look for yogurt without a lot of sugar and add some fruit, granola, or nuts on top for a super brain booster.

Are you nuts? Did you know that peanuts, walnuts, cashews, almonds and pecans as well as flax and sunflower seeds contain vitamins and minerals that are essential to cognitive function? Great alone or in salads, baked goods, etc.

Water, water, everywhere – don’t forget to drink plenty of it. Your brain is made up of mostly water so allowing yourself to get dehydrated can interfere with concentration. Keeping a bottle at your desk is a great way to sip away.

Avoid Brain Drain: stay away from foods with high-fructose corn syrup, sodas, refined white sugars, trans fats, and foods that are highly processed. Eating whole foods is the way to go for brain-boosting power.



Harry Potter at the SUSD Fall Festival! At right, from left: Professor Trelawney; George & Fred Weasley; Ginny Weasley; Harry Potter; Ron Weasley; Hermione Granger; Lavender Brown; Draco Malfoy; Luna Lovegood; Prof. McGonagall. Not pictured at right, but shown third from left in bottom row above: Cho Chang.

REACH Students at The Rep!

My name is Rachel and I’m in 8th grade. I love to act so I’m currently in the Rep’s student production of Night-fall. It is a play based on Edgar Allen Poe’s poems The Raven, Fall of the House of Usher, Pit and the Pendulum, and Telltale Heart. Each of those poems has been modified into scenes.

We have been working about 2.5 days a week for about 6 hours a week. It has been extremely hard with all the missed rehearsals because of illnesses various people had. I was no exception. We started in the beginning of September.

Three other REACH students in it are: **Jaida** (5th), **Noah** (6th), and **Emily** (7th). I think we would all appreciate it if you could come and support us. The show dates are the: 28th, 29th, and 30th at 7pm, and the 31st at 2pm.

Thank you, Rachel

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This is the first annual tournament for girls of all ages and skill levels! Players are grouped in quads, of similar grade level and will play a total of three games. Every player receives a medal and the winner of each quad receiving a trophy!

WHEN: February, 20, 2010, 10am. **Please arrive by 9:30.**

WHERE: Ursuline High School, Brescia Lounge.

WHO: All Girls, ages 5-17, any skill level welcome.

REGISTRATION: Must be received by February, 19. \$20 a player. Day of event, \$25

INFORMATION: Please contact: CHESS FOR KIDS, Inc. at (707)527-6427, (707)540-1831, or visit chessclubforkids.com

Registration form: ALL GIRLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

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Name: _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Add to list for future events _____