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## The Bitney Springs High School News

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The Bitney Springs High School News is a weekly publication distributed each Tuesday to parents, students and the community. If you have information for an upcoming issue, please E-mail [jan@tincatmedia.com](mailto:jan@tincatmedia.com) or leave a phone message at 530.477.2274.

### **KUDOS TO CODY NASH**

Cody Nash, a junior, received a \$100 prize in recognition of "Excellence displayed at the Annual Public Speaking Competition held by the Nevada County Historical Society." This is the first time a Bitney student has entered the contest. Congratulations Cody!!!

### **THANK YOU TO Parents...**

Thank you to Marie McCluskey (Senior parent) for coordinating efforts with the State of California who recently donated 30 computers to the school. The computers are slightly newer than our existing computers, but they have significantly more memory and are faster. Thanks also to Kate Allen (Sophomore parent) for helping organize volunteers to make repairs around the school to Rick Robbins (Freshman parent) for volunteering his carpentry skills and to Levi and Pat Montero (Junior parents) for making electrical repairs. On going thanks to Diana Patterson for managing the lunch program, and to Diane Gross, John Burnside and Kate Allen for their help.

### **THE WATER**

On November 11, Peter's Well treated the school's well with chlorine. The system was flushed the following Monday and follow-up testing confirmed that the water is now safe to drink.

### **PARKING**

Please DO NOT PARK at the curb in front of the school during morning drop off and after noon pick-up. Please pay attention to the recently added directional arrows that have been painted on the black top. Please be ready to exit/or enter your vehicle quickly.

### **TEACHER UPDATE**

As a result of personal/family issues, Patty Arnold, the computer teacher, has had to resign. Elizabeth Jens, who has been shadowing her for the past two weeks, will replace her. Elizabeth has a background in art and computer graphics and recently returned to the U.S. after living in Amsterdam where she completed her teaching credential.

### **RECYCLING**

Kate Allen is coordinating the recycling program at the school, which will begin in January. Start saving your cans and #1 plastic.

## **PLEDGING, FUNDRAISING, and ENROLLMENT UPDATES**

One third of our families have already made a pledge. Our goal is 100% participation. Please make a commitment to support Bitney—the only high school in Nevada County that can boast “***a supportive, college prep environment with small classes, enthusiastic teachers, and personal attention in an atmosphere of mutual respect.***”

Renee Powers, Painless Fundraising coordinator, has agreed to become Chair of the Fundraising Committee. If you have fundraising ideas or want to help on an upcoming fundraiser, please E-mail Renee with your ideas at [reneepowers@anandaconstruction.com](mailto:reneepowers@anandaconstruction.com)

As of today, 100 students are attending Bitney. Our enrollment goal for this year was 120 students, so if you know of students who are “***lost in the crowd***” at another high school, please tell them (or their parents) about our school and community.

## **FREE BRUSH CHIPPING**

Drop off your brush at Condon Park on December 3rd and 4th and the Grass Valley Fire Department Explorers (including Bitney Sophomore, Alexa Burgess) will help you unload your brush where it will be chipped for free.

## **THINGS TO DO – Volleyball, Fencing, Soccer, German, Dance,**

A recreational co-ed volleyball team has formed. Ray Patton is the coach and practice is at the Union Hill gym on Wednesday Evenings.

The Nevada County Fencing Club invites students to come learn the art of Fencing. Monday nights 6:45 P.M. at the Grass Valley Veteran’s Building. Call Dr. Robert Woodhall at 432-1750 for details, or pick up a flyer in the office. Bitney students participate for free and receive PE credit.

If you want to play soccer, sign up in the glass case outside of the office.

Interested in learning German? Talk to Laura Schulte or Marshall – with enough signups an elective is a possibility.

Echappe Dance Art Theater, the newest dance studio in Nevada County invites kids, teens and adults—ballet, tap, jazz, hop hop, modern, belly dance, musical theatre and more. 763 South Auburn Suite B, Grass Valley, CA. 530.271.1200. <http://echappe.org>. The first class is FREE.

## **HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT?**

Help is available at the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition. Call the 24-Hour Crisis Line at 272-3467.

## **WISHING FOR....**

In addition to needing DVD players and VCRs and newer computers with Ethernet connections, we could also use a vacuum cleaner and microwave ovens.

## **ON-GOING MEETINGS –GET INVOLVED**

The Parent Council meets at 6:00pm at the school on the ***first Monday*** of every month. The next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Charter Council meets at 6:00pm on the ***second Monday*** of each month. The next meeting is December 12.

# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**