



# Paw Prints



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## Take the 2012 MEF Parent Survey! *2<sup>nd</sup> MEF Bi-Annual Survey*

Your opinion counts! MEF has just launched its 2<sup>nd</sup> bi-annual parent survey to better understand the educational priorities of our parent community. We are starting to prepare for the MEF Annual Fund Drive in March and we need your feedback. To take the survey, go to: [www.MEFhome.org](http://www.MEFhome.org) and click on 2012 MEF Fund Drive Survey. The survey should take about 5 minutes. If you cannot take it online, there are paper versions of the survey in the office. All completed paper surveys should be turned into the school office.

**Survey runs from Nov. 30, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012.**

*Thank you for your continued support of MEF!*



### Student Safety

#### Before and After School

Driving safely and courteously to and from school each day is important for both physical safety and as a model for our children of how we treat each other. Here are a few tips to help smooth the start and end to the day:

- slow down around Baker school
- when in doubt, yield the right of way
- only cross streets at crosswalks
- allow extra time when arriving at school

## *The Principal's Message*

During the busy month of December, people rush from place to place to complete the many tasks of the holiday season. It is my hope that you have a chance to relax, enjoy a warm meal, and take some time to cherish this special holiday season with your family and friends. The time you spend with your children is the foundation that provides richness and meaning to their lives. These are the experiences that will be treasured and remembered for years to come.

The Baker staff and I wish you and your family a peaceful holiday season. May the New Year bring good health and happiness to all. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

### Winter Break

Please note that Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> will be a minimum day. Dismissal will be 12:00 p.m. for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and 11:50 a.m. for Kindergarten. Also, school will not be in session December 19-January 2. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

### The Enrollment Center is moving!

The Moreland Enrollment Center that was located at Latimer is now moving. Our temporary Enrollment Center Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on December 12, 13, 14, and 15. The Enrollment Center is closed on Friday and will remain closed through the Winter Break.

Beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2012, the Enrollment Center will be located at the following:

1850 Fallbrook Avenue, San Jose, CA 95130.



### **Speech Contest**

Congratulations to our 4 students who participated in the district-wide Speech Contest on Thursday, December 1, 2011.

Fourth Grade: Elizabeth Bremberg and Rahul Nair  
Fifth Grade: Keshav Gupta and Amisha Wadhwa

Additional congratulations go to Rahul Nair who won the District-Wide Speech Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and to Amisha Wadhwa won the District-Wide Speech Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> grade .

### **ELAC Update**

#### **(English Language Advisory Committee)**

The next scheduled ELAC meeting is on January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on the Cinco de Mayo Festival which was so well received last year. All parents are invited to attend these meetings. If you are interested in serving on the committee and learning about the amazing things that are happening at Baker, please contact Sharon Conner at [sconner@moreland.org](mailto:sconner@moreland.org) or 874-3213.

#### **Información de ELAC**

La próxima junta esta programada para el lunes 9 de enero de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. En esta junta nos enfocaremos en el festival del Cinco de Mayo el cual tuvo mucho éxito el año pasado. Todos los padres están invitados a participar en estas juntas. Si esta interesado en participar en el comité y aprender sobre las cosas increíbles que están pasando en Baker, por favor comuníquese con Sharon Conner a [sconner@moreland.org](mailto:sconner@moreland.org) o al número 874-3213.



### **Garden Club at Baker for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Parent volunteers needed at**  
lunch recess and/or after school  
as schedules permit.

If you are interested or want more information,  
please call or e-mail: Julie Schaer  
408 379-9963  
[ajschaer@pacbell.net](mailto:ajschaer@pacbell.net)



### **Lost and Found**

All lost and found items will be donated to charities during the holiday break. If you are missing jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts, please be sure the check the “Lost and Found” before Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



### **Second Harvest Food Drive**

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our Second Harvest Food Drive. Baker was able to collect 1,175 pounds of food! Thanks to your amazing generosity, many families will have food to eat during this holiday season.



### **Wanted: Recycled Paper**

In the past, Baker has received recycled paper (clean on one side with no staples) to use for school work and informational fliers. If you work for a company that would like to donate recycled paper, we would gladly accept it! If you have any questions, please call the office at 874-3200.



### **Baker Recycles**

Baker sends printer cartridges and cell phones to a recycling company for processing. We are then able to receive new print cartridges for our school. Please continue to bring your used cartridges and cell phones to the office. Thank you!



## Paw Pride Awards

The following students have received Paw Pride awards for the months of November and December. These students have been recognized for being safe, responsible and respectful. Thank you to all of our fabulous Baker Bobcats!

Heath Anderson  
Tiana Endo  
Jaime Barragan Tapia  
Marcel Williams  
Sophie Schaller  
Nabeel Abdelfattah  
Justin Mapes  
Kira Stringer  
Maxon Soto  
Ryka Shekar  
Nozomi Seko  
Diana Barra  
Enzo Hareng  
Allison Martinez Flores  
Leanne Phan  
Eabha Cook  
Qasim Ahmed  
Dexter Rupnow  
Maya Lambert  
Wonseo Denny Lee  
Grady Baumann  
Kengo Adachi  
Klarissa Schiffert  
Bridget Eng  
Lana Escarcega  
Donovan Plummer  
Miles Berwick  
Siena Palleti  
Zidane Ho  
Alexis Correa Escoto  
Anthony Hunter Rodriguez  
Monte Granados Perez  
Natalie Ng  
Aiden Kobata  
Francesca Pecora  
Jacob Schattke  
Waseem Zeid  
Gabrielle Rodriguez  
Gowri Menon  
Tyler Kha  
Ngoc Do  
Katarina Ercegovac  
Sarah Elnahas  
Siena Palleti

Andrew Zhao  
Diego Martinez Morales  
Aurora Brown  
Thu Nguyen  
Michaela Auyeung  
Dexter Hoonart  
Ethan Chuang  
Angela Luo  
Yoshihiko Baba  
Jessican Yuen  
Carter Gasiorowski  
Samantha LaBelle  
Nathaniel Li  
Elizabeth Lopez Gonzalez  
Ela Lubinski  
Antonio Rivera  
Ziyanna Lopez  
Kevin Bui  
Vineet Rao  
Aiden Inghram  
Jonathan Falco  
Annasti De Vore  
Mia Nguyen  
Fatima Jimenez Barragan  
Jackelyn Barajas Carrillo  
Destiny Barajas  
Ananya Bharathapudi  
Emiliano Villalobos  
Guzman  
Laura Zhou  
Martin Gurev  
Marko Guzman  
Sonia Gomez Valdez  
Savana Adler  
Eshwar Rajasekar  
Nicole Headley  
Anyu Hong  
Dylan West  
Emma McCloskey  
Maya Bommelaere  
Natalie Gaylord  
Scott Takashima  
Lauren Story  
Henry Zhou

Grant Rhee  
Thomas Morgan  
Kliment Ho  
Ryan Fransen  
Amy Liu  
Marcello Salvatierra  
Mateo Papiri  
Kaylee Downs  
Shirina Agrawal  
Sesen Fitsum  
Azriel Ventrua  
Ryan Hoang  
Kaelei Aboytes  
Timothy Lieu  
Cynthia Andary  
Marae Bergh  
Saron Kifle  
Taylor Blankenship  
Gavin Garcia  
Kanika Thakur  
Aden Valencia  
Ryan Dinh  
Terrence Lei  
Nathanial Hensley  
Hanna Hagos  
Kushal Sharma  
Ryland Jones  
Teyam Ramzi  
Alyssa Miran  
Jazmin Sanchez  
Evan Alekseyev  
Sienna Bergh  
Madeline Nichols-Grier  
Kylie Sparks  
Brevinh Pham  
Christopher Apel  
James Ha  
Joseph Jung  
Amen Eshete  
Kate Leafstrand  
Carly Smithers  
Angel Valtierra  
Natalie Kha  
Aarushi Wadhwa



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Akira Takaishi  
Edan Sasson  
Celeste Parra  
Arianna Weaver  
Samuel Perrott  
Chase Bautista  
Nathan Dean  
Roman Doumanian  
Carmella Ippolito  
Lucas Amrine  
Nathan Dhanani  
Teyah Hauckes  
Jenna Studenicka  
Halley Palleti  
Sarah Leafstrand  
Ethan Castillo  
Lily Stockmans  
Brandon Solari  
David Fierro  
Geovani Monter Fierro  
Jennifer Takao  
Kimberly Chang  
Stephanie Van Hoy  
Conner Nguyen  
Victoria Han  
Chloe LaBelle  
Jackson Story  
Kieran Salib  
Katie Prough  
Marina Nelson  
Rikio Suzuki  
Sarah Coleman  
Joselin Joya Camacho  
Hisham Ameerudeen  
Chonito Meza  
Amy Kim  
Gavin Rose  
Bartosz Kuligowski  
Mahati Manda  
Peyton Bergh  
Victoria Ferguson  
Daniel Noel  
Emma Chew  
Isabella Cabrera

Jinny Kim  
Lance Aubrey  
Luke Karabey  
Naomi Do  
Saori Arreola  
James Gerali  
Jacob Popham  
Morgan Harper  
Mylie Shoemaker  
Anthony Filice  
Joseph Carlsen  
Ryan Elez  
Vatsal Kumar  
Maya Kurzynski  
Melusine Ariento  
Sergio Cruz Garcia  
Marisa Kaltenbach  
Jacob Gaylord  
Diya Jain  
Jack Coleman  
Brandon Sanchez  
Kyle Schumacher  
Georgia Wyess  
Ani Sargsyan  
Ramar Orozco  
Hikari Nakatani  
Mia Lang  
Nila Kumar  
Osevio Hernandez  
Sasha Tsuker  
Kyle Wagner  
Ethan Auyeung  
Quinton Browne  
Tiffany Lau  
Kyle Arikata  
Naomi Haug  
Christopher Ocelo  
Caleb Annis  
Jack Doumanian  
Siena Haruta  
Kyle Nguyen  
Wonjin Lee  
Allison Victoria  
Elisa Covitz

Hannah Butterfield  
Louis Sandoval Jr.  
Lyndsay Harris  
Lyndsey Meeks  
Katharine Wang  
Haley Stringer  
Brianna Victoria  
Ankita Kundu  
Tyler Haruta  
Eesha Gupta  
Ava Franksen  
Natalia Ippolito  
David Ruegemer  
Nadia Miller  
Rachel Wigon  
Mario Barajas Manzo  
Travis Mallory  
Michael Andrews  
Katelyn Eng  
Augustin Morales  
Nicholas Hansen Feruch  
Lauren Jones  
Katherine McLean  
Natsuni Shudo  
Isabella Tanha  
Michael Garza  
Christian Mendoza  
Martinez  
Maya Chatrathi  
Hayley Garcia  
Ashley Hiraki  
Benjamin Morgan  
Aldijana Vukovich  
Keialoni Marciel  
Eric Quach  
Desiree Ross  
Christopher Dam  
Enrique Estrada  
Jazmin Jimenez Barragan  
Carter Lyman  
Hannah Meck  
Darin Phan  
Emily Ballestero  
Chase Farrell  
Mominna Raza



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Caedi Seim  
Toan Chau  
Anthony Walker  
Elizabeth Mumford  
TSION Eshete  
Lateefa Ali  
Kristin Dang  
James Hoang  
William Smithers  
Aaron Fagin  
Dominic Segura  
Kyra Bommelaere  
Alyssa Ferkel  
Ashton Nelson  
Angela Lee  
Lateefa Ali  
Cierra Avila  
Elizabeth Bremberg  
Collin Ferguson  
Brooke Sparks  
Claire Wang  
Nandini Saldi  
Sofia Molotla  
Casey Lei  
Ryan Le  
Lubin Emile  
Kaynia Jackson  
Samuel Conner  
Nikita Sehgal  
Zoe Hareng  
Arturo Gonzalez  
Deborah Guevara Mendoza  
Jenny Ngo  
Lauren Miyahara  
Adrian Moore  
Allison Taylor  
Hayley Wasielewski

Izabel Szakel  
Yun Jae "Jay" Kim  
Rahul Nair  
Megan Auyeung  
Ryan Abdelfattah  
Amanda Arikata  
Justice Herman  
Amy Lynn  
Natasha Mills  
Daniel Ramzi  
Nicole Slattery  
Alberto Tapia  
Helen Zecchini  
Gregory Schattke  
Ashley Schumacher  
Madeleine Duisenberg  
Gabrielle Garza  
Samantha Utter  
Keshav Gupta  
Yohan Hareng  
Josh Zepeda  
Shannon Coyle  
Mackenzie DeMay  
Saira Mapes  
Sebastian Gomez Valdez  
Edina Starcevic  
Chris Leafstrand  
Lisa Lynn  
Raphael Scotzniovsky  
Angel Correa Escoto  
Leidy Jimenez Sanchez  
Jacob Otewalt Nissen  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Amanda Schaer  
Troy Studenicka  
Karen Zhou  
Liam Walt

Kathryn Sutherland  
Cassie Ballard  
Dorothy Chin  
Edin Hasanovic  
Serena Lewis  
Heidi Mahan  
Cristian Ortiz Robles  
Amisha Wadhwa  
Tiffany Park  
Breanna Sandoval  
Omer Sasson  
Conner Burns  
Emily Kort  
Seth Morgan  
Ashley Pham  
Talieta Ventrúa  
Mauricio Brooks  
Alysa Johnson  
Kaysun Jackson  
Ethan Fagin  
Kate Hickman  
Davis Buchanan  
Savannah Turner  
Christopher Tatman  
Tessa Carter  
Jazmin Zuniga Barraza  
Jessica Murillo  
Lily Marqueno  
Isis Prince Gary  
Stephen Jones  
Nathaniel Henderson  
Derek Gutierrez  
Claudia Barajas  
Scott Considine  
Eyad Darwish  
Sadie Anderson Smith

## Superintendent's Message – December 2011

The holiday season is upon us. That means family traditions and celebrations, and our students will be anxiously awaiting the winter break which begins on December 19<sup>th</sup>. December is also a time for the District to examine its current budget and plan for the future.

The media has painted a grim, and sometimes conflicting, picture of budget cuts which could be triggered in the next few months. This could mean substantial cuts to public schools if California state revenues come in dramatically lower than what was projected earlier this year. As we prepare, Moreland will remain conservative and responsible in forecasting future budgets. And, as the District learns more from the state, we will continue to keep our families, staff and community members informed of any significant developments. As with all of our decisions, the students' needs will come first.

With that thought in mind, the holidays also present a set of unique dangers for children. Below are some tips for protecting your children during the holiday season.

### Poisoning:

- Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, and other plants are commonly used as decorations during the holidays. Like many plants, these are considered potentially poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of children. If you suspect that your child has eaten any part of a plant, immediately call your doctor or the National Poison Center: (800) 222-1222
- Snow sprays may be harmful if the aerosol propellants are used improperly.

### Fire:

- Keep your holiday tree secured in a sturdy stand so that it doesn't tip over (or is knocked over by kids or pets) and keep it away from all heat sources such as electrical outlets, radiators, and portable space heaters.
- Never leave the room with single candles or menorah candles burning – it only takes a minute for a spark from a candle to burst into flames.
- Circuits that are overloaded with lights, decorations, and accessories can start a fire. Don't overload indoor or outdoor electrical outlets.

### Accidents:

- There's a lot of cooking during the holiday season, so there are many opportunities for burns and scaldings. Keep pot handles turned away from the front of the stove and always keep the oven door closed.
- There is also an increased incidence of car accidents and injuries to children during the holiday season. Parents can prevent a holiday ER visit by making sure children are buckled up securely during car rides, and by not driving after drinking alcohol.

By working together and sharing practical tips, we can help ensure the health and safety of our students. With gratitude for your ongoing dedication and hard work, I wish you the happiest of holiday seasons and a wonderful New Year. After the Winter Break, school resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,  
Mark Barmore

## Mensaje del Superintendente - Diciembre 2011

La temporada navideña está aquí. Esto lleva consigo las tradiciones y celebraciones familiares, y nuestros estudiantes están esperando ansiosamente las vacaciones de invierno, que comienzan el 19 de diciembre. Diciembre también es un momento cuando el Distrito examina su presupuesto actual y planea para el futuro.

Los medios de comunicación han pintado una imagen sombría, a veces contradictoria, sobre los recortes presupuestarios que podrían ser activados en los próximos meses. Esto podría significar recortes sustanciales a las escuelas públicas de California, si los ingresos del Estado sean mucho más bajos de lo que se proyectó a principios de este año. Mientras nos preparamos, Moreland seguirá siendo prudente y responsable en la planificación de los futuros presupuestos. Y, cuando el Distrito aprende más del estado, vamos a seguir comunicando con nuestras familias, el personal y los miembros de la comunidad. Al igual que con todas nuestras decisiones, las necesidades de los estudiantes serán lo primero.

Con ese pensamiento en mente, las fiestas invernales también presentan una serie de peligros únicos para los niños. A continuación se presentan algunos consejos para proteger a sus hijos durante la temporada navideña.

### Envenenamiento:

- El muérdago, el acebo, flores de pascua, y otras plantas se utilizan como decoración durante las fiestas. Como muchas plantas, estas se consideran potencialmente venenosas y deben mantenerse fuera del alcance de los niños. Si usted sospecha que su hijo ha comido parte de una planta, llame de inmediato a su médico del Centro Nacional de Toxicología: (800) 222-1222
- Spray de nieve puede ser dañinas si los propulsores de aerosol se utiliza incorrectamente.

### Fuego:

- Mantenga su árbol de Navidad estabilizado en una posición fuerte para que no se cae (o para que los niños o mascotas no lo golpee) y manténgalo alejado de todas las fuentes de calor tales como enchufes eléctricos, radiadores y calefactores portátiles.
- Nunca deje la habitación con velas individuales o velas de menorah encendidas - sólo toma un minuto para que una chispa de una vela estalle en llamas.
- Los circuitos que están sobrecargados con luces, adornos y accesorios puede provocar un incendio. No sobrecargue los enchufes eléctricos interiores o exteriores.

### Accidentes:

- Hay mucho de la cocina durante la temporada de vacaciones, así que hay muchas oportunidades para las quemaduras y escaldaduras. Mantenga las manijas de las ollas alejados de la frente de la estufa y siempre mantenga la puerta del horno cerrada.
- También existe una mayor incidencia de accidentes automovilísticos y heridos a los niños durante la temporada de vacaciones. Los padres pueden evitar una visita a la sala de emergencia por asegurar que los niños estén abrochados de manera segura durante los viajes en coche, y por no conducir después de beber alcohol.

Al trabajar juntos y compartir consejos prácticos, podemos ayudar a asegurar la salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes. Con gratitud por su constante dedicación y trabajo duro, les deseo la más feliz Navidad y un Año Nuevo maravilloso. Después de las vacaciones de invierno, la escuela comienza de nuevo el Martes, 3 de enero, 2012. Esperamos verles cuando regresamos.

Atentamente,  
Marcar Barmore

Shanna Urbanic  
 Kelly Ruona  
 Joan Bentson  
 Elina Valuzzi  
 Mark ~~Pat~~  
 Robert ~~Mason~~  
 Tom Lawrence  
 Siobhan Connor  
 Margaret Honds  
 Rina Sutaria  
 Mrs. Arrald  
 Helena Grunwald  
 Glenda Rasmussen  
 Teal Walsh  
 Wanda Levy  
 Claudia Dowd  
 Emily Cassi

# Happy Holidays

from the

# Baker Staff!!

Dottie Haas  
 Susan Swamoto  
 Amy Koenig  
 Julie Mitchell  
 Raymond M. Rio  
 Angela Amico  
 Marcie Colonna  
 Janet Smith  
 Jeanne ~~Endo~~  
 Dawn ~~Cox~~  
 Best Wishes  
 Ms. Tapa  
 Michelle Santos  
 Marcia Harper  
 Paul DeLeon  
 Arlene Dawes  
 Robert Lynn  
 Claudia  
 Mindy Arndt  
 Donna Najima  
 Cindy Hoy  
 Saadia James  
 Yumi Segovia  
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