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Principal's Message



Every Day Counts

During these financially difficult times, parents often ask, "How can I help?" When students miss school, they miss important instruction. In addition when students are absent, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District does not receive State funding for that day—regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused.



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Simply by increasing attendance by 1%, our school district can gain an additional \$1 million from the State of California. This would help make a huge difference in saving student programs and services during the State's fiscal crisis.

How? The State of California funds school districts

based on student attendance, not on the number of students enrolled in the school district. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) determines the revenue that a school district receives. If a student is in school, the PYLUSD collects a full day's ADA revenue from the State. If a student is not in school at all, the



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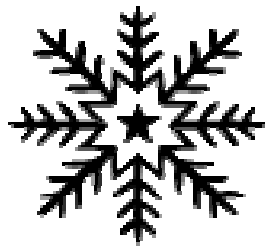
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PYLUSD collects \$0 for that day—regardless of whether the absence is excused or not.

“Every Day Counts” when it comes to instruction as well as financially makes a difference for our school district. If a family trip or doctor’s appointment is necessary and children are not sick, please bring them to school. If children are sick, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME UNTIL THEY GET WELL.

Thank you for helping us make a difference and for making “Every Day Count.”

Mr. Malotte, BYMS Principal



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PTA President's Message

Hello BYMS Families,

We are headed into the holidays and a very busy time for everyone. Thank you for your continued support for our PTA. We have had such a great start to our school year. Our PTA Membership Drive was an incredible success. Thank you so much for your generous support. If you have not joined, please consider doing so now. Thanks to our Membership chairperson, Jennifer Stevens.

A very big thank you to our Reflections chairperson, Laurie Decuyper, for all of her time and effort in making this program run smoothly. Thanks also to the teachers and staff who supported the program; we can't do it without you. We are amazed at the talent our Bernardo Yorba students have in the Arts. Thanks to all who participated and we wish you good luck!

Lastly, the PTA Board is looking for volunteers to nominate for the 2012-2013 Elected Board. If you are interested in becoming a part of this dynamic organization and continuing the tradition of PTA at Bernardo Yorba, please contact me. We have many positions available on the Board and would love to have you!

Although the holiday season is usually hectic, we hope you are able to enjoy family time during our school winter break.

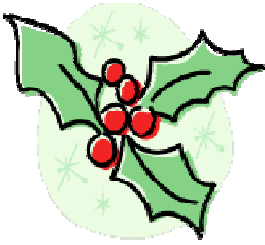
Happy Celebrating,

Jennifer Gathright BYMS PTA President Jennifer_gathright@yahoo.com



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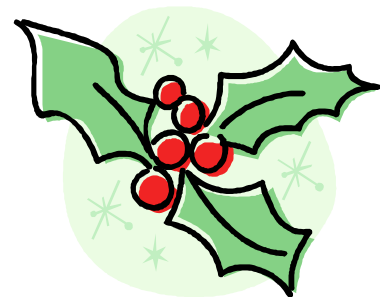


Assistant Principal News

Time is certainly flying! We are already in second quarter with so many great activities to look ahead to. For example, we recently celebrated a Spirit Party, part of our school-wide recognition program, to reward students for going above and beyond what is expected of them. We have enjoyed two parties so far and look forward to the next one January 11th. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Medeiros and Mrs. Williams for all their efforts to make these days such a success. Students love the taquitos, nachos, gift cards, and theme-based décor! We had our first Spirit Rally on December 1st and we look forward to our next dance on December 9th. You won't want to miss it!

Creating a safe environment is a top priority at Bernardo. We, along with the district, were involved in the Great Shakeout on October 20th. A few students and staff had to respond to mock situations typical in an actual disaster. Excellent information came from the experience and students executed an outstanding drill.

Coordinating with our school board's recently approved resolution of the National PTA's designation of "Student Bullying Prevention Week" (October 24-28th), Bernardo Yorba emphasizes students making the right choices, showing respect to others and effectively communicating with each other. If interested, the following website, <http://stopbullying.gov>, is an excellent source of information on the topic. We continue to discuss and review issues through various venues such as our "Code of Conduct" assembly, school planners, and guidance from our counselor, staff and administration. Thank you for your continued



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support!

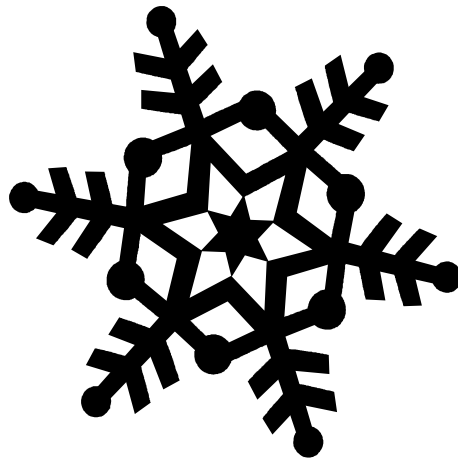
One final note, we share the belief that a vital component in your child's education is home-to-school communication. By visiting our school website, www.byms.org, you will find many links to important information. Please take a look at teacher websites for homework, pertinent class information and the means to communicate electronically. Other methods, such as reading our newsletter and viewing our electronic marquee, will allow you to stay current with our campus happenings.

We have so much to be thankful for here at Bernardo. We look forward to working with you as a team to ensure all students learn at a high level of academic achievement in a safe environment.

May you and your family have a rewarding, safe and relaxing holiday season!

Sincerely,

Lisa Ogan BYMS Assistant Principal



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Congratulations to the following Reflections winners for our school:



Photography

1st--Sarah Fisher

2nd--Bryan McCann

3rd--Michael Blanco

Honorable Mention--Eric Dzeuyper and Adam Gorny

Dance

Szeret Jhita

Music

Dominic DiPonio

Literature

1st--Connor Davis

2nd--Yagoda Jedrzczak

Visual Arts

1st--Hayden Garay

2nd--Sarah Fisher

3rd--Yagoda Jedrzczak

These winners have advanced to the PLYUSD level where they will be judged again to qualify for the 4th District level. Please check out their entries online and at Open House in the Spring. Thank you all for participating!

Laurie Dzeuyper BYMS PTA Reflections Chair

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