

Burke's Families:

Many thanks for all your hard work and creativity in 2009. We finished off the year with our Hospitality committee hosting the Holiday Breakfast for the faculty and staff. Volunteers arrived at school at 6:00 a.m. to prepare an early morning feast, replete with an omelette bar. It is our way of thanking the teachers and staff and a tradition that is greatly cherished.

The new year is already underway with the Starry Night dinner auction on the horizon, as well as our second Bus to Burke's week and the Teen Panel at the end of January.

I look forward to seeing you in 2010!

Lara Witter  
2009-2010 Parents' Association President

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January - February Overview

### **Starry Night Dinner Auction on March 27, 2010**

Planning for the Starry Night Dinner Auction is kicking into high gear. We need donations and the participation of the entire community to make this evening a big success. Please visit the [webpage](#) often for updates and how you can get involved.

### **Bus to Burke's: February 1-5**

Our second Bus to Burke's week is scheduled for February 1-5! Attached are the details for the week. Please contact [Karen Allen](#) if you would like to sign up to ride the #1 California bus.

[Bus to Burke's Week!](#)

### **Nominating Committee**

The nominating process for the Parents' Association is underway for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in self-nominating or nominating another member of the Burke's community, please fill out the [nominating form](#) and email to Lauren Bearden [lsbear@pacbell.net](mailto:lsbear@pacbell.net) by **February 1**. For a complete description of all positions, please refer to the 'Important Information' box below.

### **Multiculturalism Book Recommendations**

At our PA meeting on January 11, Roslyn Benjamin, Assistant Head of School, gave some insight into the direction and thoughts on multiculturalism at Burke's today. As part of her presentation, she listed a number of books that the faculty have read and discussed over the past few years as part of the Multicultural Book Club:

- "Why Are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" and Other Conversations about Race by Beverly Tatum
- The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids by Madeline Levine
- Always My Child: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered or Questioning Son or Daughter by Kevin Jennings and Pat Shapiro
- Mixed: My Life in Black and White by Angela Nissel
- Does Anybody Else Look Like Me? A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children by Donna Jackson Nakazawa

### Teen Panel on January 29, 2010

The Teen Panel on [Accepting and Succeeding with Learning Differences](#) will be on **January 29, 2010**, at **9:00 a.m.** for parents. This panel will then be followed by a presentation on [Technology Tools which Level the Academic Playing Field](#) at **10:00 a.m.** in the Lower School Library.

### Speaker Series and Kim's Book Club

Please save the dates for our additional speakers and Kim's Book Club.

### Lice

Lice is present in our community, so it is important for you to regularly check your daughter's head to help us eradicate the little pests. Should your daughter or another member of your family get lice or nits, please consult our Lice Resource Guide by our Health and Safety liaison, Mary Steele. This document will help you understand and treat lice and is available by emailing Cathy Tritschler-Hall [cathy@kdb.org](mailto:cathy@kdb.org)

### Shopping to Support Burke's

There are many passive ways that you can support the Burke's PA throughout the year. eScrip is our primary fundraising focus, but there are other easy opportunities depending on what works for your family.

**First**, a reminder to sign up for [eScrip!](#) Also, use [eScrip Mall](#) to shop for this year's holiday gifts. They have added more vendors. Through this passive loyalty program, you automatically donate money to the Burke's PA, supporting programs like our Speaker Series and Hospitality.

**Your Macy's card can also be linked to eScrip!**

**Second**, [Sally Foster](#) and [Greenraising](#) both support Burke's throughout the year for all your wrapping and small gift needs.

**Third**, Target REDcard holders can designate 1% of their purchases to the school of your choice. Use your Target REDcard and sign up for [Take Charge of Education](#)