

# NEWSLETTER

Community Partnerships Academy  
Berkeley High School



May 2008

website: <http://www.bhscpa.org>

## May 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Council Meeting

The Parent Council Meeting has been moved up a week to Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, so that we can plan our May 25<sup>th</sup> Student Showcase and barbecue. The meeting will be from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the "D" Building. Please come to help us plan our barbecue and to engage with the Parent Council on an ongoing basis. At this last meeting of the year, we will have to say goodbye to our active group of senior parents, including the amazing Rich Hemphill who has been the force that kept the Parent Council going for the last four years, with accomplishments too numerous to mention. It will be impossible to replace him but we have to try, especially now when we have lost our counselor, our art classes are in jeopardy, and we need to raise \$10,000 for the WriterCoach Connection. Start now to get involved.

## Upcoming Events

**Sophomore Field Trip to Sacramento State and UC Davis on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:** The bus will leave at 8 am. Make sure your sophomore is at school early.

**Senior Celebration:** On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Jim Dopman, Janelle Bugarini, and Wyn Skeels are taking all of the CP Academy seniors to a surprise location for a BBQ, games, and senior awards. We will leave BHS at 9:30 am and return by 3:15 pm.

**CPA Graduation:** On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, CP Academy will host a dinner and graduation ceremony for our class of 2008 at Longfellow Middle School. Dinner will be served in the Cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00. The Commencement Ceremony will begin at 7:00 and last about 90 minutes. All CP Academy seniors and their families are invited.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Sacramento Trip:** Make sure you return your student's permission slip for the trip to Sacramento and, if possible, a check made out to BPEF. On the form, students need teacher signatures only from teachers who aren't in CP Academy. All of our teachers are going on the trip. You should also write letters against the budget cuts for your student to deliver in Sacramento. For

sample letters, go to our website and click the Budget Letters button.

## Counselor's Corner



Dear CPA Families,

This is my last Counselor's Corner. I have greatly enjoyed my time here at Berkeley High, and appreciate the communication I've had with each of you. I'll be moving on to other things in my life, including a position as a

Therapist at a low-fee, Medi-cal Counseling Center in Oakland called Earth Circles Counseling Center. I hope to cross paths with you in the future. I welcome calls to my new office after June 13 from any CP Academy student or parent. The number is (510) 525-7188.

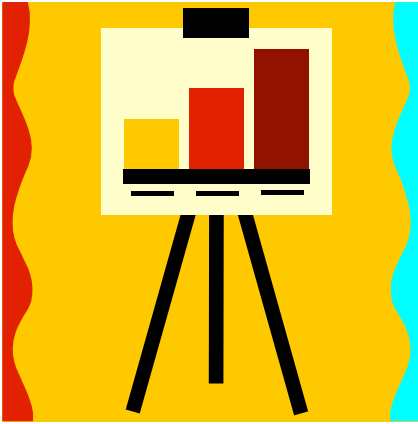
As you move through Berkeley High as a family, I hope you will take the advice below from the American Counseling Association, and continue to communicate with your School Counselor. S/he can be a good resource to you as you help your child navigate through adolescence and move toward young adulthood by providing practical advice and support.

I wish you many blessings this year and beyond,  
Caren Ohlson

### How to Use Your School Counselor

(Advice from the American School Counseling Association)

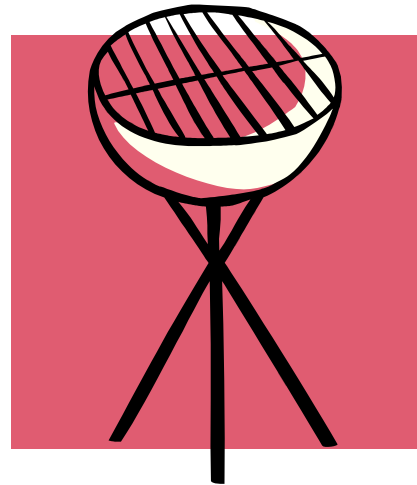
- Counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as facilitators between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement.
- Meet or contact your child's Counselor at least three times per school year.
- Discuss your child's challenges and concerns with the School Counselor.
- Learn about your child's school and social connections from the School Counselor.
- Work with the School Counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems.



# CP ACADEMY 4TH ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE AND BARBECUE

## *Please Come*

- ☐ Sunday, May 25th
- ☐ 12:30 to 3:00 PM
- ☐ Frances Albrier Center  
San Pablo Park  
2800 Park St.



## *Enjoy*

- ☐ Games
- ☐ Student Presentations
- ☐ BBQ Provided by CP Academy

## *Bring Food to Share*

- ☐ Last names A to F bring drinks
- ☐ Last names G to U bring a side dish or salad
- ☐ Last names V to Z bring a dessert

