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## Bonnie Academy Newsletter

### Culture Week

**Culture:** the word "culture" is most commonly used in three basic senses:

- The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution, organization or group.
- an integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity for symbolic thought and social learning
- excellence of taste in the fine arts and humanities, also known as high culture

Week of June 8 thru June 12, 2009, was culture week at Bonnie Academy. The air was filled with excitement. The students and the teachers had the opportunity to learn something new about each other. The week began with an introduction to the different cultures we interact with on daily bases. It was interesting to discover that all of us have come from different parts of the world. We discovered that many of us may look different, but have similar family values. When it came to having fun, the vote was unanimous; all of us enjoyed laughing, playing and sharing with each other. We discovered that all cultures have music that we can dance to and music that just can put us to sleep. Some of us come from countries where it snows most of the year. Some of us come from countries where it is sunny all year long and we have never seen snow.

The best part of the week was on Thursday. It was the day of the pot luck. This gave us the opportunity to taste foods that are not cooked in our kitchen. We had foods that were spicy, foods that were hot and sour, foods that were garilicky, foods that were sweet and foods that were just yummy. But overall, they were delicious. Our bellies were so full; that we could not wait for nap time.

It is a funny thing we learned that week – we may look different, but all of us have a common goal in life and that is to love, to care, to share and just understand each other.

### No Price Change in the Tuition

Dear Parents,

There are no secrets about this year's economy, it has been very difficult for all Americans across the Nation. The fact is that all expenses have been steadily moving higher and higher, yet our take home income has been shrinking. Here at Bonnie Academy, we have been looking very carefully at our bottom line by cutting back on unnecessary expenditures while providing quality child care. The administration has worked very hard to come up with a solution that will benefit our parents and our students. Bonnie Academy is making the following commitment to our parents:

**“Due to the harsh economic times we are all facing, the administration at Bonnie Academy, have come to a final decision that there will be no increase in the tuition for the upcoming year.”**

Because of the economic difficulties being faced by Bonnie Academy, in return we would like to ask our parents to please pay all tuition on the date due. All tuition is due no later than the second day of the week. Parents who pay monthly, the tuition is due at the beginning of every month. On both situations the tuition is due before the child care service is rendered and not after.

Parents who have children on subsidies programs must have all time sheets signed and dated no later than the last day of the month.

We wish all of you the best of luck and do not let go of your dreams. All of us will come out of this much stronger and wiser.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Academy

## Glendale Press

On June 25, 2009, the Glendale Press visited Bonnie Academy. They were interested in writing an article about the every day life of a classroom. Therefore, they chose our school for their story. The writing staff was very impressed by our students and the knowledge they comprise. The article was to be printed in the week of June 29, 2009, publication of the Los Angeles Times / Glendale Press section. Please purchase a copy for your reading entertainment.

### Recipes - Flag Cake

#### Ingredients

- Margarine
- Flour
- 1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix (plus ingredients to make cake-listed on box)
- 1 package (4-serving size) JELL-O brand gelatin, any red flavor
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 3 1/2 cups (8-ounce container) Cool Whip brand whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint strawberries, washed and sliced
- 1 cup blueberries, washed
- 1 cup Kraft miniature marshmallows

#### Tools

- 13 x 9 baking pan
- Large fork (two-pronged type)
- Medium mixing bowls
- Mixer
- Measuring cup
- Rubber scraper or large spoon
- Large tray or cutting board (must be larger than 13 x 9 pan)
- Table knife
- Aluminum foil

#### Directions

- Grease 13 x 9 pan with margarine and dust lightly with flour.
- Prepare, mix and bake cake mix according to package directions. Cool cake for 15 minutes.
- With large fork, make holes in cake about every 1/2 inch.
- Pour gelatin into mixing bowl. Add cup of boiling water and use scraper to mix thoroughly until gelatin is completely dissolved. Use measuring cup to pour gelatin over cake. (It will run down into holes, making sliced cake have red stripes.)
- Chill cake in refrigerator 3 to 4 hours.
- Cover tray with aluminum foil.
- Put about one inch of warm water in kitchen sink. Take pan out of refrigerator and dip bottom (don't let water come up over sides) into water for about 10 seconds. Put large tray on top of cake, and invert.
- Frost sides and top with whipped topping. Arrange strawberries and marshmallows in alternating rows for stripes, leaving upper left for field of blueberries. Chill again until time to serve.

## This Month's Highlights

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### Independence Day

Independence Day in the U.S., is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday, however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century public concern for a "safe and sane" holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.

## Reading Recommendations

### Where the Giant Sleeps, by Mem Fox, Vladimir Radunsky

ISBN: 0152057854, 9780152057855

### Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney

ISBN: 0807531529

### America the Beautiful

ISBN: 0399238859

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