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**International Walk and Roll to School Day:
Wed., October 6**

Building community, fresh air and exercise, and less carbon dioxide - all reasons to join a walking school bus or bike train in honor of International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Check in at your school to find out more or volunteer to lead a "bus" or "train." Rachel Davidman with Safe Routes to Schools is also a great resource (510.740.3150 x332).

Study says BUSD Garden and Cooking Students have Better Eating Habits!

A three-year UC Berkeley study shows that Berkeley school students fed a steady curriculum of gardening, cooking and nutrition have significantly better eating habits than children who don't get the same instruction. The federally-funded Network for a Healthy California funds cooking and gardening classes at 7 elementary, 2 middle, and the high schools. Read more:

[Washington Post](#)
[SF Chronicle](#)
[Atlantic Monthly](#)



Longfellow Middle Recognized for Math Achievement

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Representative Barbara Lee recently honored the achievement of students at Longfellow Middle School by dropping in for a visit.



Almost two-thirds of Longfellow 8th graders tested proficient in Algebra on the State test this past Spring. In the district as a whole, 50% of 8th graders tested proficient or advanced in algebra, up from 32% in 2009. And almost all 8th graders are taking Algebra, almost doubling the state percentage of 8th graders taking Algebra.

[Fall Edition of the A+News](#)



Blue Book for Measures H & I available

For detailed information on Measures H & I and the district facilities plans, you can now access the text of both measures as well as the Blue Book on the district [website as a PDF download](#). The two measures appear on the November 2

Oxford Elementary Celebrates 100 Years

Oxford Elementary School in Berkeley invites the community to celebrate its 100-year anniversary on October 16 and 17 with two special events. Help share the great news with our community, and especially Oxford Alumni. Find out more at www.oxfordelementary.org, contact the Oxford Anniversary Team at oxfordschool100@gmail.com or call (510) 847-4469.



School Governance Councils Back in Session

Every fall each elementary and middle school elects a School Governance Council (SGC) made up of equal numbers of parents and staff. The SGC's task is to gather and examine information about how their school and students are doing, and to make an annual School Plan aimed at improving student learning.

SGC meetings, usually held monthly, are open to all and are a great place for parents to get involved. Each school's 2010-2011 School Plan can be viewed on the ["Schools" pages on the district website](#).

A summary of how each school's BSEP dollars are being spent this year can be found on the [district website](#). ByLaws for the School Governance Councils and Berkeley High's School Site Council are [available here](#).

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