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On Thursday night last week, somebody helped themselves to any valuables left in unlocked cars. I know of at least one on Southbrook and one on Tennant. I would make a comment about people being silly enough to not lock their vehicle, but the car on Tennant was mine. Lessons learned. However, I do have one important clue for the police that should significantly reduce the number of possible suspects--they don't like Sade and Merle Haggard. Sadly, I lost my iPod adapter, but thankfully, all of my CD's were left. How can the not like Merle??

Below is the April Newsletter from Bernal Intermediate School, pasted unedited. Remember, schools are important to us all, even those without school age children. It's good to read and know what's going on.

BERNAL APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

ANNUAL STAR TESTING

The annual California standardized testing, STAR, will begin this month. Students will test **April 20th** and **April 21st** and **May 2nd through May 13th**. Testing will take place during an extended first period class. Parents are asked to please not schedule any medical or dental appointments during the testing window. It is also very important that all students arrive on time to school especially during the STAR Testing Window. Students are also reminded to get a good nights rest and eat a hearty breakfast so that they are alert during the testing session. Please note that the results of these tests are used to calculate our school's Academic Performance Index, or **API**, and Annual Yearly Progress, **AYP**. Results of the test will be mailed home over the summer.

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Term 4 grading period will end on Friday, April 15. Students will hand carry progress reports cards home on **Friday, April 22**. Parents are requested to sign a copy of the progress report and return it to your child's first period teacher. If your child has below a 1.5 grade point average, please contact your child's school counselor to begin developing an action plan to improve grades. Students are encouraged to continue to access Infinite Campus at <https://infinitecampus.ogsd.k12.ca/portal/oakgrove.jsp> to stay informed about class assignments and grades.

EIGHTH GRADE ACTIVITY LETTER

Parents please note that an Eighth Grade Activity letter was sent home with your students regarding all of the 8th grade activities associated with 8th grade graduation. This letter was hand carried by students on April 4. Students are expected to return a signed copy indicating that you understand that all of the activities are privileges and students can lose these activities due to inappropriate behavior. The 8th grade activities include the Graduation Dance, the 8th Grade field trip to Great America, and the Graduation Ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Bernal Parent Faculty Club is sponsoring a Book Fair **the week of April 18** in the school library. Please support this worthwhile event by purchasing books from the fair.

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DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club will be performing two plays on **Wednesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 14**, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the school gym. Please join us for a fun filled evening and see our student talent

showcased.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Student and staff safety is our school and District's number one priority. It is important from time to time to remind students to be aware of their surroundings at all times and to report any suspicious activities or individuals to a teacher or responsible adult. Students are encouraged to always walk in pairs or groups when walking to and from home. Traffic and pedestrian laws should be followed at all times by using designated cross walks. Students should avoid darting out in front of parked cars. Students should also remember to be respectful of private property when walking to and from school. Parents are asked to pick up your students along the curve directly in front of the school or on Oronsay Drive on the side of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19 SSC Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM School Library
April 19 PFC Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM School Library (Cyber Bullying Presentation)
April 25-29 Spring Break
May 6 District Cinco de Mayo Celebration 6:00 PM Davis School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A school newsletter is published once a month and posted on the wiki space website for Bernal School which is <http://bernalintermediatesschool.wikispaces.com/>. Copies of the newsletter can be picked up in the front office. Please contact the school at 578-5731, if you would like a printed copy of this newsletter. This method will drastically reduce the cost of paper and printing. We hope this is not inconvenience to parents.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Crawford-McCuller
Principal

David Wilkins

"Make up your mind to act decidedly and take the consequences. No good is ever done in this world by hesitation." Thomas Henry Huxley