

THE SUMMERBRIDGE SPIRIT

Fall 2006 Issue

Words From the Director

Greeting SB Families!

I am amazed that I have been at Summerbridge for over a year now; sometimes it feels like only a few days and sometimes I feel like I have known you all for years. I love the excitement, yet comfortable feeling I have working here. Everyday brings new challenges and now familiar tasks. I am very fortunate to be working with all of you- thank you!

As many of you know, the Summer of 2006 was a great success. This was due to our wonderful group of students and supportive families. I can not say enough about the difference you all make to our program. Family support is key to any students' success and that is evident at Summerbridge. Our students thrive because of your willingness to do whatever it takes to provide them with a challenging well-rounded education.

We all know that your support benefits your student; but did you know it has other benefits, too? At the Harvard Family Research Project they have found that engaging families in out-of-school time programs, like Summerbridge, can help improve the program's results, adult-child relationships, and family involvement in year-round schooling. Again, thank you for your commitment to education!

In highlighting family involvement, I would like to boast about the amazing Summerbridge Family Association (SBFA). I am especially proud of this ever growing group. The SBFA has captured the SB spirit and is working hard to ensure that all our students and families are well served by the Summerbridge program. If you have not already, you should definitely attend a meeting to see the spirit of Summerbridge alive in our families.

As we all gear up for our busy fall, please remember you have a resource in the Summerbridge office. Please feel free to call us with questions. We are here to support your student's education and you!

All the best,
Meredith



Now a huge round of applause to our Fall 2006 SB Enrichment Teachers, Teacher Assistants (UHS) and Tutors (UHS) you're amazing...

Ben Jacobs	7th Grade Math
Meagan Montgomery	7th Grade Language Arts
Ned Diamond	8th Grade Math
Jake Sproull	8th Grade Language Arts
Jaslyn Law	Teaching Assistant
Alison Lu	Teaching Assistant
Maxine Tang	Teaching Assistant
Evan Saunders	Tutor
Jessie Margolis	Tutor
Justin Baker-Rhett	Tutor
David Scheneker	Tutor
Shimón Lin	Tutor
Justin Hall	Tutor
Brian Park	Tutor
Laura Andrews	Tutor
Jessica Meshman	Tutor
Zac Kornberg	Tutor
TJ Koblentz	Tutor
Jonathan Williams	Tutor

Greetings From the Assistant Director

"It's all in the Planning". Summer ended on a very high note. Celebration was a blast, parents had happy feelings because their son/daughter had a quality six weeks mixed with academics and fun. I was exhausted, but it was that good exhausted feeling the feeling you feel when you just complete a really good workout at the gym and you think "Yes I'm tired but I know what I just did made a difference!"

Upon leaving the beautiful Bay School campus I never quite settled into my new temporary office at UHS (inside the student center). Because I quickly realized that I had no time to settle, relax or waste because our wonderful 8th grade families would be calling soon looking for high school admissions resources and support (Honestly, I did think for a moment isn't it still summer?). Nevertheless, high school information packets were prepared and mailed in late August officially kicking off the start of the high school admissions season for the Summerbridge 8th grade class.

Next, Meredith and I worked to schedule students, coordinate with our professional teachers, and recruit UHS student tutors to get our Fall 2006 semester of SB Enrichment Classes & School-After-School Tutoring programs underway. Once again this year we have a dedicated & passionate educational team working with your students Monday – Thursday in all academic subjects. **Special Note: I have a UHS tutor available and in need of a SB student for Tuesdays (Math).**

Thank you for your continued support,

Deundra

Have you scheduled or met with Deundra regarding the high school application process?

If your answer to this very important questions is NO please call or email Deundra today!! Every family is required to meet with Deundra at least once during the start of the application process (NOW). The purpose of the 30 minute meeting is to answer student and parent questions, get you organized, and for some jump start you into action. As apart of advocating high school admittance for your daughter/son we will be writing a letters of recommendation for them and the meeting is the perfect time for us to get some key information that can help us in writing a GREAT recommendation to your high schools of choice. Call 447-3126 or email Deundra at deundra.hundon@sfuhs.org today!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & KUDOS

- *Don't miss the...*
1st Annual Summerbridge Family Assoc. BBQ Sunday, October 15th Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park 11:30am-3:30pm (Everyone is welcome, RSVP today!)
- Kudos to our parent volunteers that worked so hard in organizing & preparing food for Celebration 2006!
- Kudos Rena Savage (SBFA Chairperson), Michael Shaw, April Shaw, Ligia Robleto-Falcon, Wanda Chang, Rose Perkins, Koni Bekele, Mona Long, Manny Rodriguez, Sr., Cathy Hui, Selmawit Manna, Patricia Calfee, Amber Lam, Penny Cooke, Pisamai Chantrupon, Raul Martinez, Lana Smorodina, Monica Losa, Wenqin Sun, Cecilia Zhao, & Marchel Dangerfield for attending our SBFA meeting(s), donating your time, and lending a hand with the 1st Annual SBFA Picnic.

Fall 2006 School –After- School and Enrichment Classes Calendar

Monday, September 18 -- School-After-School Begins

Tuesday, September 19 — Enrichment Classes Begins

Wednesday, September 20 — Enrichment Classes Begins

Monday, October 2 -- No School-After-School, Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 7- SSAT Diagnostic test- 8th graders only

Monday, October 9 —No School-After-School, Indigenous Peoples Day

Tuesday, October 10- SSAT Class begins- 8ther graders only

Wednesday, October 18 -- No School-After-School and no enrichment classes, UHS Professional Day

Thursday, October 19 – No School after school and no enrichment classes, UHS Mini Break

Saturday, November 4- SSAT Diagnostic Test- 8th graders only

Tuesday, November 14- Last Day SSAT class

Wednesday/Thursday, November 22-23 -- No School-After-School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, December 13-14 – Last Day School-After-School

!!! Way to Go!!!

Alma Ruznic and Gabriela Pelsinger our two winners of this years Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship Award. Both Alma and Gabriela have been awarded scholarships to attend any private or independent high school of her choice. Also, in the SB way we also congratulate Brian Chantrupon in being a scholarship finalists. What a great way to represent Summerbridge.

Congratulations!