

THE SUMMERBRIDGE SPIRIT

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Words From the Director

Hello SB Families!

To be part of Summerbridge San Francisco is to be part of something bigger than our 110 amazing students and families, 40 talented summer teachers, and two dedicated full-time staff. We are connected to the Breakthrough Collaborative as one of 26 other affiliate programs. Breakthrough Collaborative is a national non-profit that increases educational opportunity for high-potential, low-income middle school students and inspires outstanding college and high school students to pursue careers in education. Deundra recently represented SBSF at the National Conference for all Summerbridge and Breakthrough programs. She was excited to share the success of our program and to hear about other programs.

At the same time I represented SBSF at a national conference at Harvard University aimed at Closing the Achievement Gap by using summer and after-school programs, just like Summerbridge. Attending this conference reconfirmed to me what a great program Summerbridge is and gave me some new ideas to help make it an even better program.

As we have been fortunate enough to learn from others, we also want to learn from all of you! What you would like to see in the school year program? The summer program? How can Summerbridge better serve you and your family? We want to hear from you! So please drop a note in our new suggestion box or stop by and talk with us or attend the next SBFA meeting on 2/13/07. Also, be on the look out for the spring family survey.

Happy Holidays to all!

Best,
Meredith



Summerbridge Family Association, students, friends and all families that helped, donated and/or simply come out and "Celebrated" with us at the 1st Annual SBFA BBQ! Everything from the food to the many games of "Bridge Ball" where simply the best.

If you missed the fun this year, don't worry the fun and frolic is already scheduled for next years BBQ Sunday, October 14, 2007, save the date.

"Summerbridge is what? Dynamite!"

Greetings From the Assistant Director

"I am so scared, What if my son doesn't get into high school?" SB Parent. Trust me each of us if not currently but at some point probably had a very similar thought. But, the truth is all of our SB students are special and amazing and the real challenge is not getting into high school but trying to find the high school that is the right fit for him or her. I have had the pleasure of meeting with each of our 8th grade families during our high school counseling meetings and many of you are on the right track. But if you have **any questions** at all please call or email me.

Believe it or not the end of 2006 is just a few weeks away and the end of the year signals the beginning of the Summerbridge student recruitment season. The application can be downloaded at www.sfuhs.org/summerbridge. I have also mailed applications to many of the public and parochial middle schools in San Francisco. *Tell a friend or family member.*

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season,

Deundra

Summerbridge SF Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 6 – SBFA “Chat & Chew” 6:00pm

Thursday, December 7 – Summerbridge SF Open House 4:30pm-6:30pm

Saturday, December 16 – SB Teacher, Alumni & Student Social 2:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 – Spring Semester Enrichment & School After School begin.

Tuesday, February 6, 2007 – SBFA Meeting 6:00pm

Reminder beginning January 16, 2007 the after school enrichment class schedule will be as follows:

7th Graders Tuesdays (Writing/Literature)

7th Graders Thursdays (Math)

8th Graders Wednesdays (Math)

8th Graders Thursdays (Writing/Literature)

**Parents/students you will simply alternate from the current course and day in which you are currently attending classes. For example if you're a 7th grader currently taking Math on Thursdays beginning January 16th you will be coming on Tuesdays taking the Writing/Literature class.



KUDOS
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kudos to the 2006 – 2007 SB Advisory Board Members

Linda Burns
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Betsy Eisenhardt
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Meredith Laban
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Peter Esty
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The very important role of the advisory board is to assist SB with the strategic planning of the program, assessment, fundraising on behalf of Summerbridge SF and currently the advisory board is key in planning for the Summerbridge SF 30th Anniversary Event.

Check Out The Caroline Bradley Scholarship a full four year high school scholarship details available at www.educationaladvancement.org.

Attention the 2007-2008 Summerbridge applications are here and on the web. Tell your family/friends with rising 7th graders to check us out! Applications are due Thursday, March 1, 2007.



SB students keep up the great work!

That's
Awesome
Brian!

It's official the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded Brian Chantrupon the 2006 Young Scholars Award. This award was only awarded to 63 of its' over 700 applicants. If you would like to get more details about this award opportunity go to www.jackkentcookefoundation.org.