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BERKELEY ARTS MAGNET

PTA NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, February 15
Friday, February 17
Monday, February 20

Turn In Parent Preference Forms
No School, President's Day
No School, Other President's Day

PARENT PREFERENCE FORMS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Our parent phone tree is on red alert, and you will be receiving a call from a room parent this week reminding you to fill out that form and return it to the school. Be sure to fill in your zone, which is based on your address (Northwest, Central or Southeast). If you are not sure of your zone, call the Attendance Office (644-6315) or the Parent Access Office (644-6504). Also, be sure to indicate your school choices with a 1, 2, or 3 in the space in front of the school's name (Arts Magnet is Whittier/Arts). Do not mark your choices with X's or check marks. Make sure the district knows that our school is your *first* choice.

How to fill in your second and third choices

Many of us feel that Arts Magnet is the only choice we will accept. So how do we fill in those other slots? At last week's PTA meeting, we came up with a few suggestions.

- 1) Choose schools that you know will probably be full, like Emerson or Oxford. These schools are downsizing, so some of their own students will probably be bumped.
- 2) Choose Franklin in the Central Zone and Franklin again in the Northwest Zone.
- 3) Decide that those other choices don't matter, because you will not be bumped from Arts Magnet. Leave them blank or choose by throwing darts at the form.

We have been assured ... that any current Arts Magnet student will be able to remain at our school, no matter where they live or what race or races they belong to. We have been told this many times by many different people. Of course, we still have to live with the distrust and fear that the school board has built up over the years, so we will be nervous until we get those confirmation forms.

For more details on these and other matters, please read the minutes of the February 2 PTA meeting on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

