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READ TO SUCCEED



Overcoming dyslexia
in our schools

Double Your Impact on Dyslexia!

Help launch the SBHS Reading Center!

Gifts made to SBEF for the Reading Center will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Kirby Jones Family Foundation until November 30th.

Return the enclosed envelope or visit santabarbaraeducation.org to donate!

Each year students enter high school who are dyslexic or have extremely low reading proficiency. To address this widespread issue, Santa Barbara High School principal John Becchio has committed to promoting literacy with the launch of a new reading center.

According to Becchio, "High schools are not equipped to teach reading, since reading is taught in 1st through 3rd grade." Students are educated using content and materials that require them to read at their current grade level. This makes for a very grueling experience for all involved, but particularly for the student who has to navigate school without being a proficient reader and is at a disadvantage for coursework in all subjects.

Unless dyslexic students have access to expensive private tutoring, they have little chance of fulfilling their potential. Students who struggle academically due to dyslexia are more likely to dislike school, continue to fail, develop low self-esteem, have discipline issues, be ineligible for extra-curricular activities, and may ultimately drop out.

The good news is that classroom-proven interventions are available to teach dyslexic and low reading proficiency students how to read. The SBHS Reading Center addresses this significant need by providing struggling students with appropriate reading instruction by trained educators.

DECODING DYSLEXIA

What is it? A neurological learning difference that affects word recognition.



Dyslexia is not tied to intelligence.

Affects 1 in 5 students



60% of the U.S. prison population is illiterate

85% of juvenile offenders have difficulty reading



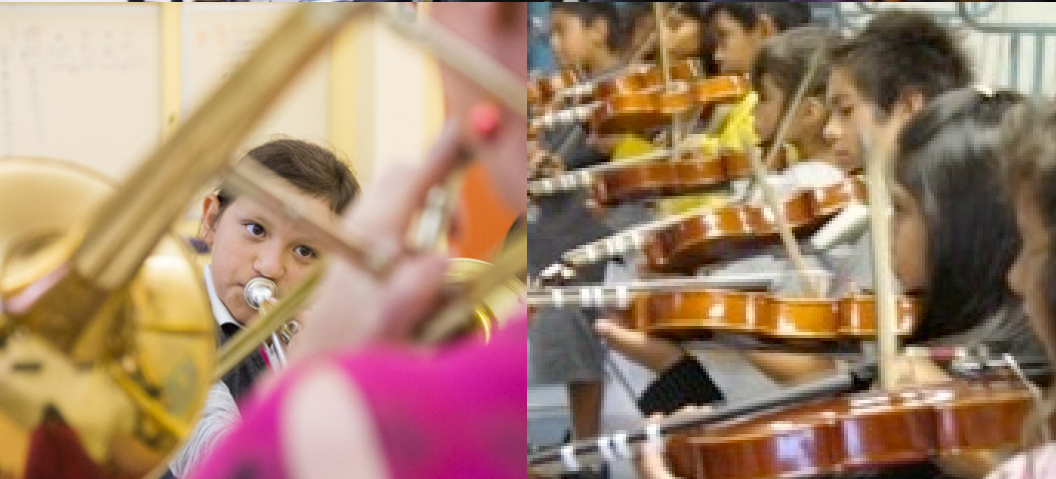
Summer Band Camp

This season marks the 28th year of the Nick Rail Summer Band Camp. The six week camp gave students 9 to 13 the opportunity to learn how to play solo and as a group with the help of professionally trained music instructors. Camp finished with a final performance to a packed house at the First United Methodist Church. A big thank you to Band Director Jocelyn Tipple for another great summer!

Instrumental Support

Our annual Instrument Drive takes in all kinds of instruments for our local school music programs and puts them directly into the hands of students.

Do you have an instrument gathering dust? Let our students give them new life! Donations are welcome year round. Contact us at (805) 284-9125 or info@santabarbaraeducation.org

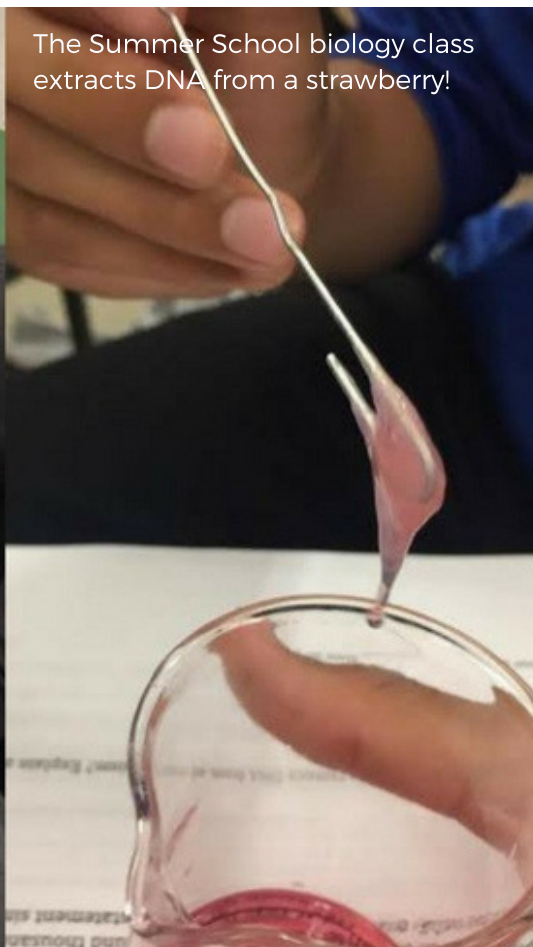


Getting Ahead this Summer

This year's Summer School Get Ahead Program offered students the opportunity to study subjects ranging from Health to American Government. And thanks to the generosity of our donors, we awarded scholarships to over half of this year's students. These students are now ahead of the game and on track for another successful school year.



The Summer School biology class extracts DNA from a strawberry!





STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS

with Cary Matsuoka

SBUSD SUPERINTENDENT



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
7:30 - 9:30AM

The New Vic
33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara

7:30am - Networking & Continental Breakfast: \$20

8:15pm - Presentation and Q & A : FREE!

Space is limited. Reservations required.
For more information, visit www.sbefoundation.org.

Our new look...



**SANTA BARBARA
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FOUNDATION**

We are excited to introduce our new logo, celebrating the growth of SBEF!

Although we are changing our look, we continue to support the same great programs for all students in the Santa Barbara Unified School District!



PIANOS ON STATE

OCTOBER 2ND – OCTOBER 16TH

Pianos on State is a collaborative and interactive musical experience that will take place October 2nd-16th. Each piano becomes its own piece of art as local Santa Barbara artists create individual looks.

Pianos are available for musical exploration and impromptu play from 9am to 9pm. Amateur and professional musicians are invited to play!



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