

# Bixby Bulletin



September 2007

## IN GOOD COMPANY

It is too darn hot to think about autumn and the future, isn't it? Although we are at a new beginning of the school year, my thoughts are still lingering on my Bixby summer. I was ensconced at my "temporary" table in the gym most of the time, so I was able to experience the ebb and flow in new ways: Ari's laugh is usually gentle, but sometimes it just bursts out, which made some kids in the gym laugh even if they didn't know why; Lynne can teach anyone how to play a game well if they'll sit with her long enough; Kapla blocks and Magna Tiles (two of the most non-technical toys on the planet) are endlessly fascinating for curious minds and exploring hands; preschoolers change in some way every day, I admire their teachers for noticing and adapting; Dodge ball is a rite of passage and it is actually possible for me to sit with my back to a game without being hit; kids value doing something genuinely helpful, whether it's a chore or raising money for the rainforest; rituals; swimming, running, and digging are as essential as creating, reading and thinking; kindergarteners look small and think big; there is never enough time when you love what you're doing; the rainforest

was made beautiful by the kids' desire that it be so and the adults willingness to persist; water balloons are always fun; and my favorite overheard, disconnected comment, "Yeah, unless it's so hot it'll make you barf!" I agree. What good company I was in over the summer!

As we begin our school year together, whether you are a returning or new family, I think you will also find yourselves in good company—at drop-off and pick-up times, at the Bixby Picnic or Back-to-School Night, if you read a story on the preschool sofa or volunteer in a classroom. There are many ways to be in good company here. It might not always seem obvious where to start—talk with Pat or Alison or me, even if (especially if) we look busy. (We're always busy, so come on over and we'll let you know what we have time for.) Or, just linger a little while. It won't take long for good company to find you as it found me. So, as record heat August becomes too hot September – on behalf of Pat, Alison and all of our staff, welcome back to school and into good company. It's a joy to be with you!  
—Elizabeth

The Bixby Bulletin is published monthly during the school year for the whole Bixby community. Ideas and contributions can be sent to Elizabeth Hubert at [elementary@bixbyschool.org](mailto:elementary@bixbyschool.org). Please put: For Bixby Bulletin - in the subject line.

I shall keep singing!

I shall keep singing!  
Birds will pass me  
On their way to Yellower Clime—  
Each—with a Robin's expectation—  
I—with my Redbreast—  
And my Rhymes—

Late—when I take my place in  
summer—  
But—I shall bring a fuller tune—  
Vespers—are sweeter than Matins—  
Signor—  
Morning—only the seed of Noon—

— Emily Dickinson



## ALLERGY ALERT PEANUTS, TREE NUTS & FUR

- We have a number of students throughout the school and a staff person with serious peanut and/or tree nut allergies. **Please do not send your child to school with birthday treats that contain (or may contain) peanuts or tree nut products. This includes, but is not limited to, trail mix, cookies, packaged mixes, and some crackers.** Below the ingredient list on many products is a note about whether or not the item has been exposed to peanut/tree nut products.
- We do not allow children to share/trade snacks or lunches.
- We also have a number of folks with serious fur allergies. Do not bring pets/live animals into the building or for show-and-tell.

Thank you for your careful attention to the health and safety of our community.

## BACK-TO SCHOOL PICNIC

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Watch for the flier in your child's Thursday Folder or check the Parent Information bulletin board for more details.

## THANK YOU!

- We recently received two generous donations from Bixby families to support the professional growth of all of Bixby's teachers. These monies allow us to begin new programs as well as to support previous efforts that were limited due to funds. It is through this type of philanthropy that we not only address current needs, but plan for the future. We hope this is the beginning of a long-term response to the core belief: "Committed, well-qualified teachers are fundamental to the success of our school." If you would like to join in supporting this or other specific efforts please speak with Elizabeth, Alison or Pat.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

### Spanish Classes at Bixby

3:30-4:15 Monday/Wednesday

The Elementary Spanish Program offers Spanish classes twice a week at Bixby Elementary! Classes start the week of September 24th, 2007, and the registration deadline is September 17th. The cost is only \$395 for the entire year (40 classes)! This cost does not cover the extra after-school time for school day students. Look for registration materials at the school office or register online at [www.kidsspeakspanish.org](http://www.kidsspeakspanish.org)

### Yoga with Lauren

Lauren is an experienced yoga instructor who teaches in studios around Boulder. She especially enjoys bringing the joy of body consciousness to children. New this year is an opportunity for a parent class here at Bixby.

Mondays – 1 hour – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders  
 Wednesdays – 45 min. – K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders

Fee: \$10 p/class for full day students  
 \$16.50 p/class for school day students

Parent class – Please contact Lauren ([laurena@bixbyschool.org](mailto:laurena@bixbyschool.org)) if you're interested. A minimum of 5 adults will be needed for the class to run.



### Swimming Lessons with Trish

Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Session I  
 September 10 thru September 28

Swim lessons are offered 2 days per week for a 3-week session. The cost is \$72.00 for the session for school day and full day students.

Level I: Kg. & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	3:00 – 3:30 Monday & Wednesday
Level I: 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	3:30 – 4:00 Monday & Wednesday
Level II: Kg. & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	3:00 - 3:30 Tuesday & Friday
Level II: 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	3:30 – 4:00 Tuesday & Friday

If these times and days do not fit your schedule, please contact Trish to see if there may be another possible time or day available.

### Bixby Swim Club

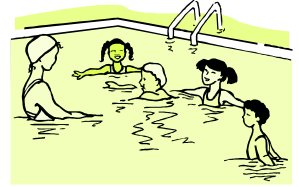
WHEN: Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Sept. 18 thru Dec. 8

WHERE: Our Very Own Bixby Pool!

WHO: Whether a student has never been on a swim team before, or one wishes to keep in shape for summer league swimming, Bixby will have something to offer everyone.

COST: \$200 payable to Trish Tyner for full day and school day students (Or \$15.00 per date of attendance.)

For more information: [trisht@bixbyschool.org](mailto:trisht@bixbyschool.org)



### Piano with Chelsea

My approach to music instruction integrates children's development in several areas and draws upon their strengths to make lessons exciting and accessible to their individual learning styles. In particular, students will be integrating musical inclinations with spatial awareness and fine motor development. For more information, please contact me to talk and/or schedule a trial lesson.

#### Who:

Students in kindergarten through 5th grade who show interest in music may sign up to take piano lessons. For very young students, I will contact you to talk first about your child's needs and readiness before scheduling lessons.

#### When:

My first lesson time is at 3:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
 \$20 / half hour lesson for students in Bixby's full day program.  
 \$23.25 / half hour lesson for students in Bixby's school day program.

During school hours, please email me at [chelseal@bixbyschool.org](mailto:chelseal@bixbyschool.org). Evenings I can be reached at 303-532-5857 until 9:00 p.m.



## PARENTS AT BIXBY

Parents at Bixby (PAB) meetings are an opportunity for Bixby parents to learn about and discuss topics related to the development of their children and the Bixby community. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of most months during the school year. For example, each year there is a panel discussion about the transition to middle school. Teachers often make presentations about curriculum. Experts from outside Bixby are invited to make presentations. The final meeting of the year (in May) is a town hall meeting with the Bixby Board of Trustees. All Bixby parents are welcome to attend, and babysitting by Bixby fifth graders is available as noted on the calendar.

September's PAB, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Pat Baker, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Hubert, Academic Director, will discuss changes in staffing, curriculum and scheduling in the elementary program.

## ELEMENTARY - EXTRA TIME BILLING

At this time, we do not track students' hours for billing purposes with the ProCare. We are using ProCare for attendance recordkeeping. We expect you to track your child's extra hours if you do not pay for a full day. After school classes and lessons will have the extra time rate built into the class fees for those who have paid just for the school day.

For example, if you pay for the school day only (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), your child takes a piano lesson from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and you pick up your child at 5:00 p.m. you would pay \$4.25 for 3:00-3:30, plus the "school day" fee for the class, plus \$8.50 for 4:00-5:00 p.m.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Bixby events as far in advance as possible – here goes . . .

A persistent parent request has been to know the dates of important

## September 2007

09/04	First Day of K-5 classes	8:30 a.m. sharp
09/10-14	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grade Community Building with AVID4	During School
09/11	PAB w/ Pat & Elizabeth	7:00-8:30 p.m. (Babysitting available)
09/17	Bixby Family Picnic	TBA, All Welcome
09/19	Kindergarten Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:00 p.m., Parents Only
09/27	Grades 1-5 Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 p.m., Parents Only
TBA	Preschool Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 p.m. Parents Only

## October 2007

TBA	School Picture Day K-5	
TBA	School Picture Day Preschool	
10/24	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Haystack Farm	During School



## November 2007

11/05	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to DMNS	During School
TBA	Bixby Book Fair at Barnes & Noble	
11/27&28	Literacy Conferences for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade families	TBA
11/28&29	Accreditation Site Visit	All Day

## December 2007

12/03	Bixby Bazaar	After School
12/17	Bixby Bake Sale	After School



## January 2008

01/02	School reopens for preschool and elementary childcare
01/07	Elementary classes resume
01/16	Bixby Read-A-Thon begins

## February 2008

02/08	Author Visit – all grades	During School
02/14	Valentine’s Day Dance – students only	After School
02/20	Read-A-Thon Finale: Celebration of Books & Character Dress-Up Day	

## March 2008

03/07	Science Fair	During School
03/31-04/02	Cal-Wood for 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Overnight



## April 2008

04/09	Music Performance K-2	7:00 p.m.
04/16	Music Performance 3-5	7:00 p.m.

## May 2008

05/06	Portfolio Presentation Night K-5	TBA
05/16	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Play	7:00 p.m.
TBA	Preschool-Kindergarten Art Show	7:00 p.m.
05/30	Last Day of School: Picnic & Field Day for Students	During School
Shhh!!	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation	It’s a secret!!

Some dates may change; events will be added. Updates will appear in the Bixby Bulletin and on our website [www.bixbyschool.org](http://www.bixbyschool.org). For closures and breaks see the Bixby School Calendar in the Parent Handbook.

## BIXBY STUDENT COUNCIL

Bixby Student Council is composed of student representatives from each class grades 1-5. There are two representatives (one boy and one girl) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades and one from 1<sup>st</sup> grade. If a child has been elected to serve on the Student Council twice, that student becomes a “standing member” and is always on the Council as an “extra” member. Two other students from his/her grade are elected to be representatives. All members are voting members.

Meetings are held before school about one a month.

Responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Planning, decorating for, and running school dances
- Selecting 3 or 4 charities which may receive funds generated by the Bixby Bazaar – all elementary students vote on which organization will receive the funds – Student Council members describe the organizations and the services offered to the other students in their grade
- Bringing up items of interest or concern to the Council so that the issue(s) can be discussed and solutions or changes suggested

Students who are interested in Student Council should let their Group Time teacher know and be listening for instructions on how to run this fall.

**A Guide to Bixby  
Bulletin Boards**

**Title: Parent Information & Curriculum Notes**

Location: Sign-In area near the door, in the gym

**What's There?**

- Drop-off/Pick-up Changes for Grade 1-5 Students (This is very important information to have in a timely manner.)
- Conference and Teacher Appointment request forms
- Extra copies of fliers placed in cubbies
- Curriculum Notes by content area (beginning on Back-to-School Night)
- Other information for parents

**Title: After-School/Enrichment**

Location: Next to Pat and Alison's office, directly across from the Scholastic book brochures

**What's There?**

- Information and registration forms for classes and activities offered at Bixby
- Information about events and activities in the community

**Title: Drop-off/Pick-up Changes for Kindergarten Only**

Location: Kindergarten room, on door, near bathrooms

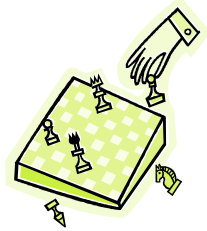
**What's There?**

- Notes from parents pertaining to changes in who is dropping-off and/or picking-up your student(s). (This is very important information to have in a timely manner.)

If there is information that you would like to see on the bulletin boards, please let Pat or Elizabeth know.

**ANNOUNCING THE  
2007-2008 BIXBY CHESS CLUB!**

Chess is an ancient game still enjoyed by millions worldwide. Chess has been shown in numerous studies to develop reasoning skills in children. It is also lots of fun, hence its longevity! Our goal in the Chess Club is to provide a friendly, fun atmosphere for our children to learn and play chess.



Chess Club will meet weekly on Friday after snack until 4:30 pm, starting September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. We will limit membership to 14 members. Annual dues of \$25 will be collected, payable to Bixby. This cost will cover new equipment purchases, end of year party, and a club T-shirt that will be designed by members. This cost does not cover the extra after-school time. To sign up, pick up a form on the After School/Enrichment Board and return to the Front Office ASAP. First come, first serve! Beginners are welcome! **We are looking for a couple of additional parents to help with the Club. Knowledge of Chess is helpful, but most important is your enthusiasm!**

**Chess Team:** we are looking for solid strategic players with more competitive goals to join a small team to compete against other elementary schools in the Boulder Valley Chess League. This competitive team competes two Thursdays each month from the end of October until early March. We need at least 5 or 6 team members and another dedicated parent volunteer to help with driving and supervision during the matches. Contact Esther Brady by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for details. We need to sign up our team by the end of September.

**Chess Lessons:** This year Paul Szeligowski, chess expert and instructor with Rocky Mountain Chess Camps, will offer chess classes at Bixby. These will be open to all Bixby students! Look for coming announcements for more details. Each session of 8 classes will cost approximately \$80 for full day students and \$145 for school day students.

Please contact Esther Brady, (303) 473-9927 or ebb Brady@comcast.net for more information.

**September 2007**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>
Labor Day School Closed <b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Elementary Classes Begin Macaroni & Cheese, V-C	<b>5</b> Hotdogs T	<b>6</b> Chicken Nuggets	<b>7</b> Taco Salad T-C
<b>10</b> Spaghetti V-C	<b>11</b> Hamburgers B	<b>12</b> Tortellini Salad V-C	<b>13</b> Fish and Fries	<b>14</b> Swedish Meatballs & Rice B-P
<b>17</b> Turkaroni T-C	<b>18</b> Chicken Patty Sandwiches	<b>19</b> Grilled Chicken Salad	<b>20</b> Beans & Sausage P	<b>21</b> Meatloaf & Tater Tots T-P
<b>24</b> Ravioli V-C	<b>25</b> Sloppy Joes T	<b>26</b> Chicken Eggrolls	<b>27</b> Chili & Chips T-C	<b>28</b> Tuna & Noodles C

**Elementary  
Back to School  
Nights**

Kindergarten:  
Wednesday,  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5:  
Thursday,  
Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Parents only  
please.



## BIXBY'S STAFF

**Sierra Aldrich** (Literacy Block and History: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades; Group Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Sierra is returning for her third year at Bixby refreshed and filled with ideas for Mini Society, literature, and outdoor education. She looks forward to teaming with Margaret once again.

**Emily Armiak** (Preschool Teacher)

Emily is returning for her fifth year at Bixby. She is an avid animal lover who likes to take long walks with her horses and dog.

**Lauren Augusta** (Kindergarten Lead Teacher)

Lauren is beginning her third year teaching and learning with the kindergarteners at Bixby. She will be mentoring our two Kindergarten interns as well as. Her Yoga for Kids program will be resuming after school.

**Pat Baker** (Co-Founder & Executive Director; Geography: Kg. & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Math: Kindergarten; Group Time: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Pat is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school and all of its programs. However, even after 35+ years, Pat remains a teacher at heart; one who knows that to understand what's happening in a school you have to spend time with the students. When she's not in a classroom, you can usually find Pat at her (in)famous table.

**Addie Barkley** (Reading, Geography, and Handwriting: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Group Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

Addie begins her 20<sup>th</sup> year at Bixby! As one of our most experienced teachers, she has a great perspective on what has (and has not) changed in the lives of first graders over the past 20+ years.

**Bart Bartram** (Co-Founder)

Bart continues to work with our math teachers on the pedagogy and curriculum development of Bixby Math.

**Lacy Bearden** (After-school staff)

Lacy returns to work with kindergarteners after 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

**Cindy Benson** (Office Administrator)

Please congratulate Cindy on ten years as "staff mom," "nurse," and "wise counsel" in addition to all of the work her official title entails.

**Kitty Cary** (Math: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Kitty is pleased to be starting her eighth year teaching at Bixby and her fourth year teaching Bixby Math.

**Lynne Costain** (After-school staff)

Lynn is a 1995 Bixby graduate who attends CU and is a member of a local, non-profit board. She returned to work part-time at Bixby in 2003. She is our games expert.

**Ashlee Danford** (Kindergarten & Preschool Intern)

Ashlee moved to Boulder from New York a year ago. She will be in the kindergarten classroom all day Tuesday and Thursday and half of the day on Monday. The rest of the time, she will be working in the preschool. Ashlee will be earning her teaching certification and her Master's degree during the year.

**Sharon Haddad** (Music: K-5)

Sharon begins her 2<sup>nd</sup> teaching year at Bixby after stepping in on short notice last fall. She attended some Orff workshops and looks forward to using all that she has learned in her classes. She will continue to offer voice and piano lessons after school.

**Ari Hernandez** (Cook's Assistant)

Ari begins her third year as Sherry's invaluable aide. We have discovered Ari is the biggest cartoon fan in the school!

**Elizabeth Hubert** (Academic Director; Bixby Bulletin; Bookstore; Scholastic Book Orders)

Elizabeth begins her third year working with the teaching staff on curriculum, instruction, and assessment, as well as some other duties. The most delightful part of Elizabeth's day remains her time reading aloud to the kindergarteners.

**Mark Kalen** (Geography: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; Group Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Mark is beginning his 24<sup>th</sup> year on the Bixby staff with a change to Geography! He is excited about the possibilities of Google Earth and the study of countries. You may see him around town with Pearl, his canine pal.

**Esther Kary** (Substitute Teacher, Cook, & Office)

Esther and her husband (he's a teacher, too) are expecting a baby in the winter! They raise goats and live at the Haystack Mountain farm.

**Hollie Laudal** (Creative Projects: Tuesdays)

Hollie will be pursuing her chaplaincy career this year, but will be at Bixby one afternoon per week.

**Julie Layne** (Science: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Math: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades)

Julie begins her Bixby teaching career this year. She previously taught for several years in Louisiana, so she is enjoying Colorado's weather!

**Chelsea Le** (Math: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; Special Projects: 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)

Chelsea joins our staff after teaching in Longmont the past three years. She is also a musician and will be offering piano lessons after school.

**Robert MacKenzie** (Art: 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades; Facilities)

Robert is ready to provide a dizzying (or dizzy) array of art projects this year! In addition to teaching art, Robert maintains our unique facilities.

**Lisa Manko** (Preschool)

Lisa comes to Bixby after several years at Green Acres. She is excited to be getting to know our families and children. Lisa is active outdoors winter and summer.

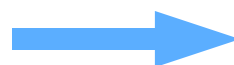
**Kim McCloskey** (Bookkeeper)

Kim is here on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Sherry Nelson** (Cook)

Sherry continues to create delicious, nutritious lunches and snacks for students, staff, and visiting parents. Her menu is one of the most talked about aspects of life at Bixby.

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## BIXBY'S STAFF (Continued)

**Cara Poirier** (Marketing Coordinator) helps to get Bixby's name into the community as well as makes the Bixby Bulletin, our forms, handbooks, and other materials look polished. This past summer, Cara worked on the Employee Handbook.

**Bryan Powell** (After School Program: Lead Teacher; Sports Groups: 1st—5th; Kindergarten: Friday Teacher) Bryan is beginning his 3rd year at Bixby. He has a background in physical education and as an athlete. When he's not at Bixby, he's a personal trainer!

**Kaela Precourt** (Preschool) Kaela comes to us from Friends & Fun. She is excited to be working at Bixby with our families and children in a supportive atmosphere.

**Andrea Putman** (Preschool Teacher) Andrea is excited to be beginning her third year at Bixby and incorporating her learning from workshops and classes into her teaching practice.

**Claire Seger** (Assistant Director; Writing: 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades) Claire continues her work with our youngest writers in Writing Room C. First and Second Grade News editions should be flying off the presses soon.

**Adrienne Seidle** (Science: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) Adrienne begins her second year of sharing her love of science with our students. She was engaged to be married over the summer, during a romantic trip to Paris!

**Connie Solowiej** (Reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; Group Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Young Librarians) Connie begins her fourth year in our reading program. In addition, it is through Connie's efforts that authors come spend a day at Bixby, which lets our students in on the "creative life behind the books." Connie has more adventures planned for this year's Young Librarians.

**Alison Thielke** (Preschool Director and Teacher) Alison is beginning her 12<sup>th</sup> year in the preschool. She completed her Master's in Educational Psychology this past year and is excited to share her learning with our staff.

**Trish Tyner** (Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Swim Instructor) Trish, the Diva of Bixby Beach, will continue to work with our K-5 swimmers, teach lessons and run Swim Club after school.

**Lisa Wahl** (After School Program) Lisa is a CU student who has been working with us for a few months. She particularly enjoys leading craft projects.

**Katie Wahr** (Kindergarten Intern) Katie grew up in Boulder and received her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Colorado. She will be working in our kindergarten Monday through Thursday. Katie will be earning her teaching certification and her Master's degree during the year.

**Margaret Wallace** (Writing: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades; Literacy Block: 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades; Gifted & Talented) Margaret happily continues her Literacy Block collaboration with Sierra. She is looking forward to the third year of this interdisciplinary program, as well as to working with our third grade writers on a variety of projects. She will continue to consult with parents and staff to support our gifted students.

**Nifer Weller** (Sports Groups) Nifer is a Bixby parent with years of experience as an athlete, coach and teacher.

**Alison Wolfe** (Preschool Teacher) Alison's baby is due any day now! She will be on maternity leave and we wish her and her new family the best.

## Kudos to...

- Chesly, Aria's mom, Connie, teacher and Young Librarian sponsor, Jonah and Natalie, Bixby graduates, for their work setting up and starting to catalog Bixby's extensive collection of books into an on-line searchable catalog. We are building a virtual library one book at a time!
- Andrew Schrader, Bixby graduate and Stanford freshman, who volunteered part of his summer to work at Bixby with Robert. Many of the improvements in Lower Yard are thanks to Andrew.
- Mark and friends for painting classrooms and playing great tunes while doing it.
- Robert for all of the repair work done in good humor. Oh, and the totally cool tire swing in Lower!
- A number of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who assisted Robert and other teachers with chores and without complaint.
- Our summer program staff: Bryan, Lisa, Lynne, Emily, Tali, and teachers: Julie, Addie, Esther, Claire, plus support staff: Cindy, Sherry, Ari and others who made it feel relaxed without it getting chaotic. The rainforest was a welcome respite on those hot, hot days.
- ReSource for recycling our old carpeting - like that had any chance of degrading in a landfill!

### Our Mission:

To cultivate critical thinking; promote independence and self-confidence; instill empathy, respect, and responsibility; and inspire a love of learning.

