



The Berkeley African American Success Framework (AASF) team has enjoyed a rewarding spring semester cultivating brilliance and developing community among BUSD’s Black/African American students and families. Read on for spring highlights and exciting summer opportunities with the AASF network!



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you will find:*



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- *Virtual Family Empowerment Night (5/16)*
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AASF District partners play a critical role in implementing the African American Success Framework through supporting student engagement, climate and culture, and college going activities. We're proud to partner with College Bound programs; STEP UP! Academy; UMOJA; Black Girls United; Young, Gifted and Black; and Berkeley Public Schools Fund.



THE 2ND ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

On **Saturday, April 13th**, BUSD and the AASF organized a special resource fair at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School for scholars who will be transitioning to middle or high school this fall.

At the Transition Fair, the Berkeley school community led middle and high school success workshops for scholars and their families, providing guidance and resources for a smooth transition into the next stage in their educational journey.



A message from a BUSD parent:

“I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the BUSD district leadership as well as the teachers and staff for hosting the transition fair this past weekend.

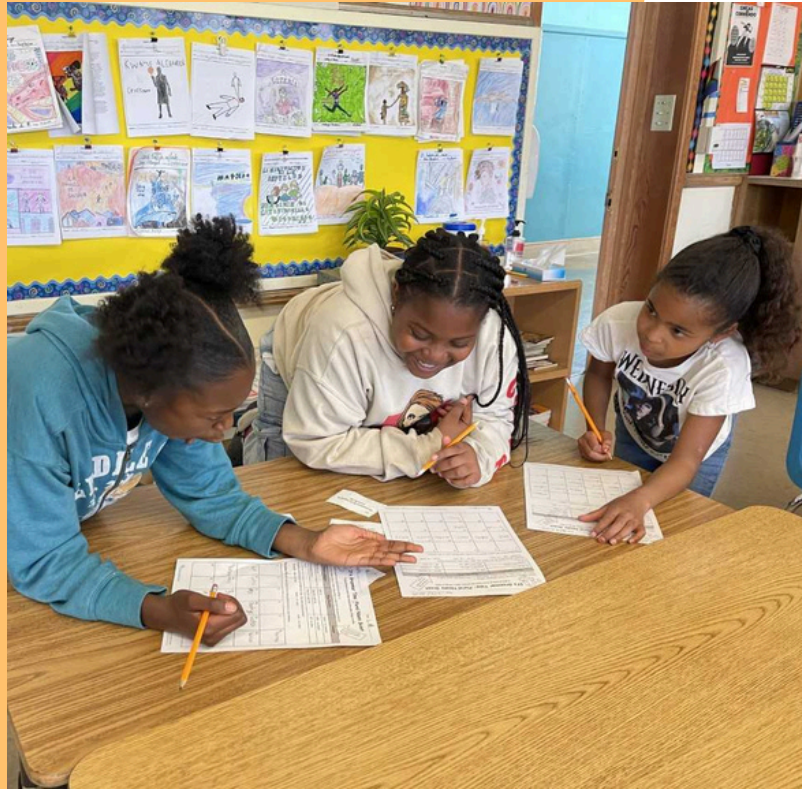
My daughter will be entering BHS in the Fall of 2024 and I have a combination of excitement, fear, and anxiety. Needless to say, the information tables coupled with the presentation did a great deal to allay some of those concerns.

Thank you again for your time, selfless service, and compassion for our children’s education and future.”



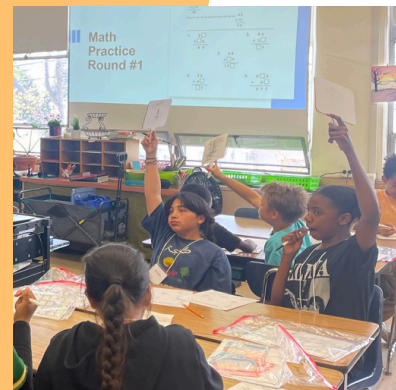
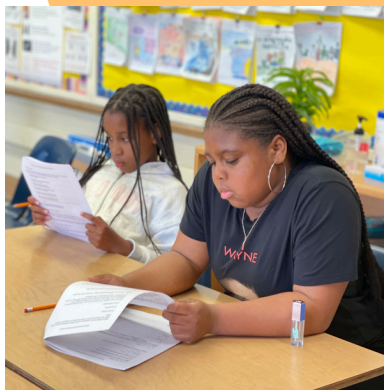
Pictured, clockwise from top: A variety of BUSD organizations table at the transition fair; Superintendent Enikia Ford Morthel greets the crowd; the fair is packed with students, family, and staff alike; a diverse turnout of educators, community resources, and workshop leaders gather in the space.





SYLVIA MENDEZ SCHOLARS LEVELED UP! FOR THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS

At Sylvia Mendez Elementary School, 30 scholars in the 3rd-5th grades were invited and met on a weekly basis from April 10th - May 1st, sharpening their Math and ELA skills over two hour sessions in preparation for the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Opening circles, affirmations, focus activities, and check-ins defined these afternoon workshops. Best of luck on the SBAs, Sylvia Mendez scholars!



UP NEXT: FINISH STRONG WITH THE VIRTUAL FAMILY EMPOWERMENT NIGHT!

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join Coach Cloteal Herron for a family Power Hour focused on 3 goals:

- **Provide** practical strategies and resources for students and families to finish the school year on a high note and stay academically engaged during summer
- **Engage** families in an interactive atmosphere to support and encourage networking
- **Advocate** to build a strong foundation for long-term academic success and personal growth

Plus: If you missed the 2nd Annual Transition Fair, stay on from **7:00-7:30 p.m.** and speak to Berkeley middle and high school principals about any questions you may have about the transition to middle or high school.



Registration details to come soon!

JOIN THE AASF'S TRUSTED PARTNERS



YGB performing at the Transition Fair on April 13th

Young, Gifted and Black

is now accepting new students in grades 2-7 to join! YGB teaches and learns Black History through poetry, rap, and freedom songs. Parents and students are encouraged to sit in on a rehearsal to see if the program is a good fit. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. at the East Bay School for Boys.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

College Bound Berkeley Academy

invites the families of college-bound students to join dedicated monthly workshops to help navigate the educational journey. Topics cover college portfolios, A-G course requirements, creating at-home study environments, and more.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



College Bound scholars touring Atlanta, GA colleges in early April, 2024

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities abound for Berkeley scholars to learn and grow this summer! Check out the resources below, then follow the links to find the perfect summer program(s) for your child.



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BUSD SUMMER PROGRAMS

BUSD offers a variety of summer programs for Berkeley scholars of all ages to develop academic skills and make friends. Follow the link above to access the program catalog and application.

CITY OF BERKELEY SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

At the City of Berkeley's Summer Playground Programs, children ages 5-12 can enjoy supervised time outdoors at one of Berkeley's parks or elementary schools



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AASF SPOTLIGHT: MAKER CAMP '24

Maker Camp is a 4-week Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) summer camp for current 5th-8th graders. From **Monday, June 17th to Friday, July 12th**, participants will attend half-day sessions either in the morning or the afternoon.

Current 5th-7th graders will meet at **King Middle School**, while current 8th graders will meet at **Berkeley High School**.

This program is a collaboration between BUSD and the [Berkeley Public Schools Fund](#).

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The African American Success Framework team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all families, faculty, and community partners for their ongoing collaboration and enthusiastic show of support for Berkeley's Black/African American scholars.

For immediate information about the African American Success Framework, please visit the BUSD African American Resources webpage below:

<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/african-american-resources/>