

# STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

*Spring 2014*

## Sterne Alumni Association

Spring! Time for picnics, blooming flowers, and baseball games.

The Sterne Alumni Association is here to bring together our diverse and exceptional group of Sterne Alumni for events, to share news, and to be a part of the next chapter of Sterne's history. Our goal is to keep you updated about what's going on at Sterne. To learn more about us please visit our website at [sterneschool.org](http://sterneschool.org) and join us on Facebook. To receive our eNewsletter just send us your current email address.

We love to hear about what you're doing and we want to stay in touch! For all alumni communications please contact Alie Berka at [aberka@sterneschool.org](mailto:aberka@sterneschool.org)

## Save the Date

### Sterne Summer School

June 17 – July 11 & July 7 – August 14

### Sterne Homecoming

September 13

Jackson Street Campus

## Book Talk at Book Passage

On a warm Saturday afternoon in May Sterne hosted an informative discussion of current books at Book Passage bookstore in the Ferry Building. It was a lively and entertaining presentation tailored just for our Sterne Community featuring hot topics in reading. Everyone walked away armed with a list of great summer reads for kids and adults.



Sue Brown (center) and daughters Brenna and Caitlin (*Sterne 2009*)



## Sterne Spring Fling

*Celebrating our Students*

### Student Art Showcase & Auction

Our second annual Spring Fling event on May 16th proved to be the largest attended event in Sterne's history! In fact we had almost twice the attendance from last year with nearly 300 members from the Sterne community - students, families, teachers, staff, alumni (Claudine Puente *Sterne 1995*), and board members - filling the gym at our High School campus.

The event was jam-packed with fun fare, student performances, and a silent auction to benefit the arts programs at Sterne.

Once again, Sterne parent and chef, Barry Applebaum provided a delicious light supper, and Akiva Resnikoff, a Sterne alum and founder of *The Cookie Department*, donated tasty "functional cookies".

Spring Fling was a wonderful opportunity for our students to shine and everyone to learn about the fantastic art programs we have at Sterne. The walls were decorated with paintings and the tables were covered with sculpture showcasing the creativity of our students. The Middle School students performed a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the High School students performed *Blue Sky*.

The Middle School Band featured drum and vocal solos, original compositions, and a surprise visit by Cat Stevens (a.k.a. Head of School, Ed McManis) followed by a grand finale chorus comprised of both students and faculty.

To top it off, the event raised nearly \$30,000 for the arts at Sterne – triple the success of last year! Our kids will benefit with increased funding to the visual arts, theater arts, film, and music. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

All in all, Spring Fling was a huge success. We are so proud of our talented students and their wonderful, supportive families.

## Dolphins are doing...

- Field trips: rock climbing, LinkedIn, Pixar Studios, Glide Memorial, Alcatraz
- Weight training at the High School
- Futsal at the Middle School
- Live theater and film production



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## Development News: Annual Fund

This year we surpassed our Annual Fund goal by bringing in over \$200,000. Thank you to all the parents, former parents, alumni, and friends who so generously donated. The Annual Fund supports Sterne's crucial operating costs. With these gifts we've been able to maintain a wealth of programs and opportunities for our students. Most notably the Annual Fund supported field trips, extra-curricular programs, school supplies, textbooks, computers, and financial aid. To learn more about the Sterne Annual Fund contact Alie Berka: [aberka@sterneschool.org](mailto:aberka@sterneschool.org).

## Expansion Campaign

Sterne is officially in the final stretch of the historic Expansion Campaign: *Great Minds, Thinking Differently*. We are well over 80% to goal, with just over \$300,000 more to raise. As the school year winds to a close and we prepare for the summer holiday, we hope *everyone* in our community will take time to consider how they will participate in the future of Sterne School. To learn more about the Expansion Campaign contact Jaime Tollas: [jtollas@sterneschool.org](mailto:jtollas@sterneschool.org).

## Come Visit Us

We love it when alumni drop by to say hello and give us an update on what they are doing. These past few months we were visited by:  
**Rogan Farfan** – *Sterne 1985*. Rogan is getting married soon - Congratulations!  
**Taylor Gardner** – *Sterne 2013*. Taylor is studying at West Los Angeles College.  
**Caitlin Brown** – *Sterne 2009*. Caitlin graduated from Iona College with a major in Public Relations and is pursuing work in Event Management or Development.



Head of School, Ed McManis visits with Taylor Gardner (*Sterne 2013*)



Sterne students visit the nation's capital

## Experiential Week

They're here, they're there, they're everywhere... and they're learning all the time. Sterne's *Experiential Week* took students to new and exciting places last April. The program, which began in 2013, gives students the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have gained in the classroom to the outside world: testing their science acumen at the Exploratorium; stretching Mind-Body activities to new heights in a yoga/surf practicum; seeing U.S. History live and up-close in Washington DC; putting ecology into practice on a turtle reserve in the Sea of Cortez – to name a few. Each experience is carefully crafted, taking into consideration cross-curricular educational benefits as well as the confidence-building, community service, and social-emotional growth that are the heart of the Sterne program.

## Go Giants!

What a great outing! The SF Giants vs. the Chicago Cubs baseball game was amazing - our Giants handily beat those wretched Cubs on a beautiful sunny day. Sterne School was one big, happy group - middle school and high school students and teachers all hanging together. Several of our Sterne alumni came by to visit us in the stands - Steven Uzeta (*Sterne 2000*) with his father, Joseph; Adam Chung (*Sterne 2000*); and Thomas Bookwalter (*Sterne 1998*). How did they know we were there? They saw the big bold letters STERNE SCHOOL and our happy students' faces on the Jumbotron. Being on TV and the big screen was the perfect way to complete a wonderful day.

