

# STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

*Winter 2014*

## **Sterne Alumni Association**

Welcome Winter! In San Francisco, after many days of record sunshine, we're grateful to finally have some much needed rain.

The Alumni Bulletin has been coming to alumni for a year now bringing you all the news from Sterne - our way of reaching out to you, a vital part of our community.

At the beginning of 2013 we introduced the Sterne Alumni Association. It is our hope 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, *Sterne Slate*, just send us your current email address.

We love to hear about what you're doing. If you have not yet given us an update please send in the enclosed form or email us. 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**

### **Spring Fling: Celebrating our Students**

**May 2014 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

***Sterne High Campus, 245 Valencia St., SF***

Join us as we celebrate our students with fun fare, student performances, student artwork, games, and a silent auction to benefit the arts programs at Sterne. This is a great chance for our students to shine, our parents to brag, and our alumni and friends to see what we are all about. Watch our website for more information about this Parent Association sponsored event.

### **La Boulange Fridays**

**April 4, 2014**

***La Boulange Pine Street Bakery, SF***

A three-course dinner with a French flair to benefit Sterne School. For more information contact Jaime Tollas in the Development Department at [jtollas@sterneschool.org](mailto:jtollas@sterneschool.org).

### **Sterne Graduation**

**June 13, 2014**

***Sterne High Campus, 245 Valencia St., SF***

## **Faculty/Staff vs. Student/Alumni Basketball Game**

**January 11, 2014**

The annual Sterne Basketball game is always an entertaining event. This year was no exception as the Sterne faculty delivered a rousing face off against our current and former students.

The Middle School students trounced the faculty under the leadership of Coach Larry Milburn. The Milburn family was also represented by Larry's son, Thomas, who brought the team to victory as the top scorer.

Following the Middle School game, the faculty made a comeback and recovered their pride by beating the High School students in a close match. Alum Eric Joseph (Sterne '05-'07) was a welcome addition to the game along with several faculty spouses and parents.



*Alum Eric Joseph (Sterne '05 –'07) dribbles down the court under the watchful eye of 11<sup>th</sup> grader Jacob Weir*

## **Dolphins are doing...**

***At Sterne we have some new programs:***

- A wrestling team at the High School
- A *Teen Top Chef* program at the High School
- A ping pong club at the Middle School



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## Grandparents & Special Friends Day

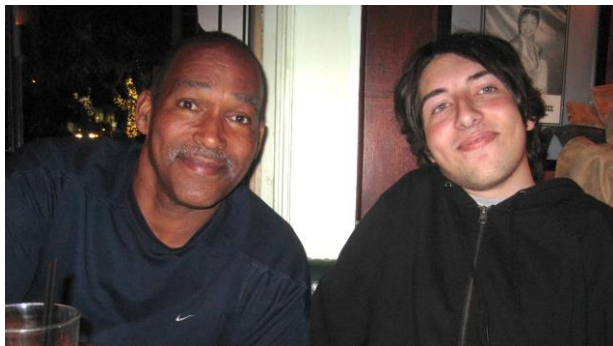
They came from all over the country for the first ever *Sterne Grandparents & Special Friends Day* at the Middle School last November. Over 40 grandparents and special friends came to visit their Sterne student, hear about our innovative programs, and tour our Jackson Street campus.

It was a great way for the students to show off their renovated classrooms, the new state-of-the-art science lab, and the recently completed library. Based on the overwhelming positive feedback we will be hosting another *Grandparents & Special Friends Day* next year – A new annual event for Sterne School!



## Alumni/Faculty Happy Hour

We ushered in the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with another first: The *Alumni/Faculty Happy Hour* hosted by the Sterne Alumni Association. Sterne faculty and staff mingled with alumni and friends at Palmer's Tavern, a local restaurant on Fillmore Street and a short walk from the Jackson Street campus. The venue was a perfect spot for the Sterne community to gather and visit with old friends.



*Larry Milburn and Alum James Dunlap (Sterne '13)*

## Inside LD

### *Raising Capable Kids: A Practical Guide to Understanding & Cultivating Executive Function*

On January 28<sup>th</sup> Sterne hosted an education night in our speakers series featuring Dan Leibowitz, a learning and technology specialist. Dan spoke about strategies, methods and educational interventions that utilize technology and a range of tools to improve academic performance and develop executive skills.

Watch our website for information on upcoming speakers in our *Inside LD* series.

## Sterne Pride: Alumni to Watch *Akiva Resnikoff*

Akiva Resnikoff (Sterne '95 - '98) has found a niche - both for himself and for the cookie industry. He is founder and COO of *The Cookie Department*, a Bay Area firm that makes "functional cookies". Each cookie has a function from packing a protein punch to supplying natural detoxifiers.

After working in the functional beverage industry for several years Akiva decided that he wanted to do something from the ground-up in the food industry. He took a classic product, the cookie, and fortified it. It all began with the "Awaken Baked Cookie", a caffeine-infused cookie made with organic coffee. The company has since launched a complete functional cookie line. For descriptions go to: [thecookiedepartment.com](http://thecookiedepartment.com).

Akiva was the first to create the new functional trend in the cookie market. This was five years ago, and now *The Cookie Department* has products in 250 stores on the west coast and scattered across the country. He expects to grow by 250% this year.

Akiva, who has fond memories of Sterne, attended the school from seventh through ninth grades. After Sterne he transferred to Berkeley High School. He says that going from the small classes at Sterne to a highly populated high school was a real shock. When he was nineteen-years-old Akiva attended culinary school in Oakland and earned his pastry certificate.

The teachers at Sterne made a difference in Akiva's education. He was greatly influenced by his favorite teacher, Mynai Butler, who passed away last August. "I learned and absorbed the most from Mynai," Akiva remembers warmly. "There was a real Sterne approach."

