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Message From The President,

"Happy New Year" - Wishing you a Prosperous and Healthy 2012!

What a wonderful and successful last year for the Archiving Project:

Scholarships to Brionna White, San Francisco State, Christopher Bennett, University of California, Berkeley and Lea Roberts, Berkeley City College
Garage Band Dance
Historical School Tours

We can only do this through your continued support. We appreciate your help.

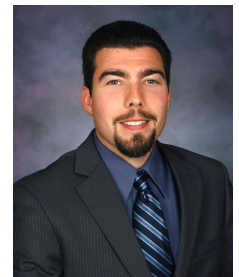
The Archiving Project is proud to keep this transition of the Green & White story alive.

Be sure to read your New sletters and tell other Alumni about the ECHS Archiving Project Committee. We have a great 2012 planned for you!

Best Wishes,
Patricia (Jones) Durham '68

Support the ECHS Archiving Project**New Principal Starts 2011-2012**

David Luongo was born and raised in the Boston Area. He graduated from Boston University with a degree in English Education and moved to the Bay Area to pursue his career in education. David started teaching English at Kennedy High School in 2000 where he quickly started picking up leadership roles. Over the five years David spent teaching at Kennedy High School, he served as the English Department Chair, Intervention Coordinator, Leadership Team member and a variety of other leadership roles. After working at Kennedy, David entered the Principal Leadership Institute at UC Berkeley and took an administrative assignment at Oceana High School in Pacifica while completing the master's degree program. Shortly thereafter, David returned to the West Contra Unified School District to serve as an Assistant Principal at Pinole Valley High School (3 years) and Kennedy High School (2 years). David is now the principal of El Cerrito High School.



In addition to being the principal of El Cerrito High School, David is also a resident of El Cerrito and thoroughly enjoys the diversity, charisma and charm that the community brings. In addition to his passion for education, David likes to spend his off time outdoors with a particular fondness for hiking. David looks forward to continuing to grow the success of El Cerrito High School and working closely with the community.

YouTube Offer

YouTube 'Anthem' for Gauchos Basketball Team

<http://elcerrito.patch.com/articles/youtube-anthem-for-gauchos-basketball-team>

Jw ilThaRealest (aka Jessie Lee Wilson Jr., 16) has a new ode with a modern beat for the El Cerrito High basketball team.

On a casual stroll of the Internet, Patch happened upon a new offering on YouTube, "El Cerrito Basketball Anthem 2011-2012," uploaded January. 9 by Jw ilThaRealest, whose Web page identifies him as also Jw ilDaRealest and "Artist/Producer" Jessie Lee Wilson Jr., 16, of Richmond.

Jackie Burgess

Dance Teacher Retiring

Jacqueline Burgess, El Cerrito High School's iconic dance teacher retired last Friday. Miss Burgess, as she is affectionately called by some and Jackie by the rest of us, has decided to call it quits after teaching dance at the school for nearly 37 years. Burgess has adamantly refused all efforts to honor her with any fanfare; she just wants to quietly exit stage right. But many members of the "gaucho nation" were stunned as rumors of her imminent departure leaked out.



A steady procession of colleagues and former students stopped by to say a personal farewell to Jackie. Maya Caspi, a class of 1996 graduate, flew in from New York to say her goodbyes. Maya states, "I just had to see her in person and give her flowers." A virtual honor roll of former students have resorted to using the popular social media network site, Facebook, to offer their personal reflections on the impact Burgess has had on their lives.

By George Austin

[Jackie Burgess Stage Right](#)

BEN RUST

NEW BEN RUST MUSEUM DISPLAY ITEM

Ben Rust taught many years at El Cerrito High School until he died in 1974 at the age of 61. The 1965 yearbook was dedicated to him. He was president of the California Federation of Teachers for seven years before which he was president at local and county levels. He was an educational consultant to the California Senate Governmental Administration and Efficiency Committee and served on many national advisory board in education. He was a beloved Gaucho's teacher.

In late Fall 2011, Mr. Rust's daughter, Rebecca Rust, and her husband, Friedrick Edelmann, were in the area giving cello and bassoon concerts. They are professional performers living in Germany. They visited the high school's museum and decided to dedicate information about her father.



They will return again in Fall 2012 to see Mr. Rust's museum picture and to perform with the ECHS band. Watch for details midsummer about the concert date with guest star, Rebecca Rust on the cello.

Reunions Happenings

Having a Reunion? Contact the EC Archiving Project for support --ecarchproject@aol.com

Class of 1972 - 40th Class Reunion

Event Date 7/21- 7/21 2012

Classes Included 1970 - 1974

At the Waterfront Hotel, Jack London Square, Oakland. CA

Time: 6-Midnight

Dinner, Dancing, Get view of the Bay and Great Classmates

Class Picnic at Arlington Park 7/22/2012 at 10AM till ??

Feel Free To Contact: Al Gambetti agambetti@yahoo.com

For more information and to register: <http://www.greatreunions.com/reunions/comingsoon.cfm?Reunion=6670>

Hotel Information <http://jdvhoteles92-px.trvclick.com/hotels/sanfranciscoeastbay/waterfront>

Please login and RSVP to this event today.

Class of 1967-45th Reunion

October 6, 2012

Mira Vista Country Club

Save the Date!!!!

Contact-Roddy Lee- ECHS1967@aol.com

Past Reunion Information

Class of 1981 30th Reunion, Fall 2011 October 22, 2011 in the evening You MUST send your email address to dkh10463@yahoo.com so that an invite can be sent to you. Thanks, Pelayo Llamas

Class of 1965--45th Reunion October 23, 2010--Mira Vista Country Club Contact--Dennis Kalis--dkalis@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1985--25th Reunion September 25, 2010 at Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square Contact--Andrea Lum--andrealum@yahoo.com

Class of 1979, 30th Reunion November 28, 2009 at Golden Gate fields Turf Club. Contact--Rachel Greenberg--
echs1979@gmail.com

Class of 1964 45th Reunion Contact--Jackie Arnold Olson--jackie845@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1959.50th reunion October 10th, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel,Concord. Contact-- Roberta Mendoca,
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Class of 1969 40th Reunion August 29th Mira Vista CC. Contact--Bill Morris (510) 741-7147. w morris@actransit.org

Class of 1964 REUNION PICNIC Saturday, October 8, 2011 Tilden Park - Berkeley Hills

Class of 1971 40th Reunion Sunday, October 9, 2011 at Tilden Park (Island Site) Joan (Plant) Stockholm --
jmstock@comcast.net

Class of 2001 Reunion October 29, 2011 at Mira Vista Country Club. <http://www.elcerritohigh2001.com/> AnnMarie
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Class of 1961 50th Year Reunion Nov 05 2011 Double Tree Hotel by Hilton Steven Donaldson--
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Dr. Martin L. King Celebration

Do you remember in 1968 when Dr. Martin L. King was assassinated? Did you participate in the 23rd Annual City of El Cerrito Dr. Martin L. King Celebration at ECHS? There were 500 people marching down San Pablo Avenue led by the Bay Area Front & Center Black Cowboys and El Cerrito High School Marching Band. The participants marched to the ECHS Performing Art Center Theater, and Assembly person Nancy Skinner was the Mistress of Ceremony. The keynote speaker was our own El Cerrito Chief of Police, Silva Moir. Some of the participants were ECHS Jazz Band, Portola Jazz Band, Madera, Kensington and Harding Elementary School, singing, dancing, poetry, etc.



Patricia (Jones) Durham '68

Do You Have Items You Would like to have in the New ECHS Museum?

If you have articles you would like to see displayed in the ECHS museum, please follow the steps below.



1-Type out the following information for each item: Department used in such as social science, football, music Physical description of item. Type of item such as trophy, newspaper article. Date of use. Size of item. Donor's name, phone number, email address. 2-3 sentences of background information.

2-If the item can be framed, take to the following shop to be framed- The Glenn 7027 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito 510 558 1078. The likelihood of your article being displayed quickly increase dramatically if they come to us framed by The Glenn and ready to be hung. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that it will be displayed in the foreseeable future and will be put into our storage room.

3-If the item cannot be framed or you do not want to frame it, please deliver it to use in acid free envelopes or wrapping. Make sure the wrapping is transparent. Package articles in a durable fashion with the information included.

Joann Steck-Bayat 510 524 9464 Jsbat1@comcast.net Museum Curator



Completed Game and Practice Fields

Soccer, baseball, softball, 6 tennis courts, two scoreboards, home and visitor dugouts and bleachers for school, physical education and community use..

Alumni Information Needed

If you know any Alumni who have not subscribed to the ECHS Archiving Project New letter, please forward their information to ECArchproject@aol.com.

Reunion Leaders

Are you a reunion leader for one of our ECHS years? Please send us an updated class list.

We would like to ask for your help to notify us as to whom the reunion leaders are from each missing year. If you know of a missing alumni chair, please notify



Reunion Leaders, To change or add your contact information please email, Roddy Lee-- ECArchproject@aol.com.

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:

Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School - Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.

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