

**PEABODY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
changes since becoming a Charter 9/9/93

• **Governing Council formed**

Ten members appointed representing parents, teachers, staff and community.

• **Committees formed**

School Beautification, Arts and enrichment, Hispanic celebrations, Sports, PTA/Parent Involvement, UCSB Connection, Curriculum, Assessment, Student Needs, School Site Council, Finance, Library, and Communication committees have been formed of staff, parents and teachers representing approximately 120 active members meeting each month.

• **Music program expanded**

Local music teacher added. Instrumental music expanded to include Strings Instruction in conjunction with Santa Barbara Symphony.

• **Staff development**

Teachers have participated in staff development on mathematics, language arts, assessment and the 'Seven Intelligences'.

• **Parent involvement**

Parent involvement has increased in classrooms, at home and on committees. A mutual support agreement is being drafted to include commitment of parents, staff and students.

• **Student involvement**

Students are taking a more active role through student council in the decisions made at Peabody. Students, teachers and parents designed their own GATE program.

## •Grants written

Two music grants have been written. Two are in progress, one on technology and one on the UCSB/Peabody Connection.

## •Community Support

Curtis Carpet donated three rooms of carpet. Parents painted ten classrooms that had not been painted since the 1960's. Donations have been made to Peabody Charter from numerous local businesses. Ensemble Theatre gave a benefit performance of 'Androcles and the Lion' at Peabody.

## •Monthly newsletter

Monthly newsletter is published by the Communications Committee.

## •Assessments developed

Assessments that model the new CLAS in language arts both in Spanish and English have been developed and are being administered to all students grades K-6. Teachers will meet for a staff development day on January 28, 1994 to analyze results. Similar assessments in mathematics will be administered in February.

## •Afterschool programs begin

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school sports, tutorials, jazzercise, ballet, and a basketball league have begun in January.

## •Family class Spanish and English

Evening classes are being developed for families to learn either English or Spanish. Family partnerships will be formed to help each other learn language.

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