

## MEDIA ALERT 4/27/10

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### Bakersfield Schools Host a “Blackberry Banquet”

Author, Terry Pierce participates in the Kern Young Author Fair.

#### WHAT

Terry Pierce is the author of Sylvan Dell title, “Blackberry Banquet.” She will be reading her educational children’s picture book in six Bakersfield schools the week of May 10-15. Pierce’s, “Blackberry Banquet,” follows a host of forest animals as they find a delicious blackberry bush. Children delight in this story as chaos ensues after a bear disrupts the animals’ “blackberry banquet.” Pierce’s tour of schools is part of the Kern Young Author Fair. The Kern Reading Association, on a mission to increase literacy in local schools, hosts this annual fair to give students the opportunity to meet professional authors and illustrators.

#### WHEN? WHERE?

- May 10: Almondale School
- May 11: Casa Loma School
- May 12: Wayside School
- May 13: McKinley School
- May 14: Owens Primary
- May 15: Standard Middle School

#### EXPERIENCE

Terry Pierce is the author of 17 children’s books, including picture books, easy readers, joke books, and non-fiction. Terry now writes full-time, teaches children’s writing workshops and is a visiting author at elementary schools. She also proudly serves on the Ventura/Santa Barbara regional board of the SCBWI and is enrolled in the Vermont College of Fine Arts Master’s Program in Writing for Children and Young Adults. Terry was inspired to write “Blackberry Banquet” by her son (now grown) and their berry-picking family vacations in Oregon. Terry lives in the high desert of California with her husband of 33 years and their two crazy cats.

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