

Bell Hill Academy Bulletin

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

PERSEVERANCE

- 3/10 Garden Workday 9am to noon
- 3/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/12 Fourth Grade to Donner State Park
- 3/14 Wacky Wednesday--Mismatch Dress Day
Early Release at 1:50
Paw Pride Drawing
Spring Fundraiser Ends
- 3/15 Kindergarten Round Up 6pm at Scotten
- 3/16 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 3/17 Kindergarten Round Up 10am at BHA
- 3/19 Site Council Meeting 3:30
- 3/20 Woodwinds Ensemble Assembly 10:30
Dual Immersion Program Tour 11am
- 3/21 Early Release at 1:50
Paw Pride Drawing
Sprint Fundraiser Candy Sent Home
- 3/22 Semana Latina Dance Performances
5:30pm at Sierra College
- 3/23 Student of the Month Assembly 9:20am
Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
Citizenship Awards
Lazy Dog Attendance Recognition Treats!
- 3/26-3/30 Spring Break--No School**

Coming Soon!

- 4/2 Spirit Day! Wear your sports/Giants gear!
- 4/5 ELAC Meeting at 5:30pm
- 4/6 Dual Immersion Tour 9:15am
- 4/9 Site Council Meeting 3:30pm
- 4/13 Bingo Night at Gilmore--all schools invited



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Bell Hill Families,

Here we are on the cusp of spring and at the end of our second trimester of the year. The bulbs we planted back in October are now blooming all around us. It seems like only yesterday I was meeting many of you for the first time at the Meet Your Teacher Day and Back to School Night. We have achieved many things together this year, and I know there is much more success in front of us!

The character trait for March is Perseverance. As I reflect on this trait, I consider the many times in my life when I have had to find the motivation to continue working on a project when a part of me was ready to give up. Each time I have been able to persevere through adversity, it was because I had my larger goal in mind. In other words, I was able to push through obstacles because of how much I wanted to achieve my dream. We call this "grit" and do everything we can to foster this trait in our students by teaching them about Growth Mindset. Coming up in April, we will hold a Parent Information Night on this very topic. I hope you will all attend! By sharing ideas and information with each other, we make a stronger team.

Appreciatively,
Mrs. Graham

Congratulations to Greyson and Carson!!

We are proud to announce that 4th grade students Greyson George and Carson Horn both made the finals of the Nevada County Speech Competition! There were three finalists selected, and two of them are our very own Bell Hill Bears!! We are all very proud of the hard work and dedication these students put in to learning and perfecting their speeches. What an inspiration!

School Safety at BHA

On February 22, Chris Espedal, the School Safety and Climate Coordinator for the Nevada County Schools presented and led a conversation on lockdown procedures at Bell Hill. Both certificated and classified staff were in attendance. The information she shared and the discussion that followed made all of us feel more confident regarding how to respond in the event of a true lockdown and also how to best proceed with our next drill. Since that time, the staff has also had a "tone drill" so that we are aware of the difference between the fire alarm tones and the lockdown alarm.

Next Steps for BHA regarding School Safety:

1. During the week of March 12, we will hold "tone drill" during school hours so that students are able to distinguish between the alarm tones.
2. During the week of March 19, we will hold a brief lockdown drill. Chris Espedal will be on campus to support us. Students will be told it is a drill that is just for practice. Parents will be notified once it is over.
3. Bell Hill staff and the safety committee will continue to review and practice safety measures throughout the year.



Breads of the World

On February 22, the staff and students of Bell Hill celebrated our Global Studies focus by doing a "Bread Walk" around the school. Each class prepared breads that represent the area of the world that they are studying this year, and classes went to each class to taste a sample. Yum! Maestra Colvin has compiled the bread recipes into a cookbook that will be sent home very soon!!



Parent Information Nights

Since the start of 2018, we have offered 3 Parent Information Nights at Bell Hill.

- On January 30, we held a Safety Information Night with Chris Espedal from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Officer Zach LaFerrier of GVPD, and Emily Gallup, our counselor. Each speaker gave excellent information about safety and lockdown procedures as well as how to talk to our children about lockdown drills to help minimize their anxiety.
- On February 27, we held a Dual Immersion Parent Night with the DI teachers to give an overview of the expectations for the students at each grade level, examples of curriculum, and a general update on how the program is continuing to develop and improve.
- On March 8, we had a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Information Night with Kathy Moseman, the district Student Services Coordinator, Maestra Campbell and Mrs. Jackson who explained how we work to support all students for success at school with appropriate behaviors.
- **Coming Soon!** In April we are planning to hold another Parent Information Night on Growth Mindset--an important way of thinking about how we learn that BHA teachers use with their students. Adults need Growth Mindset, too!

Campus Beautification Day!

March 10

Many thanks to Danielle and Nico, Juana and Zara, Maestra Colvin, Brooke and TJ who came out to help with cleaning up and prepping our garden area. It was in great need of some TLC, and we are excited to see it looking tidier! Thanks, as well, to Sarah for getting us a generous compost donation from Peaceful Valley. Much appreciation to Maestra Katie Turner for leading this effort and sharing her knowledge with us!

If you were unable to come out, no worries! There is still work to be done. Please come by the office anytime you would like to help out, and Mrs. Graham will show you how you can lend a hand.



Kindergarten Round Up Dates

For those of you with incoming kindergarteners or if you have friends or family with little ones, please make sure you attend one of these events:

Thursday, March 15 6pm at Scotten

Saturday, March 17 10am at Bell Hill

The lottery for the Dual Immersion Program will be held on April 18, and families will be notified within the following few days.



The Official Bell Hill Academy

Facebook Page is here!

<https://goo.gl/RmKa3c>

This is another way for parents and community members to stay up-to-date on the happenings at BHA.

Look for upcoming events and information!



Remember to bring in your Box Tops!

Box Tops = New Library Books

Congratulations to Maestra Ford's 2nd grade class for bringing in the most Box Tops in February!

Bell Hill Academy is a Global Studies and Dual Immersion School. The educators at Bell Hill share the goal of preparing students to be informed and curious world citizens.

