

# Bell Hill Academy Bulletin

## DATES TO REMEMBER

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:  
COMPASSION

- 10/6 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red  
Jogathon!
- 10/9 Parent Conferences 4 to 7:30pm
- 10/10 Site Council Meeting 3:30-4:30
- 10/11 Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing  
Parent Conferences 4 to 7:30pm
- 10/12 Tasting with the Chef--2nd and 4th
- 10/13 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red  
Kindergarten to Pumpkin Patch  
2nd Grade to Crocker Art Museum
- 10/16-10/20 Fall Break--Enjoy the vacation!**
- 10/24 1st Grade to Pumpkin Patch  
4th Grade to Sutter's Fort
- 10/25 Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing  
Fall Planting Day  
Picture Retakes
- 10/26 Dual Immersion Community Tour  
9:15am  
Safety Committee 4pm
- 10/27 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red  
2nd Grade to Pumpkin Patch  
Lazy Dog Ice Cream for Perfect  
Attendance 2pm
- 10/30 Student of the Month Assembly 9:20am
- 10/31 Halloween and Early Release at 1:50
- 11/1 Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing
- 11/2 Day of the Dead Festival from 4-6pm



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Bell Hill Families,

Fall is my favorite season of the year, and it is a true pleasure to experience the change of seasons here in Grass Valley. Being new to the area, these cooler mornings make me wonder about the colder temperatures to come and when I will get to pull out my wool sweaters!

Since the last newsletter, our school community has entered into a much busier time. We are already in the midst of getting ready for the Jogathon, going on field trips and attending parent conferences. I hope all of you will be sure to meet with your child's teacher to have a dialogue about the academic, social-emotional and personal growth and challenges of your child. Parent-Teacher conferences should be an exchange of ideas and information between home and school so that the student can be better supported, challenged and understood by the key adults in his/her life.

Our parent organizations have begun to meet, and there are many opportunities for participation by all families. For example, our Site Council, the group that reviews and approves the BHA site plan goals, has met once, and will meet again on Oct. 10. Please come if you are interested in learning more about how we measure student achievement here at BHA.

If you are interested in working on Campus Beautification, Safety or Family Engagement Practices, please contact Mrs. Graham to find out more! I feel so fortunate to be a part of this wonderfully supportive community, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

All the best,

Mrs. Graham

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, all of our students and teachers walked over to the St. Joseph's Cultural Center for our Student of the Month Assembly to recognize a student from each class who was chosen as an outstanding example of Responsibility. We also recognized four students who had perfect attendance throughout the last school year. What an achievement! Everyone who was recognized joined Mrs. Graham for a pizza party.

We have decided to hold these assemblies each month at St. Joseph's because we want our school community to come together in more formal way to recognize the hard work of our students. We will be working on practicing appropriate audience behavior, as well. Everyone is welcome to attend even if your child is not being recognized this time. We are considering including a singalong as part of this tradition.

## FALL PLANTING ON OCTOBER 25

We are planning a Fall Planting Day on Wednesday, October 25. We will need donations of bulbs (daffodils, irises, tulips, etc) and some trowels so that all of the BHA students can plant a bulb. It will be lots of fun to anticipate when they will come up in the springtime. We will be able to celebrate the arrival of the warmer weather with blooms all over the school! Please communicate with your child's teacher to determine the needs of your class, and come participate in the planting day, if you can!



### Helping Kids in Houston

One of our fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Jackson, heard about a program to match classes around the country with classes in Houston who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Mrs. Jackson and her students will be communicating with a 3rd grade class in Houston as well as collecting items that those students and families need. In addition to hygiene items and other necessities, the students themselves came up with the idea to send stuffed animals to these kids who have lost everything. That is compassion in action! Way to go, Mrs. Jackson and students!



### FIELD TRIPS TO A PUMPKIN PATCH

This month, Bell Hill students will be going on pumpkin patch field trips to local farms. The kindergarten and second grade classes will be going to Bierwagen's Farm, and the first grade classes will head to Bishop's Pumpkin Patch. Maestra Colvin says, "The kindergarten classes will be going on their first field trip to Bierwagen's Farm on Friday, October 13th. Students will get to pick and eat a fresh apple, visit farm animals, experience how a farm works, and chose a pumpkin to take home!" Sounds like fun!

## TIPS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

NANCY SWARTZ

Finding time to read to your children can be hard. The best tip I ever received was from my children's principal. In her newsletter, she suggested waking your children up with a story.

I would simply turn on the light, sit on the floor and start reading a story. The kids would listen and it made getting them out of bed for school less stressful. Over the years, we read many chapter books, the boys picking one and the girls choosing the next. This turned out to be a really positive time for all of us and my children still remember it.

*\*It is important to share that Mrs. Swartz acted quickly during lunch last week to help a child who was choking. Thanks to her, the student is fine, and everything turned out ok. She is truly a BHA hero!*



## Traffic Procedures at BHA

The traffic situation in front of the school at pick up time has gotten challenging. We ask that you follow our procedures so that all students and adults on campus stay safe. First, if you are in the traffic line along School Street, please stay in your vehicle until you come to the front of the line. The staff on duty will accompany your child to the car. Next, remember that there is no parking across the street from Bell Hill on School Street. We will have cones out marking where you should not stop or park your car. Lastly, if you would like to park your car and walk onto campus, please park in a safe and legal space and use the crosswalks. Thank you.



## COMING SOON TO BHA: SCIENCE CLUB

We recently found out that Mrs. Collins has received funding from the Grass Valley Foundation for Arts and Sciences to start a Science Club at Bell Hill Academy. The first round of the club will be for grades 3 and 4 and will most likely start up in early November. We are very grateful to the Foundation for this grant and to Mrs. Collins for getting this club started! More information to come soon!

## Don't forget your Box Tops!

Mrs. Swartz and Miss Stacey will be collecting the Box Tops each month and calculating which classes had the most. For September we had two winning classes: Maestra Campbell and Maestra Prado! Both classes received a special recognition from Miss Nancy. Well done!



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