

# Bell Hill Academy Bulletin

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

- 9/6 Early Release at 1:50
- 9/7 ELAC Meeting 5:30-7pm
  - childcare provided
- 9/8 Picture Day!
- 9/13 Early Release at 1:50
- 9/15 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 9/18 **No School:** Professional Development Day for Staff
- 9/19 Coffee with the Counselor and the Principal at 9am
- 9/20 Early Release at 1:50  
Site Council Meeting 3:30 - 4:30  
All are welcome!
  - childcare provided
- 9/22 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 9/27 Early Release at 1:50
- 9/28 Student of the Month Awards
- 9/29 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red  
Lazy Dog Ice Cream for Perfect Attendance 2pm
- 10/3 Parent Conferences
- 10/4 Early Release at 1:50
- 10/5 Parent Conferences
- 10/6 Jog-a-thon!!

## ASSESSMENTS

You may already be aware that our staff gives a variety of assessments to our students throughout the year. Currently, we are giving assessments in reading and math to all students in order for teachers to have information about their academic levels as we start the school year. This information informs the instruction in the classroom. There will be other assessments given periodically, both academic and behavioral. If you have any questions about these, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs. Graham or your child's teacher.



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Bell Hill Families,

Even though we are officially in the month of September, it seems that the summer weather is here to stay for a while longer. I hope you all had fun over the long weekend and that the children came back to school ready to engage in the learning opportunities their teachers have for them in the classrooms.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at Back to School Night. I have received such a warm welcome at BHA, and I feel so grateful to you, the staff and the students for that. My hope for this school year is to facilitate the further development of the BHA Learning Community in which everyone has a place and a role to play. The work of the ELAC and the Site Council will focus on strengthening our community by ensuring that we maintain consistent and authentic communication between home and school. I appreciate everyone's efforts on behalf of our wonderful students!

Families, as you may recall, my "homework" for you this year is to find some way to get involved in the school community. I know that it is challenging for working parents, but possible if you plan in advance. Educational research has demonstrated the connection between

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## "THE CHARACTER SHOW" ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, the students from first to fourth grade walked over to the St. Joseph's Cultural Center for an assembly called "The Character Show." The presenter, Obediah Thomas, put on a lively and interactive show that was both entertaining and educational. We learned about the 6 Pillars of Character: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship. The teachers and I were impressed with the acting talents of the student volunteers! We had some belly laughs together!



## CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

Maestra Colvin is offering a Cross Country Club for 1st-4th graders starting this month. The club is free of charge and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:15. There is a mandatory parent information meeting on Sept. 19 at 5:30 for those who are interested. Her email is [scolvin@gvsd.us](mailto:scolvin@gvsd.us) ¡Muchas gracias, Maestra Colvin!

### Parenting Tip for the Month of September

You can reinforce school rules by talking about how to be **safe**, **respectful** and **responsible** at home, in the car and in public places.



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families' participation in schools and their children's academic success. If you are not sure how to help, come see me!

It is a great pleasure to be the principal of this delightful school. Please come by and say "hello!"

All the best,

Mrs. Graham



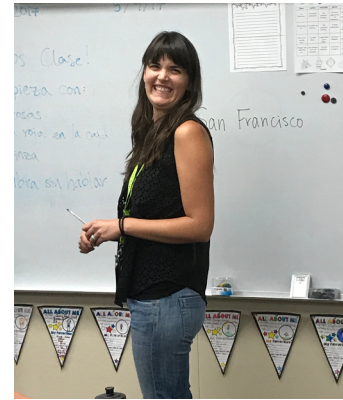
## OUR FIRST FIRE DRILL

On Friday, September 1, we held our first fire drill of the year. The students did a good job of following instructions to be quiet and walk calmly to the upper playground. As an elementary school, we are required to practice these kinds of drills monthly. If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Mrs. Graham.

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MAESTRA TURNER

The newest teacher to join the staff at BHA is probably not a new face to most of you. Maestra Katie Turner, the third grade dual immersion teacher, was a student teacher last winter in Maestra Campbell's class. Maestra Turner grew up in the Bay Area and attended Stanford University where she earned a bachelor's degree and a master's in anthropology. She says, "I appreciate the close and warm community at Bell Hill that has been welcoming to me and all of the students."

Maestra Turner learned Spanish in school as well as during trips to Chile and Peru. She decided to become a teacher after running an educational farm in Nevada City. She enjoyed teaching students so much that she decided to do that kind of work all the time. In her free time, Maestra Turner likes to read, garden and play softball. She is very excited to have her own classroom this year and is looking forward to working on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. She loves teaching science and is excited to explore local history with her students. We are so fortunate to have Maestra Turner join our staff of dedicated professionals!



### Nutrition Tip for Families

Try these healthy treats for birthdays or any celebration instead of sugary snacks:

- Fruit and Cheese Kabobs: Put grapes, melons, cheese cubes, and berries onto a wooden kabob stick.
- Yogurt Parfaits: Layer granola, fruit, and yogurt in plastic cups. Provide on a tray covered with plastic wrap or let the kids make their own.
- Mini Pizzas: Top pita bread or half of a whole wheat English muffin with tomato sauce, cheese, and chopped vegetables and toast until cheese is melted. *from letsgo.org*



### Traffic

You don't have to spend much time at Bell Hill to know that the traffic situation at pick up time is a problem! Thank you so much to everyone who follows the traffic procedures. It may sometimes take a little bit longer to get through the line or to park and walk into school, but the safety of the children and adults in our community is worth the extra time and effort. We appreciate your continued cooperation!



### Odds and Ends

Does anyone have any large umbrellas to donate for our outside tables? Please call the office at 273-2281.

Remember to bring in your Box Tops!

**Box Tops = \$ for BHA**

**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.

