

# Bell Hill Academy Bulletin

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: SELF-DISCIPLINE

- 4/9-4/13 Kindergarten Registration Appointments
- 4/9 Site Council Meeting 3:30
- 4/10 Parent Meeting to Support Dance Program  
3:30
- 4/11 Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing
- 4/12 3rd Grade Field Trip to Starbright Acres
- 4/13 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 4/14 School Job Fair 10-2 at the Nevada County  
Superintendent of Schools Office  
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley
- 4/16 3rd Grade Field Trip to In Concert Sierra
- 4/18 Book Character Day!! Dress up like a  
character from your favorite book!  
Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing  
Dual Immersion Kindergarten Lottery
- 4/19 NED Show Assembly
- 4/20 Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 4/22 Earth Day!
- 4/24 Safety Committee Meeting 3:30pm
- 4/25 School Secretary Day!  
Early Release at 1:50  
Paw Pride Drawing  
Global Mask Celebration at BHA
- 4/27 Lazy Dog Attendance Recognition Treats!  
Spirit Day! Wear your black and red
- 4/30 Screen Free Week!  
Student of the Month Assembly 9:15am
- Coming Soon!**
- 5/3 ELAC at 5:30pm
- 5/8 CAASPP Testing Begins for 3rd and 4th  
grades



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Bell Hill Families,

Happy April! I was just realizing the other day that it was about a year ago when I heard about the principal opening at Bell Hill Academy and decided to apply. Little did I know that I would soon be hired for the position, move my family up to Grass Valley and step into the leadership of this sweet and wonderful school! Coming to work at BHA everyday is such a joy because of our amazing staff, students, families and community. I know that many of you feel the same way.

Our character trait for this month is self-discipline. At first glance, this trait seems like a tough one because we think of "discipline" as the taking away of something we want or enjoy. In reality, I think that self-discipline ultimately gives us choices and allows us to set goals to achieve what we truly want for ourselves, our families and our communities.

A clear example of this is when students are able to pause and think when they are feeling a strong emotion so that they can choose how to act or what to say instead of letting their first reaction guide them. Truly, this is a challenging lesson to learn for all of us, but so important. In the end we are better able to create the kinds of classrooms and communities we want: where people speak kindly to one another and trust in each other's ability to solve problems through talking it out.

The month of April is a busy one~we will be welcoming in some of our new kindergarten students and their families through the registration process. Please help us to welcome the new families to our community!

Appreciatively,

Mrs. Graham

## School Safety at BHA

On the afternoon of March 20, we held a lockdown drill. Students and staff were given advanced notice that it would happen. Over the course of the weeks before, Miss Emily, our counselor, had talked to all the classes about drills: why we do them and how to manage our anxiety when we think about what could happen in a real emergency.

We will continue to do our monthly fire drills, as is required of elementary schools. If you are interested in learning more about school safety, please attend our next Safety Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 3:30pm.

## Next Steps for BHA regarding School Safety:

1. During the month of April, we will hold "tone drill" during school hours so that students are able to distinguish between the alarm tones.
2. We will continue to practice monthly fire drills.
3. Bell Hill staff and the safety committee will continue to review and practice safety measures throughout the year.



**Coming Soon!** In May 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!



## Kindergarten Registration

During the week of April 9 we will be holding kindergarten screening appointments in the office of BHA, so things will be quite busy!

For those of you with incoming kindergarteners or if you have friends or family with little ones, please make sure you come in to get a registration packet. More registration appointment will be available in August.

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

## Bell Hill Academy School Goals

At the beginning of the year, the teachers and I set three goals to focus on throughout the year.

1. Improve social-emotional learning for all students at BHA.
2. Implement the new language arts curriculum in English and Spanish: Journeys/Senderos.
3. Work toward building an inclusive, welcoming community for all families.

We would love to get your feedback on how we are doing with our efforts in these areas. Feel free to stop by the office to chat or write Mrs. Graham an email at [hgraham@gvsd.us](mailto:hgraham@gvsd.us)

## Teacher Who Makes a Difference 2017-18

### Maestra Sara Colvin

Every year the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools recognizes teachers who excel in their work with students and families. This year, from Bell Hill, we will recognize the extraordinary work of Maestra Sara Colvin, our Dual Immersion Kindergarten teacher.

Maestra Sara Colvin is a very dedicated and compassionate teacher. She sets high expectations for her students and does everything she can to help everyone achieve their goals. She notices the little things that make each child special and lets them know. Sara amazes her students with her own talents, and even showed them she can do a cartwheel! She has a wonderful sense of humor.

Maestra Colvin is the consummate professional and represents Bell Hill Academy and the kindergarten program with intelligence and grace. Her desire to continually improve her teaching practice is an inspiration to all who know her!



### THE NED SHOW ASSEMBLY

On April 19, The NED Show will be visiting Bell Hill Academy again. This assembly focuses on character development in students. NED stands for N=Never give up, E=Encourage others, D=Do your best! As you see from the graphic, old-fashioned yo-yos are a part of the presentation, so get ready! If you would like to know more, check out this link:

<http://www.thenedshow.com/parents.html>

### 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

**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.

