

# Bluewater Buzz

February 2022



## Upcoming Events

**February 11**

Yearbook Sales Due

**February 21**

President's Day

NO SCHOOL or CHILDCARE

**February 22**

2-22-22 Day Wear your 2's

**February 22-24th**

Space Camp (5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

## Looking Ahead

**March 7-11<sup>th</sup>**

Scholastic Book Fair

**March 14**

Field Day

**March 18**

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

**March 21-25<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Break

**March 28**

Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday  
NO SCHOOL or CHILDCARE

**March 30**

Spring Pictures

## Notes from the Principal

Happy February!

We are so pleased with the progress of our construction projects! We have three going on at the present time: the front office update, fence, and playground. Thank you for your support of the sales tax initiatives as these upgrades would not be possible without it! We also want to thank you for your support of the Boosterthon fundraiser. Part of that funding will be used to add artificial turf around the new playground once it is finished. This will hopefully help extend the life of the rubberized surfacing that will be installed.

We were happy to participate in the NAEP testing. This is a nationwide test. Our selected 9-year-old students will help set the baseline and standard for others to be measured against.

**Mrs. Klugh**

## Notes from the Nurse

Happy New year from the clinic.

Just a few reminders: Please continue to follow the Covid-19 Decision tree for your student that may be developing symptoms or has a positive test result. Home test must be registered via an app before administering for it to be accepted by the Department of Health, which we report to at school. Please stay in contact with your child's teacher and they will send any information to the proper personnel here at school.



I know it is a confusing a stressful time but if we all continue to work together, we can keep children in school, healthy and learning. Feel free to contact the clinic for any further information. **Nurse Mary**

## Transportation News



We are aware of the challenges that the transportation department has been having this school year due to circumstances beyond our control. Please utilize the Bus Bulletin notification system to get updates on any delays. You can sign up at: [www.busbulletin.com/parents](http://www.busbulletin.com/parents).

## Transportation Change Request

Please remember **all transportation changes must be in writing**. If you have a bus change, please include the bus stop on your note and first and last name of the child. Changes are not accepted after 2:30 pm.

[bestransport@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:bestransport@okaloosaschools.com)

**Per district policy, check outs end 30 minutes before dismissal. This means checks end at 2:50 pm every day.**



### Why is snow white?

This is the question tackled by the second and third grade combo STEAM Buddies this month! Mrs. Landon's and Mrs. Strickland's classes joined together again for some investigative learning. This month, we made wax paper snowflakes while investigating through the Scientific Method how to make something transparent look white. We had great discussions on translucence and light refraction. We wrapped up with a read aloud and discussion on Wilson Bentley (American meteorologist and photographer, who was the first known person to take detailed photographs of snowflakes and record their features). Looking forward to our next collaboration!



**Yearbooks are on sale for \$25 until February 11<sup>th</sup>. Purchase yours at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**



**February Birthdays**  
22<sup>nd</sup>-Mrs. Mathis

### Young Astronauts



**February 3rd:** Meeting at 7:45 in Mrs. Erk's room. Look for an email or remind with a Google Survey for Space Camp questions. We will answer all student questions then.

**February 8th:** Parent meeting via zoom at 5:30 for Space Camp. MANDATORY chaperone meeting to follow. Both will be completed by 6:30 at the latest.

**February 22-24:** After two years away, Bluewater will be launching back to Space Camp with 87 students, 59 chaperones, 3 teachers and 1 principal. Thank you for everybody that helped support us getting there! We are very excited!



### Black History Month Activities

1. 2022 Black History Month Theme "Celebrating Black Health and Wellness" Each winner will receive a trophy and a monetary gift. Please see flyer for details. • Art Contest—Grades K-3; Grades 4-5; Grades 6-8; Grades 9-12 • Essay Contest—Grades K-3; Grades 4-5; Grades 6-8; Grades 9-12 • Submit your student application and submission to Posters: [OCSDPosterContest@gmail.com](mailto:OCSDPosterContest@gmail.com) & Essays: [OCSEssayContest@gmail.com](mailto:OCSEssayContest@gmail.com) No later than Monday, February 28th, 2022 by 5:00pm
2. Pause for the Cause • "Pause for the Cause" highlights the important impact and achievements of African Americans and their contributions throughout history. We encourage schools to help students explore Black History Month daily facts that can be shared during intercom announcements, morning/afternoon shows, school websites, in addition to implementing black history classroom activities, etc. Please see attached information.
3. Black History Month Door Decorating Contest for OCSD Faculty & Staff Prizes will be awarded! Please see flyer for details. • Each decorated door provides a unique, creative and fun way for staff and students to celebrate black history and/or culture in a positive and meaningful way. • Submit your staff application and submission to [OCSDDoorContest@gmail.com](mailto:OCSDDoorContest@gmail.com) No later than Monday, February 28th, 2022 by 5:00pm
4. Calling All Schools! We want your recipe—Represent your school! In an effort to celebrate our amazingly diverse Okaloosa County School District family, we would like to invite all teachers, staff and families to contribute recipes. Since our schools have such great cultural diversity, we would love to showcase recipes that showcase your family's heritage. Don't be shy, any recipe you enjoy is valuable to our community's collection. The BHM committee will choose at least 1 submission to represent each school to showcase in our OCSD Digital Cookbook! Submit your recipe—[OCSDRecipeContest@gmail.com](mailto:OCSDRecipeContest@gmail.com)