



Bluewater BUZZ

November 2021

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents-

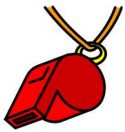
Congratulations to Ms. Dianne Goldstein, Fourth Grade, for being elected our Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Melissa Berry, Secretary, for being elected our Education Staff Professional of the Year. These ladies do so much for our school. We are excited to honor them for this notable accomplishment.

Continued thanks to our parents for following the Covid protocols and the decision tree when your student displays symptoms. Though our handling of Covid exposure has changed in some ways, we are still relying on you as the front line when students are feeling sick.

We want to thank our PTO for working to schedule a Campus Workday. There are painting, pressure washing and general landscape needs we can do that day. Stayed tuned for more details. Also, PTO is still collecting donations in the "Invest for the Best" campaign. These donations will go towards the artificial turf we hope to have installed around the new playground (pictured in last month's newsletter) so that we can get rid of sand!
Mrs. Klugh and Mr. Strumeyer

News from your Coaches:

We have a lot of items being left behind at PE. We will place lost and found out by the bike rack on November 6th and 7th. Please, check it out over the weekend. On Monday, November 8th, we will take all remaining clothes or donate. Please, remember as the weather cools off, to put first and last names on the layers.



Also, remind your child to wear appropriate shoes on PE days.

Coach Barton, Coach Camila, Coach Folks, & Coach Stark

Child Safety Matters Week

Child Safety Week will continue December 6-10. This program focuses on educating and protecting children from all types of bullying, cyberbullying & abuse. The program targets students in kindergarten through fifth grades and is offered to all Florida's public school students.

Upcoming Events

November 3

Flu Shot Clinic

November 11

Veteran's Day

No school or childcare

November 22-26

Thanksgiving Break

No school or childcare

Looking Ahead

December 14

Jingle Jog

December 17

End of 1st semester

December 20-January 4

Christmas Break

No school or childcare

5th Grade Tributes

Be on the lookout for a flyer from your 5th grade teachers regarding the tributes! They are on sale from Nov.1 - Jan.31st and payment will be made through MySchoolBucks.com. For any additional information, please contact Sara Mathis at serenity.mathis@okaloosaschools.com.

Young Astronauts Club

Our first meeting will be Thursday, November 4th at 7:45 in Mrs. Erk's room. All 5th graders are welcome!

Space Camp Trip



85 of our 5th graders are signed up to attend Space Camp February 22-24, 2022, but they are still fundraising! They are selling Usbourne greeting cards to help pay for the trip. Please see a 5th grader or you can buy them from Mrs. Erk in Room 40.

We will also be having a Panera Fundraising Night on December 1st from 4-8 pm. 10% of the proceeds that night will go towards our Space Camp trip if you share the code with them. It will be sent home and on social media as the event gets closer.

We will be having Turkey Your Teacher in November and Grinch Your Teacher in December. Vote for your favorite teacher to wear a turkey costume or be the Grinch at arrival and dismissal. \$1/vote. More details are to come from your child's teacher.

Thank you for supporting our 5th graders as they raise money for Space Camp! Mrs. Erk and Mrs. Santiago

News from Mrs. Buckelew



Last week, an Italian culture exhibit was installed on the 2nd floor of the Mattie Kelly Art Center, with the support of the local Italian Military Command and Italian Consulate. We were fortunate enough to participate in an art contest last year with our Bluewater students, in which one winner per grade was chosen based on a drawing of Dante Alighieri's "The Divine Comedy" poem. A few of these designs will be featured at the art center as a part of this exhibit! We encourage you to go and support our students, and learn about Italian art and culture. The inauguration of the exhibit is Thursday, November 4th from 6-8pm. The installation will be up until December 4th. It is free and open to the public!

PTO News You Can Use:



Bluewater PTO is excited to be hosting the Jingle Jog on December 14th. Details will be coming out as the event gets closer.

We also want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers with Copy Cats and Jingle Jog planning. We couldn't do what we do with you!

Art Matters



Happy November! Great news! We can have volunteers again! I am working on contacting volunteers, starting with Kindergarten. 5th Grade license plates will be in the week of December 13th-17th. If you are moving, please let me know. I will get your child's artwork to them, by their last day. We can always use baby wipes and clean, empty frosting containers in art. Thank you for your continued support of the arts. If you have any questions, please e-mail me: Saczynskis@okaloosaschools.com
Miss Saczynski

Important Reminders:

Transportation Changes:

BESTransport@okaloosaschools.com
Please remember that **all transportation changes must be in writing**. If you have a bus change, please include the bus stop on your note. Changes are not accepted after 2:30 pm.

Early Check Outs

Please remember that check outs end at 2:50 each day per county policy. If you know your child will be checking out, please inform your child's teacher.

