



# Bluewater BUZZ

October 2020

## Notes from the Principal

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It has been a different start, but we are so happy to have students back on campus. Thank you for the ways you have responded to our changes. The car rider ramp is actually moving faster with no one turning left from the side parking lot. No matter what Covid brings, we will continue this to help things move faster.

For all of our families whether in person or online, please stay in touch with us by tuning into our Facebook page, school website, and Principal Twitter page. We will keep you up to date with news and the positive things happening around campus.

Thank you!

Mrs. Klugh



Thank you to Brian Parker and The Parker Team for donating 300 more car rider visor tags for the car rider ramp. They also donated mask inserts for all of our faculty and staff.

We also want to thank an anonymous donor for donating 80 Chick Fil-A gift cards to our employees.

We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to our faculty & staff who helped to make our United Way Campaign a great success!!

## Book Fair News



Hello! The Fall Book Fair will be **online only this year** beginning October 26<sup>th</sup> and running through November 8<sup>th</sup>. Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, value packs, and more! Orders are delivered right to your home for your convenience. Thank you!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bluewaterelementaryschool1>

## Upcoming Events

**October 15**

Healthy Schools Flu Shot Clinic

**October 16**

Make up Picture Day & My School  
Online Picture Day

**October 26**

Fall Book Fair Opens (Online)

**October 26 -30**

Red Ribbon Week

**October 30**

End of 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks

## Important Information

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)

When checking your student out, please remember **ALL check outs must be done BEFORE 2:50 PM**. We cannot allow check outs after this time due to safety reasons and county policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

## OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

We are required to report teachers that are operating Out of Field. That means that two of our teachers, Mrs. Buckelew and Mrs. Athey, are certified but are working towards their certification in Elementary Education. We also have teachers working towards their ESOL certification: Kristie Barkauskas, Paige Becking, Kelsey Buckelew, Lisa Farley, Jennifer Huffman, Sara Mathis, Emily Springfield, Christen Townsley, Traci Kline, Olivia Athey, and Jasmine Duff. These teachers are all certified for Elementary but required to obtain additional certifications.

## PE News

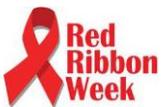
We are off to a great start at PE! We have been learning about our procedures and expectations. Please send your child to PE with a water bottle. If possible, have their name written on it so we can return it if lost. Remind them to dress appropriately for the heat. Thanks!

Coach Barton and Coach Samac

## Mental Wellness

The CDC says elementary students should get a minimum of 9 hours of sleep per night. Inadequate sleep has been linked to decreased immune systems, lower academic performance, childhood obesity, and poor decision-making skills. Help your child be their best:

1. Set a bedtime and stick to it every night.
2. Remove electronics from the bedroom.
3. Have your child sleep in their own bed with the lights off or low.



## **OCTOBER 26-30,2020 CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbons are used to promote awareness and prevention of drug & alcohol abuse. Children of parents who talk to their children regularly about drug abuse are 42% less likely to use drugs. **This year we will be celebrating by participating in themed days.**

**Monday – Jersey Day**

**Tuesday – Super Hero Day**

**Wednesday – Twin Day**

**Thursday – Rainbow Day\***

**Friday – Story Book Character Day**

**\*K – Red 1<sup>st</sup> – Orange 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yellow 3<sup>rd</sup> – Green 4<sup>th</sup> – Blue 5<sup>th</sup> - Purple**

## **Young Astronauts**



Unfortunately, we cannot meet right now, but I am hopeful that we can start up again in January. I will let you know if we get the all clear to do so. If we get field trips approved, I will start planning for Space Camp as well. I am projecting a possible May time frame for Space Camp after testing, but will not know for sure until second semester.

Mrs. Erk



## **Academic Team**

We will be having a Bluewater Academic Team via Zoom meetings. Look for additional information from your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the next week or so.

Mrs. Erk and Mrs. Brown

## **Notes from the Nurse:**

Happy Fall to all our returning students. You have been doing a great job of wearing your mask and hopefully washing your hands. I am continuing to see some students with allergy symptoms, so parents please make sure if your student has allergies that they are taking an antihistamine if needed and that information is documented on the OCSD medical card.

You will be receiving the guidelines suggested by the district on students staying home and their ability to return if they have or have been sent home for symptoms of Covid 19 soon as a flyer.

Please do not hesitate to call the clinic or the office for any questions regarding your child's health.

Keeping Kids Healthy,

Nurse Morken, LPN