



# Bluewater BUZZ

December 2021

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents-

We continue to appreciate you for your flexibility during our construction. Our awesome front office ladies are often logging over 15,000 steps per day as they walk students to and from the gate. All visitors must be escorted in the hallways, so thank you for understanding when we meet you out front.

We look forward to the upcoming holidays. Please know that dismissal will begin at 2:40 PM on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to announce that our school will participate in the NEAP test on January 19. Learn more about this national assessment at <https://go.usa.gov/xycJE>. Select nine year olds will receive notification of participation when we return in January.

Mrs. Klugh and Mr. Strumeyer

## PTO News You Can Use:



A shout out to Tieah Kirk for organizing the teacher luncheon on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November! Save the Date for Jingle Jog! This will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> during activity time for each grade. Students should be thinking about how they can win the BEST Christmas shirt contest.

Each grade will be competing to see who can

donate the MOST to Harvest Hands during our Jingle Jog food drive beginning Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Looking forward, we will begin Boosterthon on January 6<sup>th</sup>! This is our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year and one that we are counting on to finish funding our playground improvements and make sure our teachers have supply funds for 2022-2023.

## Kids' C.O.D.E Club



Applications for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade C.O.D.E. Club are due by Friday, December 17, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. Fourth grade students are encouraged to apply for this 9 week course in coding. Students will meet on Wednesday

mornings at 7:30 am in Mrs. Robertson's room starting on January 12, 2022. Applications were given to students by their homeroom teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Robertson at [joy.robertson@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:joy.robertson@okaloosaschools.com)

## Upcoming Events

**December 1, 8 & 15 at 7:30**  
CODE Club

**December 6-10**  
Child Safety Matters Week

**December 14**  
Jingle Jog

**December 16**  
Kindergarten Christmas Program

**December 17**  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> semester

**December 20-January 4**  
Christmas Break  
No school or childcare

## Looking Ahead

**January 5**  
School Resumes

**January 17**  
Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday  
No school or childcare

**January 25**  
100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

**CHILD CARE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**DECEMBER 20 – JANUARY 4,**  
**2022!**



### Young Astronauts Club

Thank you for your continued support for our astronauts as they raise money for their Space Camp bus. Turkey your Teacher raised \$610! Thank you to Ms. Patrick and Mrs. Peterson for dressing up as our turkey and making it so fun! We will have a grade level Grinch Your Teacher contest the entire week before the break. The selected teachers will be wearing the Grinch costume the week of December 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>!



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

### Italian News

In Italian class, students are learning about Christmas, "Natale", and different Italian traditions that are celebrated during the holidays. Ask your students who "La Befana" is, and hopefully they will explain that she is the one who brings kids toys or coal in Italy while flying on her broomstick! If it weren't such an ancient tradition, it would sound like Halloween and Santa Claus are getting confused across the ocean.



### Academic Team

We are so proud of the Academic Team who participated in the online Fall America Answers contest. Our students finished 13<sup>th</sup> place out of over 60 schools. We are very proud of them! The Bluewater Academic Team members are: Charlie Barfield, Lila Barton, Aidan Bess, Isaac Bess, Leo Hartline, Jasiel Heredia, Audrey MacGregor, Sam Pankop, Carter Phillips, Rhys Richards, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Whitney Schlechter, Frances Weinacker, Landon Weisberg, Charlene Williams, Noah Zevallos-Trivino. We are very proud of you!



### Art Matters

Happy December! Child Safety Matters Presentations will be the week of December 6-10 and Jingle Jog will take place on December 14, both during the class art/activity block. 5th Grade license plates will be in the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. If you are moving, please let me know. I will get your child's artwork to them, by their last day.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts. If you have any questions, please e-mail me:

[Saczynskis@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:Saczynskis@okaloosaschools.com)  
Miss Saczynski

### Important Reminders:

#### **Transportation Changes:**

[BETransport@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:BETransport@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.



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