

Superintendent/Principal's Newsletter

March 2020

February Life Skill: Courtesy



Dear Families,

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 for the school year is underway. If you have a child turning TK or kindergarten age, it's time to register. If your student(s) will not be returning to Bonny Doon School next year (K-5, as we know our 6th graders will be moving on), please let us know. Please contact the office if either of these scenarios applies to your family as the sooner we know, the more we can plan classes for next year.

Last month we had a day and a half of school during a power outage. Our planning and preparation efforts following the PG&E PSPS allowed us to keep school open. As you may recall, we now have a generator to our well pump to maintain water, doubled the fire alarm system batteries to keep them on-line, and have four out-going phone lines in case of need. We are continuing our efforts for power redundancy, so that there is the least amount of disruption to our students' education.

The once-a-decade Census (population count) serves as the basis for distributing federal funding to schools and educational institutions. The funding that comes from the census count provides essential programs in our schools. Law requires that the Census Bureau keep all acquired information confidential. Responses may only be used for statistical purposes, and cannot be used in any other way by the government. The census can be responded to by phone, by mail, in person, or online.

Thanks for your support and engagement,
Mike, Your Superintendent/Principal

Appreciations

- Thanks to all who attended one of the LCAP Forums. Your insights and suggestions are truly appreciated.
- Thanks to our amazing staff for all of the work to engage and keep school rolling during the power outages last month. Thanks to the students and families for their effort and patience during the day and half without power.
- Thanks to Mari Hubbs, our librarian, and the many parent helpers who coordinated and organized the used book sale. Additional thanks to all who donated books and bought books in support of our school.

March Calendar

Coming Up

- Tues. March 10th 6:00 **Foundation Mtg.** Staff Room
Mon. March 16th 9:00-2:30 **Board Retreat & Meeting** Library
Wed. March 18th 5:00-8:00 **Dining for \$: Empire Grill, Felton**
Thurs. March 19th 6:00 **6th Grade Play** Multi
Fri. March 20th Staff Development Day—No Students
Thurs. March 26th 3:30 **Site Council** Conf. Room

March STARS Mission: Word Work

Study habits * Time management * Accountability * Resourcefulness * Success

Words are the building blocks of literacy. Words, and a student's mastery of words, have a direct connection to student's skills in reading and writing. For example, "sight words build speed and fluency when reading. Accuracy, speed and fluency in reading increase reading comprehension (sightwords.com)." Therefore, we feel that time spent on working on words is invaluable. For this reason we have dedicated an entire STARS mission to word work. You can support your student at home by asking about any word lists which may have been assigned to an entire class or to individual students; setting a goal to practice and work beyond these words or word parts at home, will strengthen a child's reading and writing skills.

Exciting Work in Sixth Grade

Frozen Jr, will be presented by the sixth grade class. Please come and support theater arts at Bonny Doon School. Our sixth grade actors, artists and innovators are busy creating this magical show together. The play features well loved characters and music from the movie, and new songs that were added to the Broadway production. The evening show will start at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 19th, in the multi. There will be a bake sale beforehand. All are welcome, so we hope to see you there!

COVID-19 Communications

Earlier this week, you received a joint communication from all of the Santa Cruz County school district superintendents regarding our coordinated efforts to address the novel coronavirus outbreak. All of the superintendents and I are committed to sharing joint weekly updates with our communities, and you can expect one early next week. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education, in collaboration with all 10 districts in the county, has launched and is frequently updating a web page with updates and information: <https://santacruzcoe.link/coronavirus>

From Our Parent's Club:

Thank you to everyone who came out and bought or donated books to our Used Book Sale! We made over \$1000 and plan to donate that back to the classrooms and the library.

Come down to Felton for a Dining For Dollars event at Empire Grill on Hwy 9 on March 18th from 5-8pm. Let them know you're with BD School and they will give us a percentage of the profits.

Our next meeting is March 31st at 6:30pm in the staff room. Please consider coming to our meetings to learn how you can help make a difference at our special school. All are welcome! We have childcare.

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