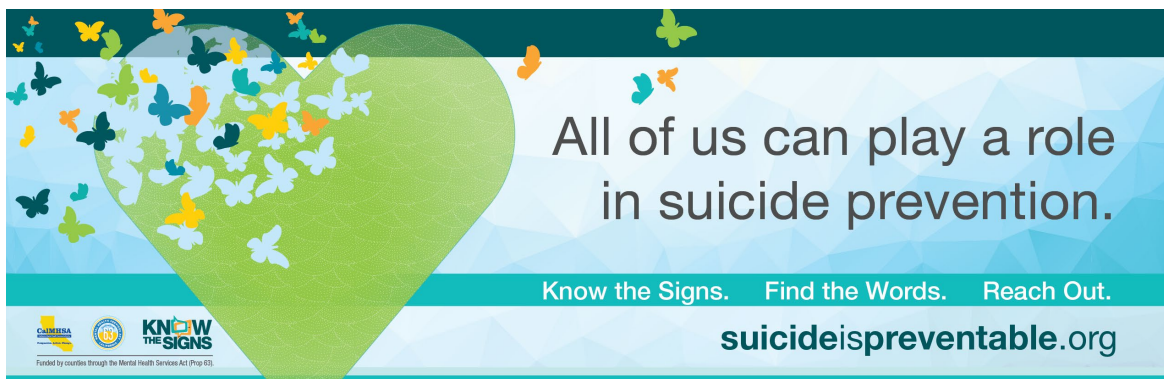




# BLUE OAK SCHOOL

A WALDORF-INSPIRED PUBLIC CHARTER (K-8)

## THE ACORN – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2021



### SCHOOL VIRTUE: REVERENCE

#### OPEN HOUSE AND STUDENT PLAY

This year's Blue Oak Open House will be taking place Friday, September 24th from 4:30PM to 7:00PM. Stop by campus to meet with your students' classroom teacher and specialty teachers, take a peek inside the classroom, and learn more about our beautiful Blue Oak community! This event will take place outdoors so everyone is welcome to attend.

Additionally, Mrs. McDonald's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class will be performing a George and the Dragon play at 5:15PM. Information about volunteering and Annual Giving will also be available. We can't wait to have our community back together again.

#### SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

##### Know the Signs - Find the Words - Reach Out

Understanding the issues concerning suicide and mental health is an important way to take part in suicide prevention, help others in crisis, and change the conversation around suicide.

Evidence shows that providing support services, talking about suicide, reducing access to means of self-harm, and following up with loved ones are just some of the actions we can all take to help others.

#### FARM FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Have you signed up to participate in our yearlong Farm Fresh fundraiser yet? By using the promo code **BLUEOAK** you can receive a seasonal farm box delivery *and* donate to Blue Oak at no extra cost to you! Each month Farm Fresh to You shares a recipe using the harvest of the month. See the attached flyer for more details.

#### TASK FORCE UPDATE

Each month the Equity Task Force will be sharing an update in the Acorn to keep our school community informed about what actions and discussions are transpiring.

If you are interested in adding an item to our agenda, please reach out to Claire Fong ([clairefong@blueoakcharterschool.org](mailto:clairefong@blueoakcharterschool.org)).

Curriculum Work – Lyndsay Klipfel will return in December to continue equity-based professional development for our teachers.

Dress Code – The Blue Oak dress code will be updated in the Parent Handbook to address hate speech and other inappropriate or illegal messages.

Indigenous Peoples' Day – Blue Oak will discuss the importance of Indigenous Peoples' Day as well as read a land acknowledgment at a school wide assembly next month as well as at the Harvest Festival. **If you are interested in working with the Equity Team to honor this day, please reach out to Ms. Claire.**

Celebrations Calendar – The team will work to create a school wide celebrations calendar to establish a regular rhythm for grades to share in assemblies and lesson blocks.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

09/21 – Charter Council (6:00PM)

09/24 – Open House (4:30PM to 7:00PM)

09/24 – George and the Dragon Play (5:15PM)