



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

A WALDORF-INSPIRED PUBLIC CHARTER (K-8)

THE ACORN – WEEK OF MARCH 20TH, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/20 – Finance Committee Special Meeting (4:45PM)

03/21 – Charter Council Regular Meeting (6:00PM)

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

Mrs. Madera's class is hosting an online See's Candy fundraiser for the rest of the school year to raise funds for their 8th Grade field trip. If you have a sweet tooth or know someone who does please visit the link below to access the fundraiser store front. This might be the perfect time to order some last minute Spring/Easter candy to be delivered right to your door.

FARM FRESH TO YOU

Interested in signing up for a customizable produce and grocery box that benefits Blue Oak as well? Customize your Farm Fresh to You box with everything you need to make this month's delicious recipe! Make sure to add the code BLUEOAK to donate an ongoing 10% to our school.

This month, they're highlighting red cabbage in their Harvest of the Month with colorful vegan tacos. "These tacos are as pretty as they are delicious! We love the balance of the tart grapefruit and the creamy avocado." See the recipe attached to try this new twist on tacos.

TEACHER CORNER

An update from Ms. Beca's Spanish classes:

Recently, we read "Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale". We read this story and had discussions about the 'coffee test,' why it worked, and if Martina made the correct choices. We also listened to the story "That Is Not My Name" and talked about the importance of calling people by their names, correctly. We also got to do some research and find out what our names mean. Finally, we made the popular 'God's Eyes' and looked at their meanings and origins as well as some of the culture of the indigenous Huichol people who live in the Sierra Madre Mountains.

TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

This week, the Blue Oak Charter Council passed a new personnel policy for employees. This policy outlines how employees are reimbursed for travel expenses when they attend professional development trainings off-site.

Before policies are approved by the BOCC, they are brought to the board two months in a row for two separate readings. If you are interested in seeing what other policies Blue Oak has in place, see the link below to our school's website.

LITERACY IN WALDORF EDUCATION

"The Waldorf approach to literacy is unique in two very important ways.

First, Waldorf education builds a foundation for literacy learning through attention to the physical body and its importance in learning and the significance of social and emotional health in education.

Second, literacy education in Waldorf schools is an elaborate, thoughtful sequence starting with speech development, listening, and only then more formal academic learning."

If you're interested to learn more about the specifics of how reading, writing, literature, and language are taught in Waldorf education, check out the article linked below.

FOREST THERAPY

Blue Oak School is proud to have partnered with the Eco-Therapy Program through Chico State. We are planning Forest Therapy walks with our staff and students in the Spring. We would love to invite our families to explore the benefits of this experience.

Forest Therapy is designed to support health and wellness through professionally guided immersions in natural environments to promote the well-being of both people and the land. See the attached PDF for more information about what Forest Therapy is as well as how to sign up to take a free guided walk through some of our local natural surroundings!

