

# Acorn

# **Important Dates**

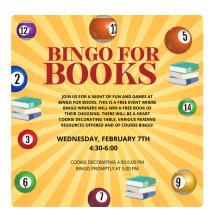
January 26th 8th Grade Art Show Reception 6pm-8pm January 31st Blue Oak Community Night 6PM-7:pm February 1st Facilities Committee 6pm-8pm Feb 1st- March 1st Black History Month Feb 7th Bingo for Books 4:30pm-6pm

# **New Blue Oak Pantry:**

Flyers have started to go out about our food pantry food drive! Our stock the pantry event will be happening **January 29th-February 2nd**. Food and toiletries will be collected within each classroom. At the end of the week, the class will create a display with all of their items. Think outside of the box! Superbowl stadium, towers/buildings, animals - classes will use all of their items to create a fun display. The winning display will earn a class reward as well as the class who collects the most items!

This will be a food pantry open to our Blue Oak community members throughout the week to stock up on items that they may be in need of. More information after the food drive on the opening date as well as how the Blue Oak Pantry will work!





## **Bingo for Books**

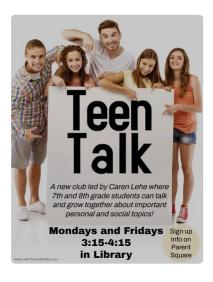
Join us for a night of fun and games at Bingo for Books! This is a free event where bingo winners will win a free book of their choosing. There will be a heart cookie decorating table, various reading resources offered and a course Bingo!

Wednesday, February 7th Cookie Decorating 4:30-5:00 Bingo Promptly at 5:00PM

# **Blue Oak Community Night**

Save the date for Blue Oak's Community Night on Wednesday, January 31, 6-7pm! The theme for this first community night is "Sharing Our Skills" where you will get to meet and learn from parents, guardians, and teaching staff in our community about their unique hobbies and personal talents. This event is free but seating will be limited because this is an interactive event. Ticket sign-ups will be available in next week's Acorn.

This spring, Blue Oak will host community nights with the themes "Sharing Our Skills" and "Sharing Our Stories". "Sharing Our Skills" is a chance for you to showcase something you are passionate about, that you have experience with, and that you can share with other adults at Blue Oak. "Sharing Our Stories" is an hour of family-friendly storytelling based on different prompts. If you are interested in participating in these community nights, please fill out this form. Thank you!



A new club led by Caren Lehe where 7th and 8th grade students can talk and grow together about important personal and social topics!

Mondays and Fridays 3:15PM-4:15PM in the Library

Sign Up Link:

https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgID=551503

### 8th Grade Art Show

Jan 26th-February 4th Art Show

**Reception Jan 26th 6-8pm** We will be able to showcase student artwork from our 8th grade class, art sales will support fundraising for their trip!





### **Valentine Flower Grams**

Purchase your \$1 flower for any of your friends! Blue Oak staff will deliver a beautiful flower and your gram on Valentines Day to their Classroom. Please submit by February 5th!

### Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run Program

Parents/Guardians – We are happy to announce that our school will be hosting a Girls on the Run team this spring for girls in 3 rd, 4 th, or 5 th grade.



Registration Opened on January 16th at 6am on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis and will stay open until we reach a full team of 15 or March 1st - whichever comes first.

Girls on the Run is WAY more than a running program. Through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches, Girls on the Run is a safe, supportive place for your girl to build her CONFIDENCE, CONNECT with peers who turn into friends, and learn LIFE SKILLS to help her navigate her world.

Meeting twice a week in small teams of 8-15 girls, running is used to teach girls how to set a goal, slowly work toward it and accomplish it while encouraging lifelong health and fitness and building confidence through accomplishment.

Volunteer coaches follow a research-based curriculum that covers topics such as:

- how to turn negative self-talk into positive self-talk
- how to understand their emotions
- how to choose good friends and be a good friend
- how to show gratitude and express empathy
- how to deal with gossip and handle peer pressure
- and SO MUCH MORE!

At the seasons conclusion, the girls will complete a 5k (3.1 miles) fun run. Completing the 5K gives the girls a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible and teaching girls that they CAN.

Season begins: Week of Feb. 19th or Feb. 26th 2024. Start time depends on school holiday schedules.

Season Ends: Week of May 6th

Be sure to register your girl as soon as registration opens to guarantee her spot. To register your girl and for

more information, visit: www.gotrNorthState.org.

Practice Times are: Wednesday/ Friday from 3:15-4:45



