

# The Acorn



## Note From Director

With the cooler weather and the need for coats, it feels like winter is in the air. Please make sure to send warm clothes with the children. Keep them warm and healthy, we miss them when they're gone.

We enjoyed a lovely evening in the Kindergarten event. Postcards are also going out, so be prepared for questions from friends and neighbors.

We are excited to be moving forward with potential new sites. The plan is to move for the 2025-26 school year.

Read on for more information about what is going on.

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## *Important Upcoming Dates*

**Dec 5** Parent Council 6-8

**Dec 10** Walk into Winter Fair 2-7

**Dec 12** Finance Committee 4:15-6:00

**Dec 19** Charter Council (BOCC) Regular Meeting 6-8

**Dec 21** Winter Concert 6-7

**Dec 25th-Jan 5th** Winter Break (No School)

**Jan 8th** (No School)

## Giving Tree

We understand that the holidays may be a hard time for some families and that some support and help may be needed. We have a wonderful Blue Oak community that wants to give back to our amazing families. If you are in need, please sign each of your children up individually on this form. This is open to any of our Blue Oak families. Sign ups will be available from December 4th-December 6th. Blue Oak families can grab a gift tag off of the tree that will be in the front office to shop for a child(ren). Unwrapped items will be dropped off and accepted to the front office until December 19th. Wrapped gift pick up will be December 20th-22nd.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1goJPBV1111-GGNnPnl2hZNVkQIQPKdM6cZUNbK9uEOk/edit?ts=656a6d70>

## After School Clubs

### Session 2 for After School Clubs starts next week, December 4th!

. All interested students need to sign up for session 2 clubs, session 1 does not automatically transfer to session 2.

\*\*\* Kindercare is not part of the AfterSchool Program and those students will continue through!

The following clubs still have space open:

Homework Club (1st-8th) M, T, W 3:15-4:15

Mini Golf (7th & 8th) Mon 3:15-4:15

Creative Writing (4th & 5th) Tues 3:15-4:15

Creative Writing (6th-8th) Wed 3:15-4:15

Student Newspaper (5th-8th M, T, W, F)

Sign up Here: <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=551503>

or Call Front Desk!

## Upcoming Events



It's almost here - our community winter festival! This is a warm and welcome call for volunteers & donations for our annual "Walk into Winter" market & fair on **Sunday, December 10th from 2 to 7 PM**. This festive occasion will include vendors from our Blue Oak community, the wider Chico and students selling fantastic items from honey to ceramics to handmade soaps and beeswax candles. There also will be music, a raffle, sweet and savory concessions, photo booth and artistic activities for children.

The parent council **needs your help** with making this a fun and successful event. All funds raised by student crafts, our food concessions, and raffle go directly to supporting class experiences!

**Can you help** in any way by:

- [Signing up](#) to be a **volunteer the day of**, or leading up to the event? Many hands make light work and we could not host this event without these volunteer positions. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA9AE2DA2FC1-46287178-walk>

- Letting us borrow white fairy lights/Christmas light strands or fake trees? Any of these decorations can be dropped off in the lobby/front office
- Bring a baked good (muffins, cookies, toffee, cake, bards) for our incredibly popular Bake Sale table? No sign up required
- Donating plain brown lunch bags, or larger size brown bags, for crafting star decorations? Can be placed in the front office. *On 12/6 Nicole Tonelli will be offering a snowflake craft for decorating from 3:15-5:15 for all grades students.*
- Donating any raffle items from your business or that you make? We had such great baskets at the Harvest Festival!

If you missed it, there is a **poster decorating contest** for ALL STUDENTS! Your student(s) can contribute a poster to advertise the "Walk into Winter" market. We'll choose three winners announced at the event, with prizes! See the attached flier for more information.

With gratitude for supporting this festive fundraiser,  
The Parent Council

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## Winter Concert

The Blue Oak Winter Concert is taking place Thursday, December 21st starting at 6:00PM. Students are asked to arrive no later than 5:40PM although doors will be open starting at 5:00PM; the PC will begin selling light concessions at this time. We look forward to seeing everyone then!



## Absences/Independent Study

### Absence Line

Absences need to be reported to the attendance email or line!

Email: [attendance@blueoakcharterschool.org](mailto:attendance@blueoakcharterschool.org)

Phone: 530-879-7483

### Independent Study

- To request an Independent Study packet for your student(s), please email [attendance@blueoakcharterschool.org](mailto:attendance@blueoakcharterschool.org).
- The front desk will email the parent/guardian to confirm the request.
- The packet will be ready for pick up at the front desk after school the day before the Independent Study starts.
- When students return to campus, they have 5 days to turn the packet in.
- The packet must be complete, signed, and dated by a parent/guardian and given to the **front desk**.
- If Independent Study is taken out and not returned, the student can only take out another packet once the prior packet is returned to the front office, completed and signed.
- If this process is not followed, the student is at risk of being marked absent for the time missed and may not qualify to take out more Independent Study within the school year.

## Lantern Walk

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On November 8th, the Huckleberry and Maple Rose Kindergarten classes celebrated Blue Oak's 23rd annual Lantern Walk, an event that is enjoyed for its simplicity, reverence and wisdom.

In keeping with the many countries that celebrate the lighting of lanterns to brighten the increasing dark at this time of year, we hold a lantern festival to bring our light to the darkness. The Lantern Walk affirms symbolically that our own light can continue to shine even as the light and warmth of the sun are waning. Now and through the winter, light and warmth come from our own heart, from the home, and from the fellowship of friends and family. Carrying a light into the darkness in the company of others — as we do during the Lantern Walk — can be reassuring and inspiring to the child, and to us all.

Thank you Wyatt for the photos!





## Germ Season



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'Tis the season for germs and illness! As we are getting into the holiday season, we want to urge families to protect themselves against any circulating viruses this winter, including the flu, COVID19, and RSV.

These are the best tips to keep your students healthy this winter.

- Getting a good night sleep
- Drinking plenty of water and eating a balanced diet
- Cover your cough or sneeze

- Handwashing
- If your child is sick, please keep your student home to help slow the spread.

-Kayla Mahanay, Blue Oak Health Aide

[Illness Policy.](#)

## School Virtue- Friendship

Good Friends: live with integrity. You can trust them and depend on them. They're loyal. They have empathy. They're good listeners. Their confidence is contagious. Spending time with them makes you feel good. They share a similar sense of humor. They don't judge you. They're low-maintenance.



Good Friends Do Not: constantly "one-up" you, encourage you to do stuff you know you shouldn't, or bully and belittle you. Be a good friend/Make good friends

Beautiful class updates in a snap

