



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

# The Acorn



## Only 2 days till the Harvest Festival!

Harvest Festival is this Friday- October 20th!

The changing of seasons is upon us and that means the Harvest Festival is coming soon!

See the flyer below for details! The date is October 20th, and the gates open at 4:30pm.

**\*\*You will want to be there by 5pm if you can as that is when the opening remarks will take place, followed directly by the fantastic play that is put on by the 2nd & 3rd graders. Our huge community potluck dinner will take place after the play.**

In the Fall we celebrate with the Harvest Festival. It is a time for us to come back together to build and strengthen our connections as a community. The forces of nature are influencing us to turn inward and strengthen our inner life. Our relationships to one another act as a mirror; reflecting back to us where our energy needs to go next.

The Harvest Fest is a very honored tradition of community within the Blue Oak Family. The event is organized & run by the Parent Council. It is a community driven event meaning all grades participate in making it a success. This happens with volunteering to work the event, set-up or tear down particular areas, grade-level ran activities, donating bake sale items and participating in the Potluck Dinner.

## Special Highlights of the Festival:

George and The Dragon play put on by the 2nd & 3rd graders

Community Potluck

Bake Sale

Harvest/Fall themed activities & games

So, your Parent Council Representative will be reaching out to you shortly with more details as to how you can contribute and participate in the festival! Until then, save the date and we look forward to seeing you all there!

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## Important Upcoming Dates

### Upcoming Events

**October 20th** Harvest Festival

**October 27th** Middle School Halloween Dance

**October 31** Halloween Student Parade

**Nov 1st** Picture Make Up Day

**Dec 10** Walk into Winter Fair

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### LGBTQ+ Club

LGBTQ+ Alliance Club meets every Monday during upper grades lunch. All 6th - 8th grade students are invited to join Kelley Chandler and Kellie Machi in the Wellness Room. They have created a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and allies to relax and hang out with friends.



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#### Blue Oak School Student News

### The Leaf

Oct. 17th, 2023

Tuesday

#### Blue Oak Celebrates Spanish Heritage

By Deborah Cold  
In the spirit of unity, diversity, and celebration, Blue Oak Charter School hosted an event on October 6th to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month, the "Feria Hispana." The event was a success, showcasing the rich tapestry of Hispanic culture and heritage that has enriched the United States for generations. The "Feria Hispana" assembly began with a heartwarming and joyful moment as students opened the event with our school verse in Spanish. The audience was then treated to an array of Spanish folk songs, vibrant dances, and



A group of middle school students perform at the Spanish Heritage assembly on October 6th, 2023.

### Club Highlight- The Leaf

#### WRITERS NEEDED

Newspaper Club is Looking for Writers! Are You Interested in Joining or Guest Writing for the Newspaper? Entries Are Welcome from All Students Grades 4th-8th Grade. Send your entries to [Kelley@blueoakcharterschool.org](mailto:Kelley@blueoakcharterschool.org) OR Bring a Hard Copy to the Front Desk.

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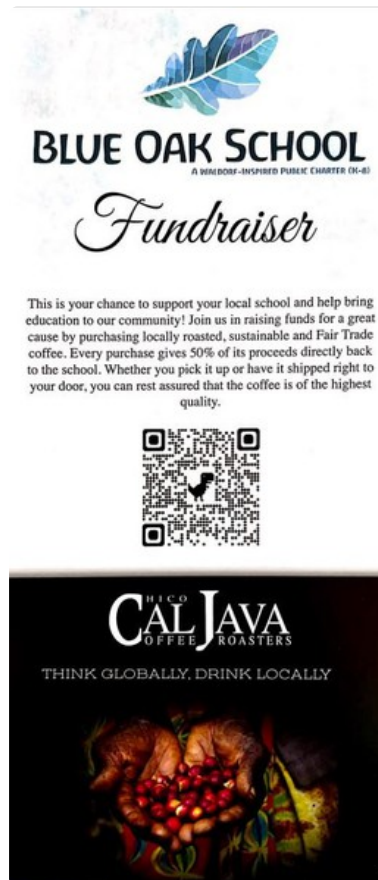
Newspaper Club Happens Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in the Wellness Room 3:15-4:15PM

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## Cal Java Fundraiser

### Cal Java Coffee Fundraiser Continues!

See attached flyer - when you order online through this QR code (or order in-store), Blue Oak will receive 50% of the proceeds. You can pick up your coffee order (ground or whole bean) in-store, or Cal Java can ship it. This is an easy way for friends and family (local or not!) to help support our school. Funds go to Parent Council, and thus support the whole school community. Please share this flyer widely - friends, social media, post it in your office, etc!



### Waldorf Kindergarten

Why does it feel so different, so special, in a Waldorf Kindergarten? There is a peaceful quiet under the hum of activity and focus, the teachers speak and sing softly and the children move about the room with a comfortable confidence at any given moment. There are many things that contribute to this unique setting, including the natural classroom design, the smell of fresh

bread or soup, or the way the teachers move about the room doing purposeful work.

There is also a deeper level of social, emotional and academic learning in the Waldorf Kindergarten that is a pervasive undercurrent in the daily rhythm of our early childhood classrooms. Learning is labeled as "undercurrent" only because the children would never come home to report on what was "learned," as this age-appropriate atmosphere focuses on play-based learning and teacher modeling. Children would instead tell tales of imaginative games, a puppet show story, time outside, or proudly report that they had helped make bread or sweep the floor.



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