

The Acorn



“Love starts when we push aside our ego and make room for someone else.”

— Rudolf Steiner



Important Upcoming Dates

February 16th-19th Presidents Day Weekend (No School)

February 20th Charter Council (BOCC) Regular Meeting 6pm-8pm

February 23rd Middle School Valentine Dance 6pm-8pm

February 26th-March 1st Scholastic Book Fair

February 28th Sharing Out Stories, Blue Oak Community Night 6pm-7pm

Middle School Dance – Midnight in Paris



Save the date for the upcoming Valentine's Day Dance on Friday February 23, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, doors will open at 5:30 pm.

Our students are working hard to make their theme a reality! But we need more help! 6th – 8th grade students are welcome to join the dance committee Thursday's leading up to the dance from 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm to work on decorations.

Dance tickets are a requested donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00 for a dance package. The dance package will include the price of admission and pizza or nachos and a drink. Presales will start February 19th after school from 3:15 pm to 4:20 pm OR you can purchase online on the Blue Oak Website: [Purchase Dance Ticket](#)

Online.

Steps for Online Purchase:

1. Enter \$5.00 for Dance Only or \$10.00 for Dance Package
2. Change "Use this donation for" to "**Classroom Donation/Field Trip**"
3. Click Donate Button
4. In the Notes field enter "**Middle School Dance (Ticket/Package), Student's Name, and Grade**"
5. Click Donate Now

We will have a roster of all presales at the door for easy entry.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase: pizza, nachos, candy bars, baked goods, and drinks. Guests are welcome to join but must have a signed permission slip guest pass to attend. Please have your student pick up a permission slip from their teacher, the office or from the presales table. All forms must be turned in by THURSDAY for approval. No guest permission slips will be accepted at the door.

WE NEED CHAPERONES! Please keep an eye out for a sign up sheet.

Reach out to Michelle Greene at michelle@armedguard.net or 530-321-1580 for any questions or if you/your student is interested in helping in this fantastic event!



Blue Oak Pantry Update:

It's been amazing to see the outpouring of support for our Blue Oak Pantry. We will work with classroom teachers to collect all of the donated items and get them organized into our pantry. Please be on the lookout for more information on when it will officially be opening and how it will work! We will ALWAYS take donations so please drop anything off at the front office. We will add it to the

pantry. Thank you so much for your support!

After School Clubs, Session 3

It is time to get our last round of after school clubs organized before they begin on March 4th. If you are interested in hosting an after school club, please reach out to Amanda Hurd at

amandahurd@blueoakcharterschool.org with your club proposal.

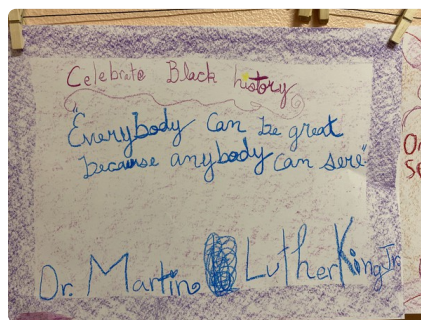
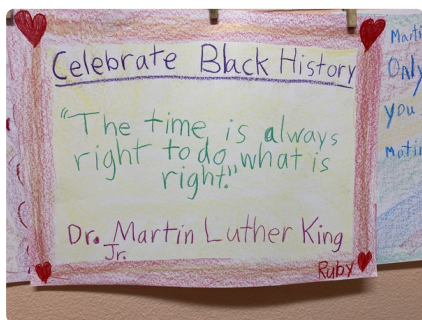
This session will run from March 4th until the end of the school year. In your proposal, be sure to include the following:

- Name and brief description of club
- Materials that you may need
- Desired grade level of student participants (1st-8th grades)
- Amount of students able to participate in the club
- Desired day(s) you would like to offer the club



2nd Grade Feature

Second grade did some wonderful drawings for Black History Month. They learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and read some quotes from him. Students then chose a quote that they liked and created a poster with it and a drawing.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Blue Oak School from Monday, February 26th through Friday March 1st!

We are currently looking for volunteers from the Parent Community to host after school hours (M,T,W,F from 3:15pm to 4:45pm and Thursday from 1pm to 3pm). If we are also able to get volunteers for an AM shift (7:45-8:10 am), we will open it up before school as well. If you are interested in helping out please reach out to maggie@blueoakcharterschool.org to sign up for your time. There may also be a family night available depending on volunteer availability!

Book Fair Dress Up Days- 2/26-3/1

Monday- Mismatch Color Day

Tuesday- Matching Twin Day

Wednesday- Decade Day K-1st: 70's, 2nd-3rd: 90's, 4th-5th: 60's, 6th:

80's, 7th: 40's, 8th: Y2K

Thursday- Royalty Day

Friday- Dress like a book character day



Employee of the Year

We want to nominate one classified staff member and one certificated staff member for an employee of the year award! In order to do this, we are looking for your input. Please fill out the following forms before March 1st. Think of a staff member that goes above and beyond their job. One who is always there when you need something. One that truly embodies the Blue Oak philosophies and ideals.

- [Classified Staff Nomination](#)
- [Certificated Staff Nomination](#)

Storytellers Wanted!

Do you have a good story to tell? Do you love telling stories? Then we want YOU to tell a story at our next Blue Oak Community Night, "Sharing Our Stories." This is a free family-friendly event for all ages and anyone in the Blue Oak community can present: students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents/guardians, etc. It will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 6-7pm, in the Great Room. Each storyteller gets 10 minutes to share their story. The theme is "The Things I've Learned..."

If you are interested, [you can sign up here](#). There will be a practice run-through the week of February 20, 2024, at Blue Oak. We can't wait to hear your stories!

Mi Familia

Check out some of our student's work on their wonderful Mi Familia projects.



Rosa Parks story by student Kambria Strosnider from student newspaper, The Leaf

Rosa Parks is a legend. She became famous for refusing to give her seat up to a white passenger on the city bus. She fought for civil rights. When she was little, Rosa and her brother Sylvester moved to Montgomery, Alabama with their mother after her parents separated. Rosa then



segregation still existed and black and white people were kept separated on public buses, in restaurants, and even in school. White students had playgrounds, their own textbooks, and their own classrooms. The schools for black students were poor and lacked resources. Students had to share textbooks, classrooms were small and some had no windows. Sometimes all of the middle school grades were all in the same room.

(Written from the perspective of Rosa Parks:)

One time I was riding on the bus (back then black people had to sit in the back but white people could sit in the front). The bus was packed that day, but I took a seat in the row designated to black

passengers just like normal. There were no more seats left and the bus driver got up and told me to give my seat up to a white man, and told me to move to the back of the bus. I stood my ground and I calmly said to the driver: "No." The bus driver got quite angry and said to me: "I will have you arrested." I remained in my seat and said to him: "You may do that." I sat in that seat until I was arrested. I did not know the importance of my decision then, I was just tired of giving in.

-Kambria Strosnider, 6th Grade

School Virtue February Focus: Compassion

"Compassion is to look beyond your own pain, to see the pain of others."

— [Yasmin Mogahed](#)



Kelley Sexton

Kelley is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters