



BLUE OAK SCHOOL
A WALDORF-INSPIRED PUBLIC CHARTER (K-5)

The Acorn



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

— Harriet Tubman, American abolitionist

From the Director

This month we will return to our practice of focusing on the celebration of diversity through the Acorn. February is Black History Month. Blue Oak honors the role and contributions of African Americans to our world. This work will be in combination with the student newspaper: The Leaf. We are excited to begin presenting some of our student writing through the Acorn.

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Important Dates

January 31st Blue Oak Community Night 6PM-7:pm

Feb 1st- March 1st Black History Month

February 1st Facilities Committee 6pm-8pm

Feb 6th Parent Council (PC) Meeting 6pm-8pm

Feb 7th Bingo for Books 4:30pm-6pm

Feb 13th Finance Committee (BOFC) 4:15pm-6pm

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



Valentine's Day Flower Grams

During the week of Feb 2nd, Purchase a flower and write a note for \$2. The flowers will be handed out to students and staff within blue oak on Wednesday, February 14th. Exact Change is Recommended.

Purchase: Monday- Friday February 5th - February 9th
7:50-8:10 on the Playground
3:00-3:15PM at the front entrance of the school

Blue Oak Pantry Collection

Our stock the pantry event will be happening **this week**. 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!



Box Tops

Hey Blue Oak families,
As the Box Tops for Education Coordinator for our school, I'm reaching out to show you how Box Tops can help our school!



As many of us may help to contribute to our own pantry supplies, remember to Scan, Scan, Scan those receipts! When you're helping to shop for our School Wide pantry, make sure to scan those receipts too! Check out this list for all the eligible items to earn for our school. Just scan and make sure Blue Oak Charter School is set as your school for donations to go to!

It's easy! Here's how it works:

- Buy Box Tops products. With thousands of participating products, there are lots of chances to earn!
- Scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase) and automatically earn for Blue Oak from all the Box

Tops products you buy.

- If you shop online, you can earn with your digital or email receipt, too. See how to submit those receipts here.
- Make sure to scan your receipt even if you're not sure if you bought anything with Box Tops to enter. You can still enter the school into the Sweepstakes for a chance to win 5,000 box Tops (That's \$500)!

Let's work together to earn as many Box Tops as we can this year!

Remember, you can also earn a bonus for our school by referring your friends, family and other parents at Blue Oak Charter School to sign up for Box Tops. You'll both earn a bonus when they scan their first receipt with the Box Tops app.

Every Box Tops product counts towards our goal. Let's make a difference together. We can do this!

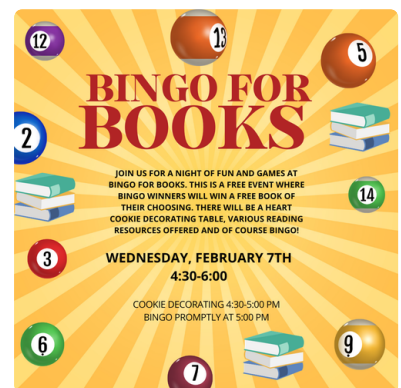
Sincerely,

Amber Pierce,

Your Box Top Coordinator!

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

We've got spirit. How about you?

Did you know that Blue Oak School has a Spirit Store?
You can order T-Shirts and Sweatshirts with our School Virtues and
Logo anytime you want! Just follow this link to check it out!

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/blueoak/>



First Grade Artists

First graders are bringing in the joys of the winter season while developing hand-eye coordination skills through form drawing ~

New Math Curriculum

The math curriculum committee has been meeting over the last two months to hopefully choose a new math curriculum for the lower grades (1st-5th grade). The committee has narrowed it down to two choices and we want to gather input from everyone. The materials will be in the front conference room in the front office until February 14th. If you would like to look over the two curriculum options, please stop by the front office during school hours to look at and provide feedback for the two curriculums.



Wellness Room Donations

Winter is a time of need, and we need to re-stock our clothing supply in the Wellness Room.

Underwear (Sizes 4T-10)

Pants (Sizes 4T-10)

School Virtue February Focus: Compassion

Here's 3 simple things you can do to show compassion

1. Tell someone you know why you are thankful for them
2. Put a surprise note or drawing on someone's desk

3. Pick up some rubbish lying around in the street

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!

MLK Day, Article written by student Roman Perrin and featured in the student newspaper, The Leaf

MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Christian minister and activist who was one of the most well known leaders in the civil rights movement. King helped move forward civil rights for people of color in the United States. People of color faced segregation in public places like schools, restaurants, and even bathrooms. They also faced segregation on public transit and had to ride in the back of the bus. King stood up to this segregation by the use of nonviolent resistance and nonviolent civil disobedience against Jim Crow laws (laws that legalized segregation) and other forms of discrimination in the United States. King led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights. He oversaw the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott. King was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. On October 14, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for fighting racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1977, King was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom award and later the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in cities and states throughout the United States starting in 1971 but the federal holiday wasn't observed until 1986. Hundreds of streets in the U.S. have been renamed in his honor, and King County in Washington was rededicated for him. King's commitment to equality and justice has inspired our nation and the world. His leadership has been an important part of American history and as we celebrate him and remember his work on Martin Luther King Day, it reminds us to continue to build on his legacy.

"Martin Luther King Jr. is an important person because he stopped segregation which had plagued African Americans and other Americans of color. The reason why is because they had to go to separate schools and use different bathrooms. Sadly these separate bathrooms, schools and other public items were not in the best condition either. They also had to ride in the back of public buses. Martin Luther King made it so black people and people of color, can do things like vote and

have multiple other basic civil rights. For these reasons, I think that Martin Luther King Jr. is pretty cool." - Roman Perrin, 6th Grade



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Beautiful class updates in a snap

