

Acorn, Week of October 14th



THE ACORN
School Newsletter

Important Dates

10/18 Costume Drop Off Final Date

10/18 Harvest Festival 3:30PM

10/21-10/23 Costume Shop Day

10/22 Donuts with the Director 8:15AM

10/25 Middle School Halloween Dance 6pm

10/30 Picture Make Up Day

10/31 Halloween Parade 11:30AM

11/1 No School

Harvest Festival- Tonight!

The changing of seasons is upon us, and that means the Harvest Festival is tonight! See the flyer below for details! The date is October 18th, and the gates open at 3:30 pm.

****You will want to be there by 4 pm if you can, as that is when the opening remarks will take place, followed by Harvest Festival activities, which will break at 5:15pm for the fantastic play that is put on by the 2nd. 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 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!**



Halloween Parade and Costume Policies

Halloween parade In keeping with the Blue Oak School tradition we will be hosting a Halloween Parade on October 31st at the end of the school day from 11:30-12:30. Parents are invited to attend the Parade which will be held on the back playground. Reminder: Costumes should be: media, gore, and weapon free for school. No masks. Costumes should not depict any racial or ethnic groups.

For another option we will be hosting It's Fall Y'all in the Wellness room at the time of the parade. There will be board games and crafts.

Kindergarten does not participate in this activity and costumes are not permitted.

Costume Closet

Please drop off any gently used school appropriate costumes in the labeled bins in the front lobby!

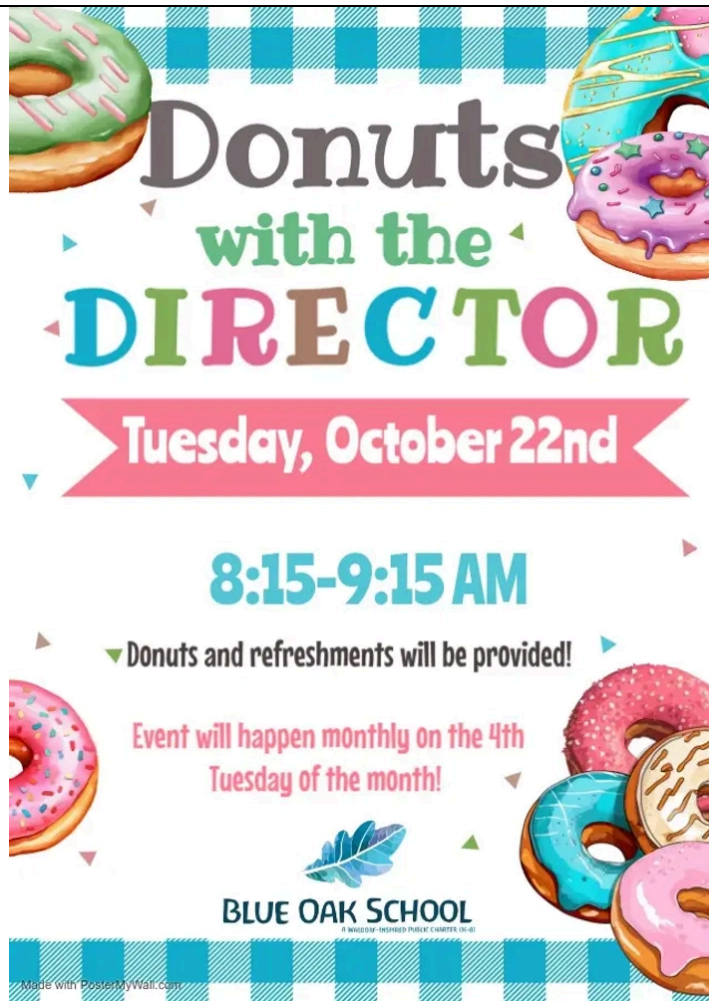
Drop Off Dates: Sept 30th- Oct 18th

Costume Shop Opens: October 21st- October 23rd



Donuts with the Director

Please join us every 4th Tuesday of the month for Donuts with the Director!



Parent/Caregiver Survey

This survey is an opportunity for you to help BOCS by sharing your opinions about it. Your opinions are important, and the school is interested in hearing them. If you have more than one child who is enrolled at this school, please think about the oldest of these children as you answer these questions. Answer all the questions based on your experiences with Blue Oak. Remember, we appreciate your honest opinions.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Please respond by 10/31/24.



Click Here for Survey



Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

Dear Blue Oak Community,

I'm excited to announce our upcoming Día de los Muertos celebration. Please review the following information:

Ofrenda Details

- Location: Front waiting room area
- Setup Date: October 30, 2024 (morning)
- Display Period: October 31 - November 3, 2024
- Parent, Maria Stiles - Quick Presentations throughout the morning of 10/31/24 for grade walkthroughs (Schedule TBD)

Student and Staff Participation

1. Photos:

- Bring photos of loved ones who have passed (can tape to the wall or place on altar)
- Write student's name and grade on the back for easy return

1. Commemorative Items:

- Students may bring ONE small item that reminds them of their loved one
- This can be something they created or a meaningful object
- Write a letter/note to your loved one

School-wide Activities

- All grades will participate in guided walk-throughs
- Grouped by grade level
- Short presentations on the meaning of Día de los Muertos
- Presented by volunteer parent, Maria Stiles

Communication Timeline

- Posters, Acorn, and Parent Square announcements will go out by October 23, 2024 informing families inviting them to participate.

How You Can Help

- If your class would like to create or help with decorations, please let me know
- I encourage all to participate in this community event
- We have a few parent volunteers and myself helping

with decorations i.e. flowers, led candles, Papel picado, marigolds, sugar skulls and other decorations

Closing Thoughts

May our community shine bright as we remember those who have passed, especially during these special times. Let's take this opportunity to honor the lives of those we loved. If you need more information about Día de los Muertos or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Muchas Gracias!
Caren Lehe



An evening in Kindergarten

Blue Oak is hosting an Evening in Kindergarten on Wednesday, October 23rd, from 5:00 to 6:30. This is a drop-in event to explore Blue Oak's magical TK/Kindergarten program for upcoming 2025-26 enrollees. Prospective TK/K families can see our classrooms, meet our teachers, speak to our Registrar about the enrollment process, and learn about the transition to the grades. Use the QR code below to RSVP.



Measure C

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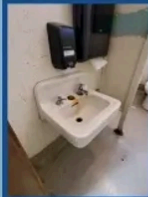
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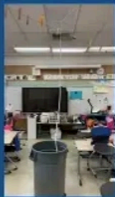
Measure C will fund crucial repairs and upgrades to Chico Unified schools, including local charter schools. Some elementary schools were built over 70 years ago, have not been updated, and are in need of significant structural repairs and upgrades.

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Outdated
bathrooms



Chronic
leaks



Dry rot



Deteriorating
portables

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS:

- ✓ ALL bond money used for local schools, including charter schools
- ✓ ALL bond money goes towards school facilities and cannot be used for salaries or pensions
- ✓ A Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee ensures bond funds are spent only for the purposes outlined in the bond measure
- ✓ Projected tax rates limited to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation

Measure C will be on the November 5, 2024 ballot

Halloween Dance (Middle School Only)

The Halloween Dance is coming up on **Friday, October 25th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, doors will open at 5:30 pm.

Students are welcomed to invite a guest from another school. They must be a middle school student and will require an approved guest permission slip from your teacher AND the guest's teacher PRIOR to the dance. 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, October 24th for approval. No guest permission slips will be accepted at the door.

In addition, attached are the Middle School Dance Rules and Procedures. Please be sure to review them with your students.

Dance tickets are a suggested donation of \$5.00. We will be offering a dinner and dance package for \$10.00. The package will include the price of admission and a hot dog, pizza or nachos and a drink.

Presales will start Monday October 21st after school from 3:15 - 4:20 pm OR you can purchase online on the Blue Oak Website:

Purchase Dance Ticket. Steps for Online Purchase: go to **<https://blueoakcharterschool.org/donate/>**

1. Click the "PayPal" button on the website.
2. Enter \$5.00 for Dance Only or \$10 00 for Dance Package
3. Change "Use this donation for" to "Classroom Donation/Field Trip"
4. Click Donate Button
5. In the Notes field enter "Halloween Dance (Ticket/Package), Student Name, and Grade"
6. Click Donate Now We will have a roster of all presales at the door for easy entry.

There will be food for sale at the dance. We will have pizza, hot dogs, nachos, candy bars, baked goods, and drinks. **New this year:** all proceeds of the dance and food will be split between the middle school class funds.

WE NEED CHAPERONES! If you would like to help, please sign up here: **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A48A8AF2FA5F58-51983252-halloween>**

Respectfully,

Michelle Greene



Friday Treats

Stop by the front of the school Fridays from 3:10-4:15 for some delicious treats.
Popcorn \$3, Snow Cones \$3, Popsicles \$1- Proceeds to be donated to 7th grade!



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Popcorn \$3
Snow Cone \$3
Popsicles \$1

Every Friday After School

Proceeds for 7th Grade Class

<i>Virtues</i>				
Hold REVERENCE <i>Monday</i>	Have COURAGE <i>Tuesday</i>	Build FRIENDSHIPS <i>Wednesday</i>	Seek WISDOM <i>Thursday</i>	Show COMPASSION <i>Friday</i>