

Acorn, Week of October 21st



THE ACORN
School Newsletter

Notes from the Director

The Harvest Festival was such a joy and success! Thank you to all who helped and participated.

We are looking forward to the Halloween celebration. This year, we have taken Friday the first off to rest and be ready for Monday. We have activities available on that Friday if you need childcare. Check out the Expanded learning information below.

The Facilities Committee continues to work on the new site. The Charter Council will hold a special meeting this Tuesday regarding the architect.

Finally, we are still looking for a parent for the Charter Council and two for the Finance Committee.

Thank you everyone for all you do. You each make a difference!

Susan D (or Mrs. Maginanini if you are in first grade)

Executive Director

Important Dates

10/25 Middle School Halloween Dance 6pm

10/28 Special BOCC meeting for Facilities

10/30 Picture Make Up Day

10/31 Halloween Parade 11:30AM

10/31 Dia De Muertos Presentations

11/1 No School (Expanded Learning Available)

11/5 Parent Council Meeting 6pm

11/6 School Tour Morning

11/7 School Tour Afternoon

11/11 Veterans Day (No School)

11/12 Finance Committee 4:15PM

11/12 Facilities Committee 6:30Pm

11/19 Charter Council Meeting 6PM

Halloween Parade and Costume Policies

Halloween parade In keeping with Blue Oak School tradition, we will be hosting a Halloween Parade on October 31st at the end of the school day from 11:30 to 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. This option has limited availability and is primarily for those who cannot participate in the parade. Please contact the front desk if you wish your student to participate.

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

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We welcome all students and staff to bring in items for the ofrenda.

What you can bring (optional):

A picture of a loved one or a pet that has passed and you wish to honor and remember (please write your name and class so we can return the photograph to you)

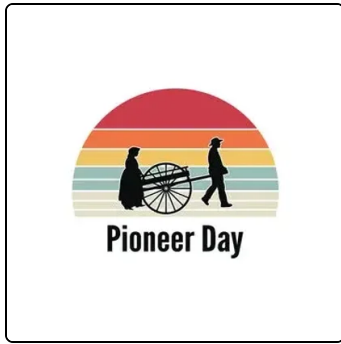
A small item that your loved one cherished or something that represents them.
Examples are a toy car, a small wrapped or unopened food item such as candy, a keychain from their favorite place, or a small item they made or were made for them they cherish, their favorite flower, etc.

If you have larger items you would like to place on the ofrenda, please reach out to Caren (carenlehe@blueoakcharterschool.org) or Maria Stiles (stiles.m.sa@gmail.com) to get approval.

Día de Muertos
10/31/2034
Room 24

Donuts with the Director

Due to the Fall Break, there will be no Donuts with the Director in November.
See you in December



Expanded Learning Dates Available

Friday, November 1st

ReCreate is a recycled art club day where students will be reusing clean and safe recycled materials to create art inspiration from the trash bin! Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided. If you have recycled items that you would like to donate, please ensure they are clean and bring them the day of camp (11/1). We are excited to see the creativity of our students as well as learn more about recycling and reusing. Drop off and pick up between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm will occur in the Great Room. Please utilize the front doors to enter the building.

Friday, November 22nd

Pioneer Day camp will take students back to the colonial era! They will enjoy a technology/electricity free day as they live life like pioneers. Students will enjoy candle making, tin piercing, sewing and colonial themed games. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided! Drop off and pick up between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm will occur in the Great Room. Please utilize the front doors to enter the building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Kelley S

at Kelleysexton@blueoakcharterschool.com

Jackrabbit Parent Portal

Link- <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgID=551503>

Blue Oak School's 24th Annual Lantern Walk

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 each year 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.

The Lantern Walk is celebrated in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2. Please see your teacher for details and ways to support.

This event is enjoyed for its simplicity and wisdom. It is to be held in reverence, low light, singing, and minimal, quiet conversation.

If it rains, the event will be cancelled.



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Replace old, deteriorating portables with modern, permanent classrooms

Expand facilities to house literacy programs for our youngest learners

Improve school safety and security

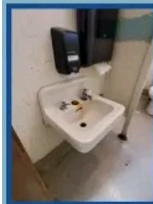
Learn the facts about **MEASURE C**



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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

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!

Friday
Treats

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>