

Blue Hills Elementary PTA Newsletter

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PTA Forms:

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Traffic Sign Up:

<http://tinyurl.com/jxqu35o>

PTA Calendar:

<http://tinyurl.com/z4nfa32>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fifth Grade Outdoor Education - 9/26-29
- ◆ Project Cornerstone Second Book Training - 9/29
- ◆ Walk/Bike to School - 10/4
- ◆ Parent Conferences - 10/5-13
- ◆ Reflections Submissions Due - 10/11
- ◆ Community Service Park Day - 10/16

For more, visit the PTA calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/z4nfa32>



Get Ready to WALK!



Hello Bobcats!

Bobcat Walk is on Friday, October 20th, during the school day!

Students will receive pledge forms and information in Friday Folders today!

Start collecting your pledges now! Pledge forms are due October 13th!

For more information, see pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

See you at the Walk!



Speaking of Walking...

Walk & Bike to School Day Oct 4, 2017

Why Participate?

- Encourage safe routes to school
- Promote overall health and well-being
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Build social connections and networks

For questions, please email Jennifer Wong at bluehillswalkbiketoschool@gmail.com

Blue Hills Kids Need You!

Blue Hills is a great school, thanks in part to the fantastic community of caring parents like you! The PTA funds many of the enrichment programs that our kids enjoy. Check out bluehillspta.org to find out more, and then join the PTA to get involved in helping to keep Blue Hills great!



BLUE HILLS ELEMENTARY Be a Superhero WALK-A-THON Friday, October 20th



Supporting Blue Hills

WHAT IS THE WALK-A-THON?

✓ A school-wide fundraiser where students will get pledges and walk laps on a marked course to raise money for Blue Hills PTA. This year's Walk-A-Thon event will be held on Friday, October 20th during school hours.

OUR GOALS:

- ✓ Promote a healthy, active lifestyle to our students and Blue Hills families.
- ✓ Raise money to support PTA funded activities and events.
- ✓ If each student raised \$45, we will reach our goal of \$14,000
- ✓ If you raise \$35, you get a Bobcat Backpack Clip



STUDENTS NEED TO:

- ✓ Ask friends, family, and local businesses to sponsor their efforts while they walk laps at the school on Friday, October 20th. Donations can be per lap or a single, one-time pledge.
- ✓ Fundraising for donations starts September 22nd
- ✓ ALL donations are tax-deductible.
- ✓ Wear spirit colors on the day of the event, Friday, October 20th
- ✓ Collect pledges and return the collected donations with pledge form Friday, November 3
- ✓ Be ready to walk many laps to raise money for Blue Hills!



AFTER THE EVENT:

- ✓ Students will collect pledged donations
- ✓ Cash, Check or make checks payable to "BLUE HILLS PTA"
- ✓ All money MUST be turned in by the end of the day on Friday, November 3rd in order to be considered for the top prizes
- ✓ Prizes are available for individuals and classrooms.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| - Start asking for pledges and donations: | Friday, Sept. 22 nd |
| - Walk-A-Thon Forms Due: | Friday, Oct. 13th |
| - Walk-A-Thon Event: | Friday, Oct. 20 th |
| - Collect \$ and Return Envelopes: | Friday, Nov. 3rd |



2017 Bobcat Walk Prizes

Raise money for Blue Hills! More Money Equals More prizes!



You could win Great America tickets or Boardwalk tickets or Gilroy Gardens. The TOP EARNER will win a pass and the TOP WALKER will win a pass to be used during the 2017/2018 operating season.

Individual Prizes for Earnings

For \$75 in donations, they will earn a Fanny Pack. For \$150 in donations, students will also earn a Blue Hills Plushie. Then, for donations over \$200, students will earn **one** additional Bobcat apparel/gift item. Prizes will be awarded based on donation levels outlined below and distributed at the Bobcat Awards assembly in November.

\$75	\$150	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Blue Hills Fanny Pack					
Cute Blue Hills Plushie					
Blue Hills Apparel or Item					



Most Laps by Class

In addition, the top walker from *each* class will receive a Pizza My Heart gift card. All gift cards will be distributed at the Bobcat Walk awards assembly in November.

Highest Earner by Class

In addition, the top earner from *each* class will receive a Pizza My Heart gift card. All gift cards will be distributed at the Bobcat Walk awards assembly in November.

Class Prizes

For the class with the highest miles walked

For the class with the highest average earnings per student.

The class with the mascot that travels the farthest will receive a special prize as well.





Blue Hills Elementary Community Service

Sanborn Park

Monday, October 16, 2017 9am

There are many ways to keep your park beautiful! If you are looking to get outside and connect with the outdoors right in your backyard this is the opportunity for you! California native plants play an important role in the health of our parks. To help our native plants thrive we have to work together to remove non-native and invasive plants.

If you would like to be part of this effort, Sign up today! Send us an email at: bhcommunityservice@gmail.com

*No special skills are required for this event. Volunteers under 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the event. Volunteers 16-17 may participate without a parent/guardian supervision but only if they present a completed volunteer application including a parent or guardian's signature. Application forms will be available at the event but the parent/guardian must be present to sign

For more information: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/Volunteer/Pages/GetInvolved.aspx>

FOSTERING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND TEENS & Why it Matters



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

7:30-9:00 PM

Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford University

Open to the Public | \$10 per ticket

Raising resilient children and teens who thrive in our rapidly changing and uncertain world is no small task. What can parents do to best support mentally and physically healthy kids who are engaged in learning and have strong connections with friends, families, and their communities? It turns out, quite a lot. Join Challenge Success for an evening of education and inspiration to explore how parents can build resilience in our kids today and our adults of tomorrow.

BE A SPONSOR

6:00 PM

\$500 Individual Sponsor Ticket

Includes backstage reception with speakers & reserved event seating



The PTA Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

The Reflections 2017-2018 Theme is "**Within Reach**".

Students may submit an entry in any of the six areas:

- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production

Only original works of art are accepted. **All submissions are due on October 11, 2017 @3:00.** ** No late entries will be accepted. Only entries that follow the rules of the competition will be considered for the Council level.

If you would like to learn more about the PTA Reflections Program, check out the [PTA Reflections](http://www.capta.org/Reflections) website at www.capta.org/Reflections, or contact The Blue Hills Reflections Committee at Bluehillsptareflections@gmail.com

In an effort to raise additional funds for our school, BLUE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is participating in the BOX TOPS for EDUCATION program. This program is an easy way for parents & students to earn cash that goes directly to our school.



AN EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

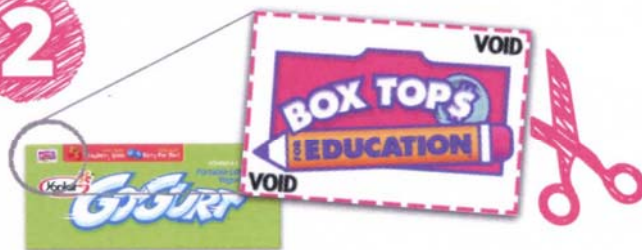
Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

1



BUY your favorite
Box Tops products.

2



CUT out the Box Top
from each package.

3



SEND your Box Tops to
school with your child.

**Have your child turn in the box
tops to his/her teacher or to
the front office.**

4



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