

Blue Hills Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Communication

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bluehillsptapresident@gmail.com

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bluehillspta.org

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<http://tinyurl.com/bhfacebookpage>

PTA Forms:
<http://tinyurl.com/bhptaforms>

Traffic Sign Up:
<http://tinyurl.com/jxqu35o>

PTA Calendar:
<http://tinyurl.com/ybw63ow3>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA Association Meeting - 2/13
- ◆ Mid-Year Recess (No School) - 2/19-23
- ◆ Family Science Night - 3/1
- ◆ Project Cornerstone Book Training - 3/2
- ◆ Middle School Info Nights - 3/7
- ◆ Reflections Award Ceremony - 3/8

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

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Way to Go, Blue Hills Runners!

Blue Hills runners are off to a great start in the new year. Two students have already achieved marathon status: Siddharth Gupta in Ms. Stearns' class, with 32.25 miles, and Neelesh Soni, in Ms. Szeto's class, with 28.5 miles.



Four other students are above twenty miles and getting close to marathon status:

Vincent Lo, Colosi
Adithya Venkataraghavan, Stearns
Tanay Ubale, Tamsen
Laasya Balupari, Tamsen



HSA AWARDS!!!

It is that time of the year to pause and thank all of our hard working parent and community volunteers. The PTA Honorary Service Awards nominating forms will be sent with the Friday folders tomorrow.

Please take a few moments to nominate parents/ staff/ community members who do so much for our children, school and community.

Click the link below for more information on the award categories: <http://tinyurl.com/BHPTAHSAInformation>

To nominate using an online form, click the link below:

2017-2018 Blue Hills PTA HSA Nomination Form

For more information or interest in joining the committee contact bluehillsptavp1@gmail.com

Join the PTA Board!

Want to put your creativity and organizational skills to good use at your child's school? Consider a PTA board position! All positions are open: President, Exec VP, VP Comm., VP Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Historian.

Interested or have questions? Send an email to BlueHillsPTAParliamentarian@gmail.com or jmc02@sbcglobal.net.

Blue Hills Yearbook Blurbs

Students, Parents, and Staff:

Send a "shout out" to a Blue Hills student or staff member that will appear in the yearbook!

Blurbs are a fun way to send a message to a special someone!

Space is limited – Get yours in today!!!



Details:

Cost: \$ 5 each (checks payable to Blue Hills PTA)

Word Count: Limit blurb to 30 words

How: Fill out the form and return to the office

Due date: Friday, March 2, 2018 by 3 p.m.

If you have questions, email:

bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com

Examples:

Mr. Bob: Thanks for being an awesome teacher! See you around! From the students of room 32

Dear Mr. West, Thank you for being my 2nd grade teacher this year. I will always remember you! Love, Janet

To my Bobcat Buddy: I loved playing basketball with you! See you next year, Cara

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR,
THANKS TO STEVE, JOE, AND BILL
FOR THE FUN! FROM, MARK

To the students of Room 28: You're off to middle school, best of luck! Mrs. Cartwright (your 5th grade teacher)

Hi Joe, Even though we won't be at the same middle school next year, I hope we can still keep in touch! Sincerely, Sarah



Blue Hills Blurbs



Each blurb is \$5. Please attach your check or cash, to this form, or enclose in an envelope. You may make additional copies of this sheet, or attach additional blurbs on a separate piece of paper. Limit each blurb to no more than 30 words. For more info: <http://tinyurl.com/bhyearbookblurbinfo>

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Print clearly and check your writing! No inappropriate comments will be accepted. Your blurb will be typed exactly the way you write it! A fun font will be randomly selected for your blurb!

Blurb #1:

Blurb #2:

Blurb #3:

**Blurbs due to office
no later than
Friday, March 2, 2018**

Total # of Blurbs: _____

Total amount (# of blurbs x \$ 5): _____

Check Number or write "cash": _____

****Checks payable to Blue Hills PTA****

5th Grade Yearbook Dedication (ads)

***🐾 Make your child's last Blue Hills 🐾
yearbook one to remember!***



Dear 5th grade parent:

How time flies! Your child is now a 5th grader and will soon embark on an exciting new journey into Middle School. Create a special send-off for your child! You can add pictures and send a personalized message to your child to congratulate him/her, tell him/her how proud you are, or wish him/her good luck in middle school. This special message will appear in the 2017-18 yearbook.

Purchase your dedication (ad) online through the Balfour website, and have the flexibility to design it yourself with easy-to-use online software. You may also design your tribute using other software and import the artwork as a jpeg file to the proper template on the Balfour website. Your only limitation is your creativity.

Get started now with these simple steps:

1. Visit www.balfour.com and enter 'Blue Hills Elementary School' in the school finder.
2. Click on the "Yearbook" button.
3. Click on the "Yearbook Ads" menu item in the left column.
4. Select the size of ad you would like:
 - a. The 1/8 page size is a business card size ad, and it is \$20.
 - b. The 1/4 page size is \$40.
5. Create an account or login to your existing account.
6. Start creating your 5th grade dedication. Load pictures. Add text.
7. Please review your dedication and make sure all spelling is correct and placement is accurate.
8. Once you're done, click the 'Add to Cart' button.
9. Complete the checkout process by hitting 'Proceed to Checkout' and pay for your ad.
10. The yearbook staff will create pages to maximize space and as dedications are received.

For any technical issues please call our Balfour rep at 1-800-944-5930. If you have any other yearbook related questions, or need help with your own design, please contact bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com.

All submissions are due by March 2nd, 2018.

send us your best **SNAPSHOTS** for the **Blue Hills Yearbook**

Yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so if you've got great photos of school events, or of you and your friends just having fun, please share them with us.

The more photos you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone!
It's easy; submit your photos today!

The last day to submit photos is **March 1, 2018**.



TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for Balfour Image Share in your app marketplace
- Download the app
- Enter our project number **804293** . There is no password.
- (OPTION: point your web browser to images.balfour.com to upload photos from your computer)
- Questions? email bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com.

** The yearbook staff will review all photos & determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

Image Reminders:

- Images should be in JPEG or PNG format, RGB
- Maximum file size is 20MB per image

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Blue Hills PTA Proudly Presents
Blue Hills Family Science Night
Thursday, March 1st ~ Blue Hills GLC ~ 6:30-8:00pm

Sign up to Volunteer:

<https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerScienceNight2018>



**FREE
EVENT**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Do you like to read to children? Can you spare just three hours a month?

If you answered YES to both of these questions you could, quite literally, be changing the life of a child!

Project Cornerstone's ABC program provides our children with the tools and skills to thrive.

Each month a school wide book is read in every classroom. The book and discussion teach life skills and tools to deal with social conflicts. ABC gives students a safe and caring place to talk about their feelings, experiences and concerns.

ABC gives our entire school community, from principal to student, a shared vocabulary and collective strategies for dealing with difficult situations both in school and out.

Becoming a Project Cornerstone ABC reader involves:

- Attending an hour-long meeting, once a month, to learn about the book, discussion points and planned activities
- Preparation and reading the book in your child's classroom, leading the discussion and delivering the activity.

Become one of our ABC readers. Help make our school a safer and more caring place to learn and grow. Contact: Smita Banerjee, gossipoint@yahoo.com, Haydee Wong, haydeewong@comcast.net, or Joann Martin, joann.liao@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!

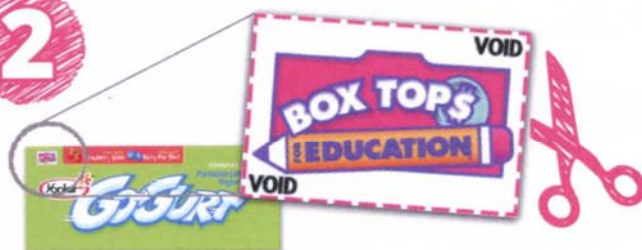
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1



BUY your favorite
Box Tops products.

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CUT out the Box Top
from each package.

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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



**YOUR SCHOOL
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