

Blue Hills Elementary PTA Newsletter

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PTA Calendar:
<http://tinyurl.com/z4nfa32>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parent Conferences - 10/5-13
- ◆ Reflections Submissions Due - 10/11
- ◆ Community Service Park Day - 10/16
- ◆ Staff Learning Day (No School) - 10/16
- ◆ Bobcat Walk - 10/20
- ◆ Halloween Parade and Class Parties - 10/31

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



Get Your Capes Ready, It's Almost Here!

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The Bobcat Walk is right around the corner!

Bobcat Walk will take place on Friday, October 20th, during the school day! Don't forget to 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!

Walk/Bike to School Thank You's and Congratulations!

Another year, another great turnout for the Blue Hills Walk/Bike to School event! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Thanks also to Mrs. Prouse and the PTA board members for voting for the Walk/Bike to School poster contest winners. Thanks to Smita Banerjee and Juiwen(Vivian) Hu for providing feedback and various help for the event, and to Mimi Wong, who helped to post all the wonderful Walk/Bike to School posters around campus. Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster for the contest!

And a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Walk/Bike to School Poster Contest winners:

1st Place : Rhea Susarla
2nd Place: Kevin Shang and Ishani Upadhyaya
3rd Place: Katie Shang and Rishika Susarla

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>



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

Thank You!

The PTA Blue Hills Book Fair Committee Chairs would like to thank all Blue Hills' families, staff, and friends for their generosity and support in making this year's Book Fair a success. With your support, 401 books valued at over \$4300 were purchased and donated to classroom libraries and Blue Hill's school library.

Thank you to the many parents, siblings, Boy Scout Troop 566, Blue Hill's staff, and alumni who volunteered their time and efforts to make this Book Fair a success.

Special thanks go to:

- **Vidya Balan** - for volunteering to help in whatever capacity almost every day of the book fair and for creating the wonderful superhero eye mask and the cape for our Clifford and everything else.
- **Vibha Sharma** - for stepping up to be a future Book Fair Co-Chair and assisting wherever was needed.
- **Smita Banerjee, Aparna Sathaye, Smriti Menon** - for all of the delicious food, baked goods, coffee and tea that you provided for the Teacher Previews.
- **Aparna Sathaye** - helping put together teacher preview packets
- **Vibha Sharma** - putting together classroom flyers and creating online volunteer sign-up sheet
- **Jamie Chan** - for her generosity making the grand prize basket so attractive and especially championing the Teacher Wish List and making sure that as many books were purchased for each classroom as possible.
- **Vidya Balan, Aparna Sathaye, Christy Tum** - for your generosity in providing food to our Book Fair volunteers.
- **Omar Sirhan, Margaret(Maggie) Tobacco, Natalee Tum, Ishani Upadhyaya, Ethan Wong** - without whom Clifford would not exist
- **Vidya Balan, Jamie Chan, Sandy Chin, Ruchika Chopra, Ayca Cubukcu, Naiema Din, Paul Evans, Amy Hosein, Juiwen(Vivian) Hu, Vibha Sharma, Divya Keloth, Swabha Kumar, Joann Liao, Shefali Lolayekar, Charla Mcdevitt, Alice Ng, Kavitha Raghunathan, Jennifer Sahara, Caroline Schuyler, Prachi Sehgal, Anuradha Sreenivasan, Reshma Sultana, Suganya Sundaram, Maki Tazawa, Praveena**

Thimmarayan, Amy Tu, Christy Tum, Sathya Vasudevan, Aishwarya Venkat, Lavanya Viswanathan, Tina Wang, Haiying Wu, Keshma Zaveri, Rong Zhou - for volunteering at the Book Fair.

- Boy Scouts of Troop 566 -Boy Scouts who showed up and helped set up our Book Fair.
- Juiwen(Vivian) Hu – for providing Treasurer duties for the Book Fair.
- Mrs. Prouse - for hosting Principal's Reading and for providing school support for the Book Fair.
- Mrs Pearce and Mrs Rodriguez - for fielding the many questions about the Book Fair and for being supportive.
- Everyone who helped tirelessly with set-up, tear down, and everything in between.

Again, thank you to all of the families and community of Blue Hills for your support in making the 2017 Blue Hills Book Fair a HUGE Success!

Mimi Wong, Vanitha Srinivasan and Jennifer Wong

2017 Blue Hills Book Fair Chairs



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Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Giraffes Can't Dance"** by Giles Andreae tells the story of Gerald the giraffe who is able to **dance to his own tune** when he gets some encouraging words from an unlikely friend.

Goals of lesson:

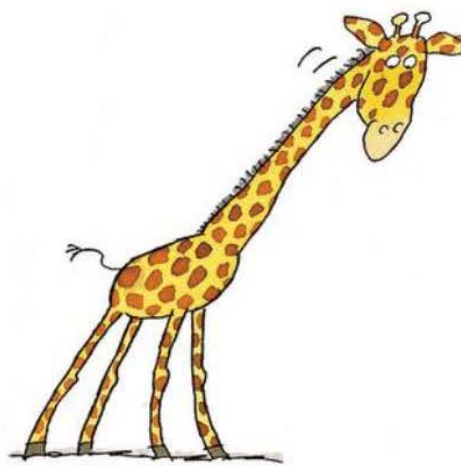
- Students learn about personal power and **practice using their positive personal power to benefit both themselves and others.**
- Students learn that making other people feel good is a great way to **fill their own buckets**, too!

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Create opportunities to encourage your child to **try new things.**
- Offer praise for their willingness to try and practice.
- Whenever they're in a negative situation, help your child "switch the channel" to reframe their inner dialogue to create an **"I can do it!" attitude.**
- Remind your child: **Don't focus on the black dot.** Focus on the white page.
- Involve children of all ages in **family decision making.**

***Quick Tip:** Teach your child practical skills such as how to change a tire, cook a couple of meals, or sew on a button. Well-prepared young people are more likely to feel a sense of personal power.

***When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...
Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!***



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!

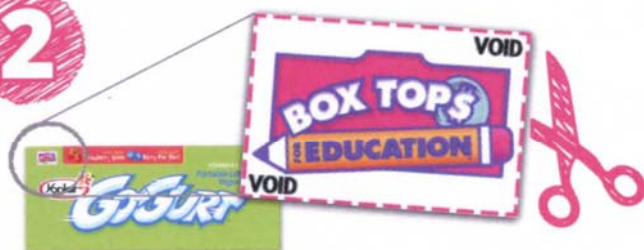
Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

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



**YOUR SCHOOL
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buy the things it needs
most. All those Box Tops
really add up!

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