

# Blue Hills Elementary PTA Newsletter

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<http://tinyurl.com/jxqu35o>

PTA Calendar:

<http://tinyurl.com/ybw63ow3>

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Yearbook Cover contest - 11/3-29
- ◆ Thanksgiving Recess (No School - Happy Thanksgiving!) - 11/20-24
- ◆ Fourth-Grade Hosted Staff Lunch - 12/1
- ◆ Project Cornerstone Book Training - 12/1
- ◆ K-3 Winter Sing - 12/13
- ◆ Winter Recess - 12/18 - 1/1/

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

## Thankful for a Great October

### Trunk or Treat

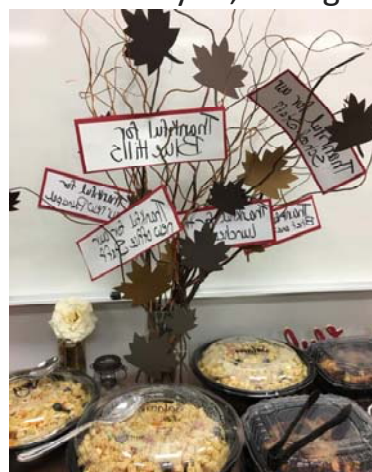
Thank you, Blue Hills community, for making the first ever Blue Hills PTA/BHEF Trunk or Treat event a huge success! Lots of candy and creativity on display in the school parking lot.



### Staff Luncheons

And thank you, fifth-grade parents, for hosting the first staff luncheon of the year! Blue Hills' teachers and staff are second to none, and we are so happy to be able to show them how much we appreciate them! Fifth grade parents rose to the occasion and prepared a beautiful spread.

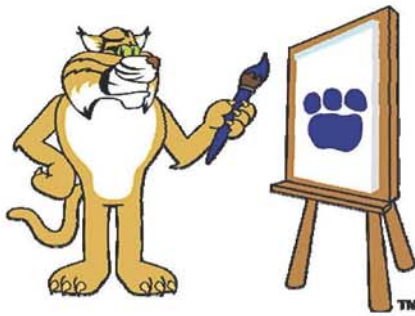
**Thank you, teachers and staff!**



# BLUE HILLS YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

November 3 – November 29, 2017

## Win a free yearbook



Calling all artists – It's time for our annual yearbook cover contest. The winning artwork will appear on the 2017-2018 Blue Hills yearbook cover and the winning artist will receive a free yearbook. The top runners-up artwork will appear on the back cover of the yearbook.

All artwork may be used as clip art inside the yearbook.

**Entries are due by November 29, 2017**

Please submit your artwork to your teacher or the front office by 3:30 pm on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

**No late entries will be accepted.**

### Yearbook Cover Contest Rules:

1. Submit original student artwork only
2. **NO COPYRIGHT ARTWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**
3. Submit only one entry per student
4. Use 8 1/2" x 11" white paper
5. Use the vertical orientation (portrait) of the paper
6. Leave a 1/2" border around the edge of your artwork (a.k.a. bleed border). No text should be within 1/2" of the edges of the page, or it will be cropped out
7. The entire page should be filled with color, even the bleed border

#### Artwork must include:

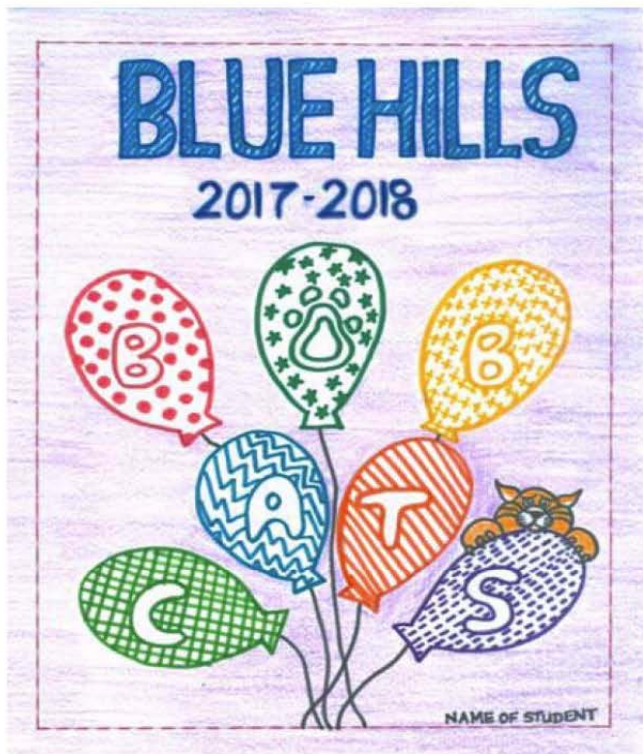
1. School's name: Blue Hills
2. Mascot: Bobcats
3. School year: 2017-2018
4. Your name

Samples of previous yearbook covers are displayed on the PTA website at

<http://tinyurl.com/BHYearbookPastYears>

Questions? Email [bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com)

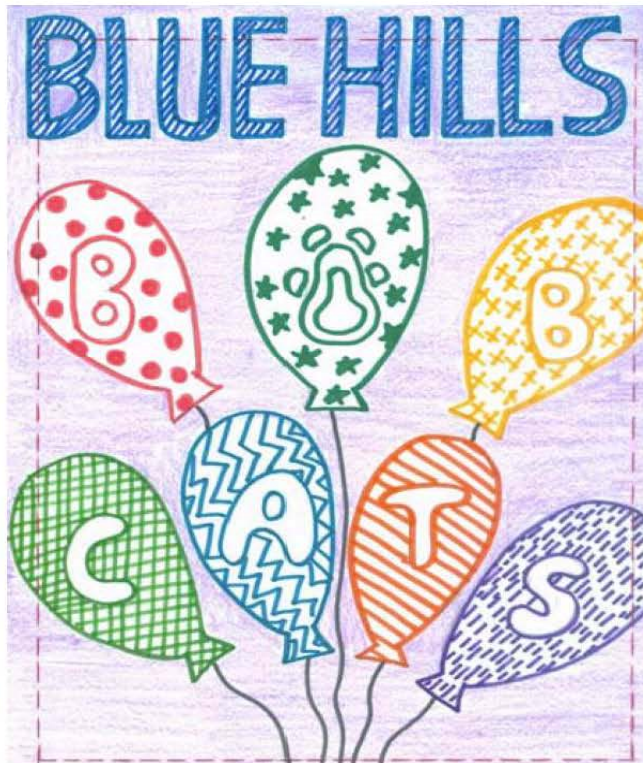




## Example of Correct Entry

Follows ALL the guidelines

- ✓ Original artwork – No copyright material
- ✓ One entry per student
- ✓ 8 1/2" x 11" white paper
- ✓ Vertical orientation of the paper (portrait)
- ✓ 1/2" bleed border left all around edge of the artwork (the dotted border shows the bleed area; please do not include the red dotted border in your work)
- ✓ All white space covered, even the 1/2" bleed border.
- ✓ Includes school name "Blue Hills"
- ✓ Includes mascot – bobcat
- ✓ Includes school date "2017-2018"
- ✓ Includes student's name



## Example of Incorrect Entry

Does not follow all the guidelines:

- No 1/2" bleed border around edge of the artwork. Names and artwork will be cropped off when printed for the cover
- Missing mascot – bobcat
- Missing school year – "2017-2018"
- Missing student's name

You need a  
**Yearbook!**  
(just sayin')



Order a 2017 – 2018  
Yearbook **today!**

Blue Hills Elementary

For a limited time, yearbooks are on sale for \$25

**Order now, before it is too late!**

**After January, cost goes up to \$35.00**

Yearbooks will be delivered in June 2018.

Supplies are limited. Guarantee your yearbook by buying during the pre-sale.

***Please fill out the form below and return to the office, or your child's teacher to purchase your yearbook.***

***One form per order please.***

Cash, check or online payments accepted!

**Online Payment Instructions:**

Go to balfour.com and enter

"Blue Hills Elementary".

Select "Blue Hills Elementary, Saratoga, CA"

Select "yearbook"

Select "yearbook and Accessories"

Note: There is a \$1 processing fee for online orders

***Hurry! Buy your yearbook today!***

**\*\*Deadline December 15, 2017\*\***

Email [bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bluehillsyearbook@gmail.com) for questions or to join the committee!



## Yearbook Order Envelope

<b>Student name</b>			
<b>Teacher</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
<b>School</b>	Blue Hills Elementary School		
<b>I wish to order</b>		<b>copies of the yearbook</b>	
<b>My payment of</b>		<b>is enclosed</b>	
<b>Parent Email</b>			

Order Your  
Yearbook Today! 🐾

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Please Make Check Payable to  
"Blue Hills PTA" – Thank you!

# 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](http://images.balfour.com) to upload photos from your computer)
- Questions? email [bluehillseyarbook@gmail.com](mailto:bluehillseyarbook@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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# Cornerstone Corner

## School Name November 2017

Book: *Big* by Coleen Murtagh Paratore

Asset Focus: Empowerment and Social Competency

Lesson: *Big is being the biggest YOU that you can be.*

Next month's book: *When Sophie Gets Angry*

This month's ABC book *Big* by Coleen Murtagh Paratore encourages

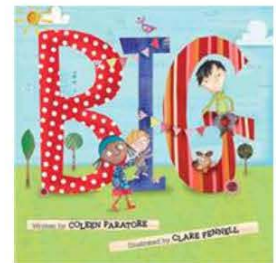
students to become *BIG people*. The author defines *BIG* as being bright, helpful, imaginative, healthy, and valuable members of society.

### Goals of the lesson:

- Encourage students to take small steps to achieve *BIG* outcomes at home, school & community.
- Internalize intrinsic rewards of doing things for the right reasons: Being an *UPstander*.
- Perform intentional acts of caring for others.
- Understand that everyone can be *BIG* in their own way.

### How can I help reinforce this lesson at home?

- Discuss ways your family contributes individually & together to making a difference in the world.
- Consider reading the book, *The World Needs Your Kid: Raising Children Who Care & Contribute* by Craig & Marc Kielburger. This book focuses on simple everyday actions that can have a lasting influence on your child's life & the lives of those around us.



### Questions to ask my child:

- How can I be *BIG* in my family? How can we be kind to each other in a *BIG* way?
- How can we be *BIG* in our community? What do we do to be *BIG* toward our planet?
- Name people who are *BIG* (famous, friends, family) & explain why.

Phrase of the month: *You're never too big to do something little.*

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...

*Notice, Name, 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!

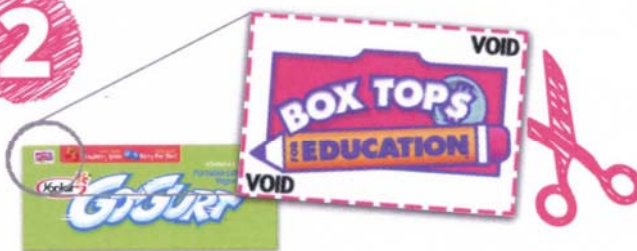
Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

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 GETS CASH** for every Box Top collected to help buy the things it needs most. All those Box Tops really add up!

Go online to [www.btfe.com/products](http://www.btfe.com/products) for a complete list of participating box tops products.

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