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Dates to Remember

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Night "Being UPstanders & Prevent Bullying, 5:30-6:30pm, Blue Hills GLC

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Spirit Day:  
Crazy Hair / Crazy Clothes Day

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

3K Fun Run Fall Festival: 3:30-6pm

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

School Halloween Parade:  
8:00-9:00am

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Trunk or Teak at 2:10pm & 2:40pm  
dismissal – School Parking Lot

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Veteran's Day Observed

**Calling all Bobcat Volunteers!**

**3K Fun Run Fall Festival can't happen without your help!**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>: 3:30pm-6:00pm**

We need help with setup, 3K runners, games, Fall Festival Store, Pumpkin Patch, cleanup, and much, much more.

**Volunteer Link:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/BHFallFestival>**

Don't forget to purchase your pumpkin at our onsite pumpkin patch! Enjoy delicious eats at the food trucks! Snap pictures at the photo booth!

**Questions or interested in volunteering, email:**  
**[bluehillsfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:bluehillsfallfestival@gmail.com)**

**Walk / Bike to School Poster Winners!**

We had a record-breaking turnout this year! There were 43 posters submitted! Thanks to Blue Hills teachers, staff, PTA executive board and committees for helping with the votes! This year there were 4 top winners, with the highest votes!

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Vachi Singh**
- Ishika Shah**
- Swarna Vinaitheerthan**
- Reese Hsu**

*\*See attached flyer for more details\**

**Thank you for another successful Walk / Bike to School Day!**

**Exciting Prizes at 3K Fun Run Fall Festival**

- Complete the 3K and pick up your prize from a store.
- Complete a 6K and win a personalized medal.
- Complete a 9K and win a personalized trophy.

All medals and trophies will be engraved with the winners' names and published in PTA newsletter.

Wait... there is more...you can also pledge per lap! The highest earner will win an awesome Blue Hills Spirit prize! The prize will be announced after the event! Don't Miss Out!



**DONATE YOUR USED AND UNWANTED CRAYONS & MARKERS TO KIDS IN NEED AND HELP REDUCE PLASTIC TRASH!**

Collection Boxes are in classrooms and GLC, Learning Lab. Students and parent volunteers will help sort the crayons and markers and mail them to respective organizations once a semester. \*See attached flyer for more!

**BHEF CORNER**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

BHEF Art Showcase and Fundraiser Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – 9:00pm, GLC

See attached flyer for BHEF's Family Donation Breakdown. We can do more! We can do better!

**Donate:**

<https://www.cusdk8.org/domain/186>

[bluehillseducationalfund@gmail.com](mailto:bluehillseducationalfund@gmail.com)

**Blue Hills Yearbooks are on SALE now!**

**Available for pre-order!**

All orders must be placed online:

<https://www.balfour.com/california/saratoga/blue-hills-elementary-school>

**From now through Nov. 30, you can purchase a yearbook for \$25.00!**

**After Nov. 30, the prices goes up to \$35.00.**

\$1 handling fee will be applied at the time of the purchase.

Enter the student name when ordering (and teacher when prompted); also when placing your order, enter your billing address in the "Shipping Address" section. All yearbooks will be shipped to school and distributed at the end of the year.

**Blue Hills Yearbook needs your help!**

If you have taken pictures during a field trip, or the cornerstone activity, or while helping in the classroom, or during a club,

Have photos? please upload your pictures to the yearbook database!

**TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:**

- Search for **Balfour Image Share** in your app marketplace
- Download the app
- Enter our project number 904293. There is no password.

Or another OPTION: point your web browser to [images.balfour.com](https://images.balfour.com) to upload photos from your computer!

Please take time to set up the upload method for all future uploads! There are many fun events and activities coming up, you will definitely take pictures and we need your pictures for Blue Hills yearbook!

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

# CORNERSTONE CORNER

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**WHAT IS PROJECT CORNERSTONE?** Every month, a dedicated group of parent volunteers receives training to be ABC (Asset Building Champions) readers in our classrooms. They read stories, lead discussions, and share activities to help all kids feel valued, respected, and known at school.



**THIS MONTH'S BOOK:**

*SIMON'S HOOK*

BY KAREN GEDIG BURNETT



In this book, Simon is teased because he's having a "bad hair day." *Simon's Hook* helps children learn that there are many ways to respond to teasing, and offers several examples of ways that kids can empower themselves and avoid becoming a victim of someone else's hurtful behavior. To

reinforce this lesson, ask your child to explain these terms:

↳ DON'T TAKE THE BAIT!

**strategies** TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM BEING HURT AND HELP THEM TO **swim free!**

IN THE BOOK, SIMON'S NEIGHBOR, GRANDMA ROSE, TEACHES HIM WAYS TO AVOID BEING A TARGET OF HIS FRIENDS WHO ARE EXHIBITING *BUCKET DIPPER* BEHAVIORS. ASK YOUR CHILD WHICH STRATEGY HE/SHE IS MOST LIKELY TO USE TO AVOID *TAKING THE BAIT*.

- ✓ **Do little or nothing - don't react!**
- ✓ **pretend to agree with the BULLY'S hook**
- ✓ **change the subject to distract the bully**
- ✓ **Laugh at the hook and make a joke of it**
- ✓ **stay away from hooks & swim in another part of the sea**

BY TEACHING OUR CHILDREN HOW TO NAVIGATE FRIENDSHIPS, PEER RELATIONSHIPS, AND SOCIAL CRUELTY, WE CREATE A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHERE ALL STUDENTS FEEL **safe** AND KNOW THAT THEY **belong**.



## LIETZ UPSTANDER PLEDGE

I AM AN UPSTANDER  
I PLEDGE

TO FILL PEOPLE'S BUCKETS,  
INCLUDING MY OWN.

TO SAY OR DO SOMETHING  
WHEN ANYONE, INCLUDING  
MYSELF, NEEDS HELP.

TO SEEK Caring ADULTS.

TO NOTICE AND TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITY IF I DID.

I AM AN UPSTANDER AT HOME,  
AT SCHOOL AND EVERYWHERE I GO!

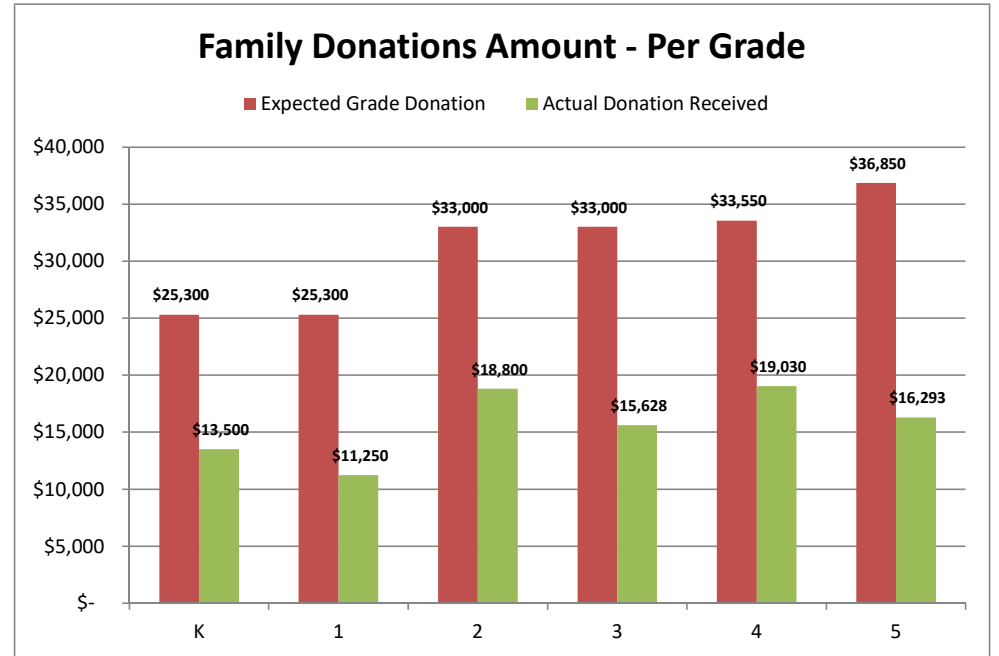
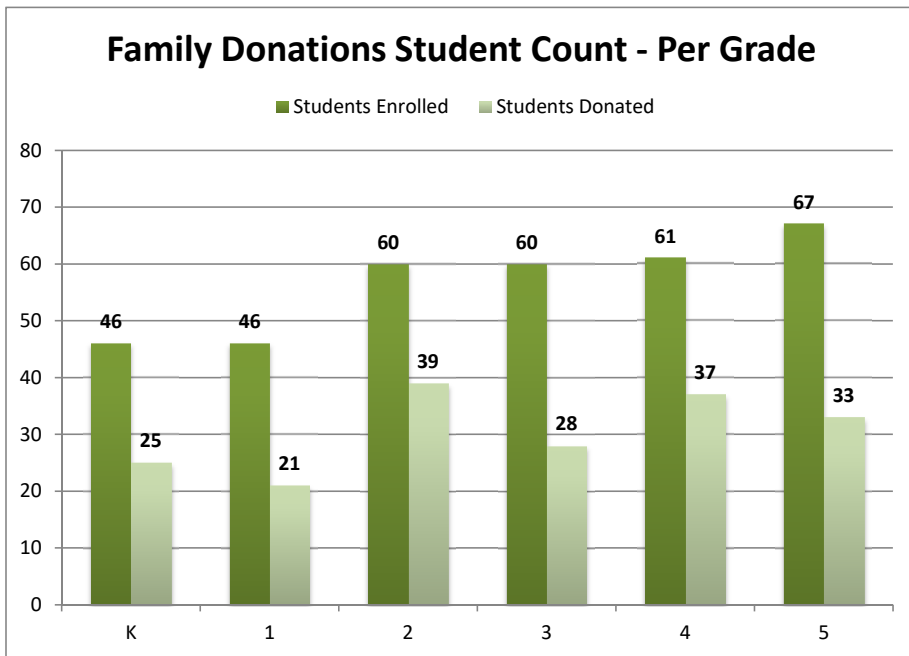
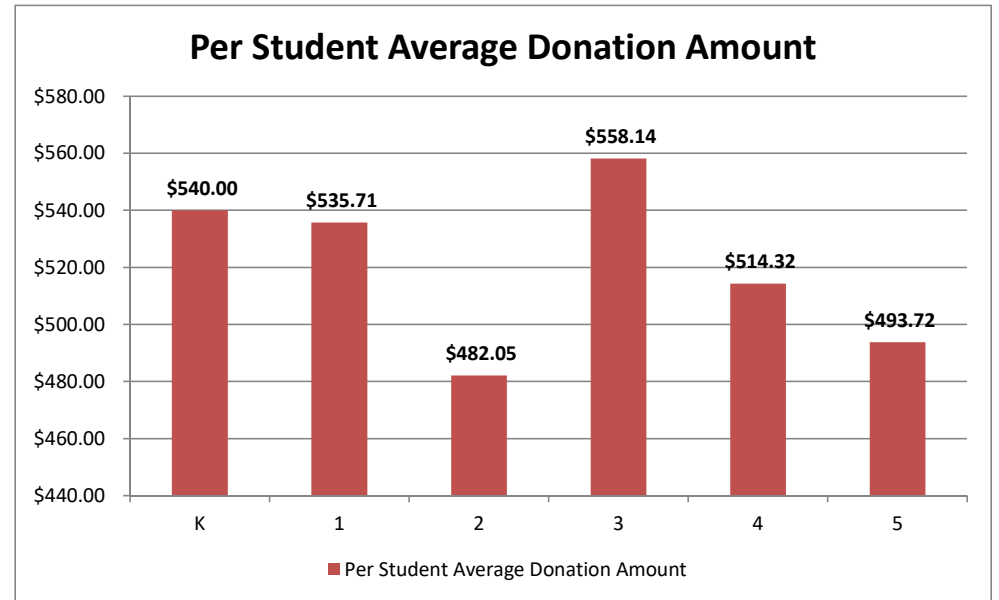
↳ SWIM FREE!



WHAT CAN  
WE DO AT  
HOME?

ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE IS THE "FISH QUIZ" FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD TO DO TOGETHER. ALL ANSWERS ARE CORRECT AND REFLECT THE 5 *WAYS TO AVOID TAKING THE BAIT*. ASK YOUR CHILD TO CIRCLE THE RESPONSE THAT THEY WOULD FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE USING IN EACH SITUATION. CHOOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE SITUATIONS AND DO A ROLE-PLAY.

Grade	Students Enrolled	Students Donated	Students Donated %	Expected Grade Donation	Actual Donation Received	Actual Donation Received %	Per Student Average Donation Amount
K	46	25	54%	\$ 25,300	\$ 13,500	53%	\$ 540.00
1	46	21	46%	\$ 25,300	\$ 11,250	44%	\$ 535.71
2	60	39	65%	\$ 33,000	\$ 18,800	57%	\$ 482.05
3	60	28	47%	\$ 33,000	\$ 15,628	47%	\$ 558.14
4	61	37	61%	\$ 33,550	\$ 19,030	57%	\$ 514.32
5	67	33	49%	\$ 36,850	\$ 16,293	44%	\$ 493.72





## CRAYONS & MARKERS BELONG IN CHILDREN'S HANDS, NOT LANDFILLS

More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. Not to mention, thousands of discarded markers that are also thrown away adding to the plastic trash.

Blue Hill Community Service Committee found out about these two organizations that will help recycle our unwanted crayons and markers.

[Crayola Color Cycle](#) & [The Crayon Initiative](#)

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## **Thank You**

- All poster contest participants for publicizing the event
- Shefali Lolayekar for laminating the posters
- Alice Ng for getting the posters up on the campus
- Mamta Verma and Monique Anderson for handing out raffle tickets
- Jennifer Sahara and Joann Martin for taking pictures
- Christy Tum and Jamie Chan for donating raffle gifts
- Blue Hills teachers for passing out the pedometers
- Angie Pearce and Vaughn Rodriguez for answering many questions regarding this event
- Principal Prouse for drawing the raffle winners and giving out prizes