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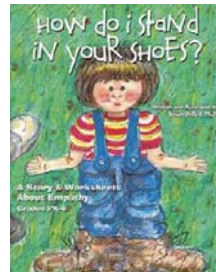


Learning Empathy



This month's Project Cornerstone book is *How Do I Stand In Your Shoes?* by Susan DeBell.

This book helps students notice and understand the feelings or difficulties of others. Miranda, the main character



in the book, does not understand the feelings of the other students in her class.

In frustration, Miranda responds by being impatient, angry and using put-downs toward her fellow students. In order to learn how to stand in someone's shoes, she asks her neighbor for help. Her neighbor explains that "to show empathy you must either think

of a time when you felt the same way as another person, or you must pretend to be the person you are trying to understand."

Communication

Questions?

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Website:

bluehillspta.org

Facebook:

<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

- ◆ 3/30: Ice Cream Social ticket order forms available
- ◆ 4/12: Open House
- ◆ 4/16-20: Spring break
- ◆ 4/25: Association meeting and HSA awards
- ◆ 4/27 and 5/4: Earth Day activities
- ◆ 5/11: **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

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

PTA Board Member Election

The officers for the 2018-19 PTA Executive Board will be elected at the next PTA Association Meeting, which will take place on April 25 at 6 p.m. We will also be starting to plan for next year, including next year's budget items. Come and make your voice heard!

Immediately following the Association Meeting will be the PTA Honorary Service Awards ceremony. Parents, staff, and community members who have gone above and beyond in their service to the Blue Hills school community will be recognized for their work. It's not too late to nominate someone for an award!

Earth Day

Sunday, April 22, is Earth Day! Blue Hills cares about protecting the world we live in. During lunchtime on April 27, the PTA will have an Earth Day activity in which the children may participate. They will be planting succulents in recycled plastic containers. Come help out if you can!

Save the date!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On May 11th, 2018



Amazing entertainment, carnival games, superhero tattoos, photo booth, gift shop, and of course, the great Blue Hills band performance.



If you have questions, please contact Blue Hills PTA Ice Cream Social Committee
bhicecreamsocial@gmail.com

Ticket and Food Order Form may be found here: <http://bit.ly/2pvEORn>



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**PROJECT
CORNERSTONE**
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**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!

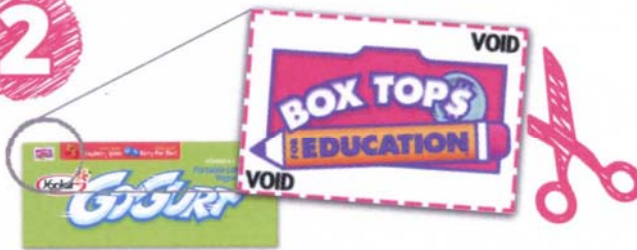
Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

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!

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