From the Principal....

October 2019 ~ Happy October!

We are off to a great start.

We have been practicing our drills and making sure our building is safe. Some new things you should be aware of in regard to parent changes:

- Please call if you are changing pick-up, we will no longer allow access to the building from the cafeteria. All changes in pick-up (that are not predetermined) will go through the main office.
- You will have to ring the bell and wait for permission to enter at all times of the day. This includes during bus drop-off and bus pick-up.

Also, during AM parent drop-off, doors will close at 8:59. It is the expectation that students are in their classrooms and ready to begin the day at 9:00AM. If you are beyond that time, please park and bring your child to the main office. This should occur even if the busses are still arriving.

Thank you,
James Zavodjancik, Principal

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Smarter Balanced Assessment

All students in grades 3 and 4 take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the spring. Students in grade four received their score reports this past week. Scores range from 1 to 4. A score of 4 is the highest and a score of 3 is considered proficient.

Overall, BHS scored as follows in percentage of proficiency in 2018-2019:

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Each school is rated by the State Department of Education on a variety of factors, including the metric above. Other indicators of school performance include student growth from one year to the next, attendance, physical fitness results, and arts access.

Proficiency rates are scored against Common Core standards. Students who reach proficiency are expected to be on a path toward College and Career Readiness. Moreover, grades K-2 have Common Core Standards and play an integral part in preparation for College and Career Readiness and the third grade assessment.
Calendar of Events (continued)

Run Club – 8:20 AM:
October 1, 2
October 8, 10
October 15, 17
October 22, 24
October 29, 31 (last day)

CCD Dates:
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29

Valley Goes Pink Week:
Begins October 15

Shelton Fire Prevention Visit:
October 11 @ 1:30 (students only)

Conference Set-Up Codes:
Sent out October 11 by the end of the school day by Infinite Campus

Conference Dates:
October 24
November 7

Board of Education Meeting:
October 23

Parent Teacher Organization
Halloween Event:
October 25

Book Fair
Begins November 4

No School – Election Day November 5

Rewards Program

Please consider joining our Rewards Programs through Stop and Shop and Big Y Supermarkets. Moreover, invite family and friends of Booth Hill to do the same.

Stop and Shop –
Visit www.stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your rewards account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS AND SAVINGS. Our school ID is 06757

At each organization, when your card is scanned, a percentage will be sent back to Booth Hill School. We hope you will consider joining the rewards program.

Box Tops for Education

You no longer need to clip them. Please download the app, select our school, and scan your receipts when shopping. Box Top eligible contributions will be automatically added to the school’s earnings.

Food Services

Do you know you can apply for free or reduced lunch for your children? Applications are available on www.sheltonpublicschools.org. Please follow the links – District Information>School Lunch Program>Family application. All questions regarding the program can be directed to 203-924-1023, ext. 309

Student Lunch Accounts

Please log-in to Infinite Campus to find out your child’s lunch account balance. Money can be submitted through Infinite Campus. You can also continue to send it in with your child. Please make sure it is in a sealed and labeled envelope. Checks can be made out to Shelton Lunch Program.
**Attendance Practices**

Children’s consistent school attendance supports continuous learning progressions and active participation in classroom activities and planned learning.

The following are general guidelines that the district and school follows when tracking attendance throughout the year.

- All late arrivals (after 9:00AM) and early departures (before 3:45) are considered unexcused. A doctor’s note can excuse a late arrival and/or early departure. It will still be marked in attendance as an excused tardy or early dismissal.
- An absence is considered excused when a doctor’s note is received by the school within ten days of the child’s absence.
- A student is considered truant when he/she has accumulated four unexcused absences in a month or ten in a year.

*(Attendance continued)*

- A student is considered chronically absent when they have missed ten percent of their enrolled school days.
- All absences should be called in by the parent/guardian each day that a child will not be in school. Our phone number is 203-929-5625. Calling in the absences do not mean that it will automatically become an excused absence.
- Each trimester the school awards Perfect Attendance Distinction to students who have no absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Students must be in school each day, be on time, and never leave early. There can be no excused and/or unexcused codes on the child’s record.

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**Student Assessment**

All students in grades K-4 were administered the Northwest Evaluation Association’s (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in both Literacy and Numeracy. Students in grades 3 and 4 had traditionally taken this assessment in math in prior years. You can contact your child’s classroom teacher if you would like the results. This is a screening tool that the district uses to measure as student’s progress and achievement. It is Common Core aligned and gives each classroom teacher a good understanding of your child’s current functioning in multiple literacy and numeracy domains. Moreover, it helps us determine, as one piece of evidence, the need for intervention.

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**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Your classroom teacher will send out an email by the end of the day on October 11 through Infinite Campus. Please follow the link to sign-up for a conference time slot that fits your schedule. If you wish to confer with a teacher other than your classroom teacher (i.e.: school counselor, psychologist, reading specialist), please contact that individual directly. Library, music, physical education, and art teachers will send their codes out on the same day in one email. At the conference your child’s teacher will share with you how your child is doing academically and socially, as well was what goals they have for them this year. Data will be used to anchor the conference. The spring conferences will be student led and your child will come to it with you.
A Mindful Moment – Balancing Social-Emotional and Academic Learning  
Written By: Mrs. Kimberly Atkinson

Welcome back, Booth Hill families, and welcome aboard to all of our new ones! It is the mission of Booth Hill School to: provide a safe, supportive learning environment with high academic standards for all students. In partnership with staff, parents and community, we are committed to educating each child academically, socially and culturally. Towards this mission, each month this portion of the newsletter will focus on ways to help your child balance their social-emotional and academic learning. These tips are designed to help your child handle both in-school challenges as well as out-of-school challenges. We hope they are helpful to you.

This month’s mindful moment focuses on the importance of establishing afterschool and weekend routines at the start of the school year. Setting aside specific times for your child to do their homework, watch TV, play outside, exercise, organize their belongings, as well as choose-your-own “down time”, is an important part of being mindful each day. Students who know what is expected in terms of the routines are more likely to carry them out without conflict, relish the consistency of a predictable schedule, and often look forward to set activities. Whereas, students who have routines that are constantly changing without warning often grow more anxious about what may come next and where they will fit certain activities in. Even if a child does not have homework on a given day, have your child use that set time to do additional practice, according to what they are currently working on or even something they want to learn for fun. They will begin to see the importance of learning even when they don’t “have to”.

When life happens and the routines have to change, be very visible with your child about what is changing and why. Remind them about having a “flexible” mindset when plans need to change, as this is all part of life, and commend them afterward about how well they handled the change. Including your child in this dialogue helps them feel more in control and less worried, which can curb emotional breakdowns. And... when all else fails, take a belly breath prior to handling anything! You and your child will benefit from the practice. -KA

Veteran’s Day Celebration

On November 8, we will celebrate and honor our Veterans. Please see the attached document if you, or a relative/family member, would like to be honored at our celebration. The celebration will take place at 10AM at BHS.
We have enjoyed a great start to our school year! Each classroom has reviewed expected behaviors with the students. You may notice our new school matrix of expected behaviors hanging up around the building and in each classroom. We are excited to have these serve as a visual reminder of appropriate behavior to students.

Each month Booth Hill School will focus on developing a positive character trait in our students. Mini lessons will be taught and texts will be read that have characters displaying these qualities. Our character word of the month for September is Citizenship. This word connects nicely with the start of the school when classroom communities are being built and established. Working together, being an active member of a community and helping one another are admirable traits we wish to instill in the children. Congratulations to the following students who have proved to be role model citizens:

Micaela Recine    Jackson Scarpetti    Julian Quito
Gianni Falzarano  Mary Capriotti    Olivia Diaz
Zoe Mattox       Roman Pannella    Ryan Twarog
Taylor Brzoska    Colin Hicks      Molly McCullagh
Aria O'Conner     Yunus Qahir      Julia Wirth
Casey Martin      Antonio Aleman    Elise Angier
Jack Gowlis       Kaitlyn Carroll   Olivia Klauser
Ryan Holman       Joseph Dumas      Emaline Turner
Sara Wicker       Julianne Twarog   Lucca Pannella
Autumn Williams   Amari Jones      Lakshanya Rajesh
Camilo Dib Khawam Jessamy Galvis   Leighton Poeta
Siena Rosa

This school year, Booth Hill School students can earn special celebrations for following our expected behavior guidelines. Classroom teachers are tracking student behavior each day. If your student displays expected behavior on 80% of the months schools days they will participate in this incentive. For example, in September the students had 19 school days. This allowed for 4 unexpected behavior days this month. Parents will be notified when their student has earned a behavior incentive. If your child does not earn, they will review the school expectations with support staff during the 20 minute incentive period. The incentive schedule is listed below!
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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 15 and Ends on October 15, 2019. The theme of this year’s month is – *Hispanic American’s: A History of Serving Our Nation*. Please review the following link, if you’re interested, regarding this year’s celebration: [https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/index.php/hispanic-heritage-month/88-hispanic-heritage-month-theme-2019](https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/index.php/hispanic-heritage-month/88-hispanic-heritage-month-theme-2019)

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**District Word of the Week – September**

**Friendship** – The quality or state of being friendly.

**Approachable** – Easy to meet or deal with.

**Rearrange** – To put something or someone in a different order.

**Befriend** – To become or act as a friend to.

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**District Word of the Week – October**

- October 4 – Bilingual
- October 11 - Benefit
- October 18 – Youthful
- October 25 – Preview
- November 1 – Cleverly
October 2019

Dear Booth Hill Families,

During the month of September your child took a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child’s responses to measure your child’s skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child’s learning, it’s easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in all (K-4) grades take the tests in September, January, and March/April. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child’s individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Zavodjancik
Principal

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BHS WANTS YOU!

Veteran’s Day
Friday, November 8, 2019

Booth Hill School will be honoring veterans and active members of our military. We are asking our Booth Hill students military family members to come and participate in our assembly at 10:00AM. If you have someone in your family who is a veteran or an active member of the Armed Forces, please fill out this form below and return it to your child’s teacher by October 28th.

BHS Student

Military Members Name

Relation to BHS Student

____ Will Attend  (If you are planning on attending, please fill out the questionnaire on the back of this form and return it to your child’s teacher by Oct. 28.)

You may also send in a picture of Veterans who will be coming or those who cannot be in attendance. We want to honor all those who have served our country and they will be added to the Wall of Honor. If you are sending in a picture please complete the top of this form and send it in with the picture. Pictures will not be sent home.

*Please return one per family*
Name: ____________________________________________

Place of Birth: ____________________________________________

Years you were in the military: ____________________________

Branch of military you served in: ____________________________

Where you were stationed: ____________________________

Any special awards you received: ________________________________

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**October 2019**
Hello Booth Hill Families,

This year, one of our goals from our ExcEL team (Excellence for English Learners team) here at Booth Hill School, is to create a school environment that promotes cultural awareness.

We have numerous ideas that we would like to implement for this upcoming school year. To kick off the year, we would like to display a map in our main hallway. Students will have the opportunity to place a pin on their family’s country of origin to show the diversity within our school. Each grade level will receive a designated colored pin and students will individually place one pin on their country of origin.

To ease the process, please write your child’s name and the primary country of origin and return it to your classroom teacher.

Thank you,
Booth Hill ExcEL Team

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Student name: _______________________________

Country of origin: ___________________________
CALLING ALL STUDENTS!
COME RUN WITH US!

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB’S COMMODORE HULL THANKSGIVING DAY 5K IS A...
Chip-timed 5k road race open to everyone from grammar school students to senior citizens. The race starts in Shelton, continues to Derby, and finishes back in Shelton (the full route is on our website). You’ll be finished in time for the Shelton-Derby football game and your Thanksgiving Day celebrations!

ARE THERE AWARDS?
First place male & female runners overall
Top 3 male & female finishers in each division
Special awards for the top 3 male & female runners in the High School Division

WHAT DOES IT COST?
Just $10 for students!
Goes to $30 on November 21 (all runners)
REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 800 RUNNERS!
Race shirts for all registered runners
Goody bags for the first 500 registered runners

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.BGC-LNV.ORG
## Welcome to our Lunch Cafe at Shelton Elementary Schools October 2019

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**Lunch Prices**
- Full Price Lunch $2.75
- Reduced Lunch $1.40
- All lunches come with fruit, vegetable and milk selection. Milk variety includes skim, %, white and fat free chocolate.
- Questions, comments?
- Contact Jessica Hill @ 203-624-1054

- We are Simply Rooted® in food and family and our menus are nutritious and flavorful.
- Check out our new website at www.FDMealPlanner.com or download FD MealPlanner free of charge, from the Apple Store or Google Play, and view your menu on your mobile device anywhere.

- Whirls proudly supports clean, sustainable agriculture! We also focus on using ingredients that are locally sourced, all-natural, organic and non-GMO whenever possible.

- *Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menu is subject to change, substitutions when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
The BHS PTO needs each family’s help to make the 2019-2020 year a success. Visit our website and complete our forms by Friday, September 6, 2019.

Become a member of our PTO, attend monthly meetings, socialize with us at our Breakfast Club, plus chair and volunteer at events. 
https://www.boothhillschoolpto.org/family-membership-form.html

Learn about an alternative to traditional fundraisers. 
https://www.boothhillschoolpto.org/fundraiser-opt-out-form.html

Receive email communications from the PTO, submit information to be included on your child’s class list and become a Room Parent. 

Make your child’s birthday special at school by sending a birthday buddy gram. 
https://www.boothhillschoolpto.org/birthday-buddy-gram-form.html

Remember to check out our Reminders Page for current PTO information and updates. 
https://www.boothhillschoolpto.org/reminders.html

Join our Facebook group, Booth Hill School PTO.

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Vice President, Lisa Twarog 
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Treasurer, Gina Colgan

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