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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families,

An impressively collaborative effort has made for a largely successful re-entry to in-person learning. Please see the most recent email from Dr. Lynch for an update with regard to our progression through the [RUSD Phases of Reentry](#). I don't have much in the way of additional updates this week, but I would like share my appreciation for our Bel Aire families.

Thank you for your engagement, patience, flexibility, capability, and support. We have asked a lot of you, and we know the sacrifices have been *many*. We also hear your frustrations and that we haven't hit all of our targets. As I struggle to manage the competing demands in my own life, I can empathize with the feeling that all of the balls we previously juggled, with at least intermittent success, are scattering on the ground around us. Support systems seem insufficient to meet new, extraordinary demands, and it feels like the scarcity principle has infiltrated many facets of our lives.

A lyric from one of my favorite singer-songwriters keeps running through my head, and I agree that we can find "strength in the differences between us," and find "comfort where we overlap." As we continue to share our sometimes disparate perspectives, it feels important to acknowledge the *discord*, look for the *good*, align with *shared purpose*, and *engage openly* with *respect* and the *assumption of goodwill*. We have a lot of good people, doing a lot of quality work, and that inspires me with both pride and hope.

In partnership,

**Lexie Cala**

Principal

**UPDATED**  **NOVEMBER CALENDAR NOTES** 

Monday   11.2	Tuesday   11.4	Wednesday   11.4	Thursday   11.5	Friday   11.6
				END: TRIMESTER 1
Monday   11.9	Tuesday   11.10	Wednesday   11.11	Thursday   11.12	Friday   11.13
TYPICAL 'TUESDAY' SCHEDULE <i>COHORT A IN-PERSON DAY 1</i> <i>COHORT B AT-HOME DAY 1</i>	TYPICAL 'WEDNESDAY' SCHEDULE <i>COHORT A IN-PERSON DAY 2</i> <i>COHORT B AT-HOME DAY 2</i>	NO SCHOOL VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED	NO CHANGE <i>TYPICAL THURSDAY SCHEDULE</i>	NO CHANGE <i>TYPICAL FRIDAY SCHEDULE</i>
Monday   11.16	Tuesday   11.17	Wednesday   11.18	Thursday   11.19	Friday   11.20
← MODIFIED SCHEDULE   VIRTUAL PARENT CONFERENCES → ' <i>MONDAY</i> ' DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE (every day) STUDENT DAY   9:00 - 1:45* *1:00 - 1:45 BLOCK DESIGNATED FOR <i>INDEPENDENT LEARNING</i>				
Monday   11.23	Tuesday   11.24	Wednesday   11.25	Thursday   11.26	Friday   11.27
← NO SCHOOL → THANKSGIVING RECESS				

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## FROM MR. GIST ♪ VIRTUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT INFO ♪

Since the Bel Aire Chorus and Percussion Ensembles will not be able to hold a live concert this winter, Mr. Gist would like to provide students an opportunity to participate in a virtual performance instead. For more information and instructions for participating in this event, please visit the [Bel Aire music website](#).



**BEL AIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**

**Save the Date** for the all new virtual **Scholastic Book Fair!**  
Coming to your desktop **November 9-20**.

All proceeds benefit RUSD school libraries! Reed, Bel Aire and Del Mar level books available. You can also shop for Cookbooks, Bestsellers, Holiday Gifts and more!

You'll love the new option to shop directly from the interactive book list, and enjoy special online shopping features. All orders ship directly to your home!

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**October is International Walk and Bike to School OR Anywhere Month.**

We encourage students to walk and bike when safe and possible!

Please refer to [Safe Routes To School Marin County](#) for additional information and resources concerning safe riding and walking, fun challenges and contests for kids!

## Benefits of biking to school:

It's fun!

Biking helps reduce traffic and is good for the environment.

It's great physical activity.

Student riders arrive at school alert and ready to learn.

It instills safe bicycling skills.



### BEL AIRE SPIRIT WEAR

Fall is in the Air, and it's time to sport your Bel Aire Spirit Wear. Bel Aire sweatshirts, sweatpants and PJs are available to order online. Get yours today. Click [HERE](#) to order.



## RUSD PTA ENDORSES MEASURE M

**Measure M** is a parcel tax renewal measure on the November 2020 ballot which will continue expiring parcel tax funding for the five high schools in the Tamalpais Union High School District at the existing \$469 rate for 9 years. If Measure M is approved, it would provide funding to maintain excellent science, technology, engineering, math, support music and art programs, and attract and retain highly qualified and diverse teachers. Measure M needs support from 66.7% of local voters to pass.

[Learn more about Measure M here](#)



## WANT A BREAK FROM MAKING LUNCHES?

Let **ChoiCELunch** take care of it for you! **Place an order** for in-person school days and lunch will be delivered to your student's classroom for them to take home to eat. ChoiCELunch's new **"A La Carte" ordering** provides simple and contactless school lunches that adhere to CDC recommendations with social distancing in mind.

## THE FOUNDATION DIRECTORY APP IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Get the *New and Improved* 2020-21 RUSD online directory with phone numbers, emails, home addresses, and class lists. \$45.

An important RUSD fundraiser for the past 20 years!

Check your email (Subject: "RUSD Online Family Directory"), your Actionaly app, or contact the Foundation office to request:  
[rsfoundation@reedschools.org](mailto:rsfoundation@reedschools.org)

*Community is so important in these times!  
This is another way to keep us connected.*

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### 2020 SCHOOL HEALTH + SAFETY INITIATIVE

We are pleased to receive a one time grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation to help fund the Health + Safety Initiative for safe school campuses

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