



Bel Aire News Flash

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 12, 4:30-8:00 pm - Run 4 Reed - Downtown Tiburon
- Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 pm - PTA Parent Ed: Plasticity and the Growth Mindset
Hall Middle School, Larkspur
- Oct. 22 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
- Oct. 23-26 - RUSD Book Fair
- Oct. 25, 8:30 am - Children 4 Change Parent Volunteer Meeting
- Oct. 31, 7:30-8:15 am - Dia de los Muertos Gallery Walk - BA Library
- Oct. 31, 1:00 pm - Halloween Parade
- Nov. 5-9 - Parent-Teacher Conference Week - **EARLY DISMISSAL: 12:10pm**
- Nov. 12 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break (W-Th-F)

[Link to Calendar](#)

A Note from Ms. Cala



Family Night 2018!

Our Fall Family Festival was such a fun evening! Students had fun visiting various activity booths, competed in some fun, fall-themed games, and earned prizes for their participation. Families enjoyed music, food, and time to socialize.

Thank you to all of our Bel Aire families who participated. And thank you to the many parents and staff members who volunteered their time to run the various activity stations.

I would like to extend some extra appreciation to the parents who put in all of the behind-the-scenes work to put this successful event together. They include: **Wendy Martin**, **Lauren Povia**, and **Jacqueline Jaffee**.

The California Great ShakeOut

On October 18 at 10:18 am, students will participate in the [California Great ShakeOut](#) Earthquake Drill. This is an opportunity to practice how to protect ourselves during an earthquake. Emergency management experts and preparedness organizations all agree the "[Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#)" is the best safety response during earthquakes (learn why [here](#)).

This drill will not be a surprise to students, so please talk about emergency preparedness with your children. You may even take this opportunity to review your plan should an earthquake occur while your family is home using the [7 Steps to Safety](#) from "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country."



Bel Aire's Top Spellers

Last Monday, 28 spellers, 2 winners from each 4th and 5th grade class, mounted the stage to compete to be Bel Aire's best speller. After 5 days, at the last moment of the last lunch hour, it came down to four, and finally one.

These four will go on to compete in the Southern Marin Spelling Bee on Oct. 25th, in Mill Valley (see flyer on right.)

Bel Aire's top 4 spellers:

First place: Theo T.

Second place: Claire Z.

Third place: Reyes L.

Fourth place: Jack L.



Halloween's Coming - Planning Parties and Costumes

Bel Aire celebrates Halloween with either a fashion show or a parade on the Bel Aire campus, depending on the weather.

Parties: Holiday, and Other

In accordance with RUSD wellness policy, we allow 4 parties a year that may feature 1 sweet treat: Halloween, Winter Holiday, Valentine's Day, and end-of-year. Class party planners should plan healthy treats featuring only one sweet treat and be mindful of allergies in the classroom. Please help us guard the health and safety of other students by bringing only nut-free treats.

Bel Aire will have a Halloween parade if it doesn't rain.

Costumes

Time to get those costumes ready as Halloween is just around the corner. The Bel Aire Halloween parade will take place on the upper blacktop at 1:00pm, Wednesday, October 31st, weather permitting.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join the fun, but may not wear masks nor make up that obscures facial identification. Students will stand with their classes. Parents are asked to stand in the designated parent zone for viewing and photo taking. Please do not enter the student zone. To ensure a safe and happy experience for everyone, please review the following guidelines:

1. Students may wear or bring their costumes to

school, and must be able to get in and out of them without assistance.

2. Costumes must be in good taste and age-appropriate.

3. No weapons, or wheels, allowed.

4. Students must be able to walk in their costumes.

5. Masks are allowed for the parade only.

6. All makeup and hair sprays and color must be applied at home. Students are not allowed to bring these items to school.

7. If your child has PE on Wednesdays, he/she must bring appropriate shoes and clothes for running and participating in PE.



Children for Change

We have loved kicking off Children for Change this year! All students are invited to gather in the Library every Wednesday at lunch when we hold our weekly meetings. We are currently studying animals and helping students come up with ideas they'd like to put into action to instill more good in our world. Their drive and determination after only four meetings has been incredible to see.

The first Change for Good Weekend of the year is fast approaching! If you and your child are looking for ways to give back, this is the perfect chance. The weekend of October 27-28 will be chock full of opportunities to pitch in throughout the community. You can make shower kits and sack lunches for the homeless, restore Ring Mountain, help at the Food Bank, make pet care packages for seniors who need assistance caring for their companion. Please click [here](#) to sign up. You can also stay in the loop by signing up for the C4C newsletter [here](#) as well. Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering for C4C, please come to the parent volunteer meeting on October 25, 8:30am, in the library. For more information please contact Carin Rhodes at (crhodes@reedschools.org).

Technical Difficulties Continue with School Portraits

The photographers' website is still experiencing technical difficulties. We will send out a message when the problem is resolved. Sorry for the delay.

Louseology 101 for Parents

You should have received an email today from our district nurse, Alison Mankin. In that email, she reminds us that it is unfortunately that time of year when lice start to proliferate. Below is a brief FAQ, but please review the entire presentation attached to Nurse Alison's email, here: [Louseology 101 for Parents](#)

How can we help keep lice out of school?

- check your student(s) thoroughly and frequently for lice and/or nits
- talk to students about limiting hair to hair contact

How can I perform a check at home?

- position child under good light
- part the hair in sections and check for adult lice or nits on the hair shaft

What do I look for?

- nits are smaller than a pinhead
- nits securely stick to the hair and you won't be able to remove them with your fingers
- itching of the scalp (commonly behind the ears, at the nape of the neck, and along the lower hairline)
- you may be able to see nits or lice moving through the hair

What if I find nits or lice on my child's head?

- check all members of the household
- consult your pediatrician
- treat the house (see presentation linked above for details)

What are treatment options?

- there are over-the-counter treatment options; follow directions carefully
- after a treatment shampoo, manual nit removal is the most important part of any treatment regimen
- alternative treatments and herbal remedies are not as effective

If you have any questions about lice or other health matters, feel free to reach out to Nurse Alison at amankin@reedschools.org or Nurse Shagy at sfarasati@reedschools.org.

From the Bel Aire PTA

Family Night Thank You

The PTA would like to thank all of the families who participated in Bel Aire's Family Night and extra special thanks to the parents and teachers who volunteered their time to help make the night possible and fun for all. Thank you!

PTA Meeting - Wednesday, November 7 at 8:30am

Anyone who is current on their [PTA membership dues](#) is welcome to attend Bel Aire PTA meetings. Lexie Cala usually gives a principal's update, and it's a great way to find out about everything that's going on at Bel Aire - PTA or otherwise! Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30am in the conference room just to the right of the MPR. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7 at 8:30am. Please join us!

Seeking Parent Volunteers for Lunch Bunch

Parent volunteers are needed to assist kids while they play with board games, legos or art in a quiet classroom environment during the lunch recess. You can [sign up](#) for just one day or many days throughout the school year. Check out the [schedule and sign up here](#) or contact [Heather Graves](#) for more information.

FROM THE RUSD PTA

The District PTA offers free parent education events to all members. [Join PTA Here](#)

We are pleased to announce our first Parent Education event for the 2018-19 school year:

Plasticity and the Growth-Oriented Mindset
Kelly Kent, Ph.D, adaptED Consultants
Tuesday, October 16th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
at Hall Middle School (in the gym)

The root of all learning comes from changes between neurons at the synapse. Scientists call these changes neuroplasticity. Understanding the brain's adaptability can generate motivation about learning, even in our children's most difficult subject areas. We'll discuss how we, as parents, can promote challenge and provide appropriate feedback to ensure our children have growth-oriented mindsets.

Please note the event is free but [registration is required](#)

SAVE THE DATE for the RUSD Book Fair!!

The RUSD PTA has endorsed Measure J. In order to address increased costs due to enrollment growth and state mandated costs, the Tam Union High School District Board of Trustees has placed Measure J on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Please see the District's [Information Sheet](#) for more information about Measure J.

Foundation News

RUN FOR REED IS HERE! JOIN US FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN DOWNTOWN TIBURON!

The 1-mile race kicks off at 4:30 pm and the 5K will begin at 4:45 pm. Downtown festivities will take place from 4:30 – 8:00 pm so come early and stay for dinner! EVERYONE is invited to the post-race celebration on Main Street! See you there!

There is still time to register and purchase a Family Sponsorship; however, Family Sponsor race bags will no longer be delivered to homes. Visit our [website](#) for information including registration and race packet pick up!

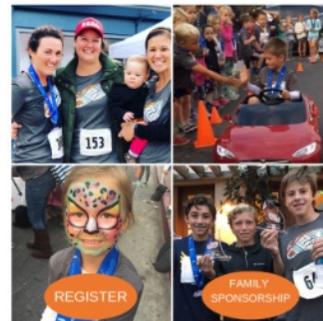
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 IS PLEDGE DAY

We have once again made a \$2 million commitment to RUSD, and our goal is **100% participation** in the annual Family Giving Campaign! Join a Community of Givers and invest in our schools! **Early donations and pledges save valuable volunteer time and reduce fundraising costs.**

Visit our Pledge Day tent at the Run for Reed this Friday for cool swag and information on how to enter our PLEDGE DAY RAFFLE!



**DON'T MISS THE
POST RACE CELEBRATION**
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LET'S START THE RACE TO \$2 MILLION!

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