



Bel Aire News Flash

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 23-26 - RUSD Book Fair
- Oct. 25, 8:30 am - Children 4 Change Parent Volunteer Meeting
- Oct. 25, 3:30-6:00pm, South Spelling Bee, Old Mill School, [Mill Valley](#)
- 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

Bel Aire teachers are busy preparing for upcoming parent conferences, and so this seems like a good time to review our standards-based grading practices. Bel Aire transitioned to a standards-based report card several years ago, but we understand that it continues to confuse some parents, because it is very different from the A-F system by which we were evaluated. Standards-based report cards communicate a child's progress toward end-of-year learning targets, or standards. Our report card reflects a deliberate shift in focus to appropriately reflect student *learning* and progress toward grade-level learning targets.

On the Bel Aire report card, a '1' indicates that a student has not yet shown sufficient progress in that learning target, and that extra attention is needed. A '2' indicates that a student is making steady, appropriate progress towards mastery of grade-level standards. Once a student has demonstrated mastery, he or she will receive a '3.' Most standards will take most students all year to master. By the end of the year, it is our goal that every student will meet the grade-level learning targets, thus receiving a '3' for each standard.

Bel Aire's report card not only measures academic achievement of standards but also measures the process by which students learn. These learning behaviors are critical to a student's short-term and long-term success and include work habits, participation, class behaviors and effort, among others (see [RUSD's Vision and Mission](#)). A 'C' is earned

when a specified learning behavior is *consistently* exhibited; a 'S' is earned when it is *sometimes* exhibited; and a 'R' is earned when it is only *rarely* exhibited.

We are working to improve our students' understanding of this process as well. It is our hope that by the end of the year, your child will be able to explain our reporting system, and more importantly, will be able to articulate his/her progress and achievement as it relates to discrete learning targets. Keep in mind that you will have the opportunity to ask questions about your child's report card during parent conferences in November. In preparation for your conference, you may wish to view our report card FAQs [here](#).

New Picture Day for Bel Aire: This Monday, Oct. 29, 2018



Due to unforeseeable circumstances, we recently terminated our services with our Photo Day photographer. We apologize for the delays and inconvenience you have experienced.

We have a new photography service provider, Dorian Studio, Inc. The new photographer will RE-TAKE ALL children and staff photos in the coming weeks in hopes of delivering photographs before the school winter break. We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Bel Aire's photo day is this Monday, October 29, 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.

No Supervision/No Drop-off Before 7:30am

Students should not be on campus prior to 7:30am. Please find alternatives to dropping your child off earlier than 7:30. This is a critical safety issue:

- There is no supervision until 7:30.
- 7:00-7:30am is also the time designated for our maintenance crew to blow leaves and other debris. To avoid the dust and pollen cloud, and keep students safe, please be sure your child arrives at or *after* 7:30am.



Bel Aire's Top Spellers Go to Regional Competition Tomorrow

Thursday, October 25, 3:30-6:00pm
Old Mill School
352, Throckmorton Ave.
Mill Valley

Bel Aire's school spelling champs will compete in the South Spelling Bee tomorrow against Mill Valley and Sausalito Marin City. Winners of tomorrow's bee will compete in the Elementary County Championship Bee on Saturday, November 3, 9:00am

Marin County of Education, Hollis Hall.

Día de los Muertos Ofrenda Gallery Walk

Each year in Spanish class, Bel Aire 5th graders learn about the tradition of ofrendas and the Día de los Muertos celebration. They then build an ofrenda for a loved one who is gone.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 7:30-8:15am, these will all be on display in the Bel Aire library. All are welcome to come take the gallery walk.

If you visit, it is very important that you park on the street. Our staff will all be arriving during that time and we need all parking spaces available for them. We hope you'll visit. Reminder: always sign in the office whenever you are visiting



What: 5th Grade Parent "Ofrenda Gallery Walk"

When: Wednesday, Oct. 31st from 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Where: Bel Aire Library

Why: Celebrate your child's spectacular *ofrenda* project! Learn about *Día de los Muertos* while select 5th grade docents spotlight their personal *ofrenda* experience. Enjoy coffee, *pan de muerto* and mingling with the Spanish teacher, Señora Malone.

If You Can't Make It before 8:15 AM: Feel free to come and browse the *ofrendas* anytime on Wednesday, October 31. We will keep the library unlocked for you.

REMEMBER: Please park on Karen Way (not in staff parking lot) and be sure to sign-in at the front office.

¡GRACIAS! A big "Thank You" to The Foundation for Reed Schools for allowing our Spanish program to be possible at Bel Aire School! Hope to see you there ☺

campus.



Children For Change

Our Children for Change animal care unit continued over the past two weeks with students coming together to help with the Pet Care Assistance Program through the Marin Humane Society. Bel Aire students made dog toys and cat beds for low income residents and others in need. We don't need any more fleece, but are still looking for dog and cat food donations. Click [here](#) to sign up. You can send your donations in with your child tomorrow. Please enjoy some photos below.

Many students are being inspired to do more for others and want to put their ideas to action. Parents, this is where you can get involved! Please come to our C4C Parent Volunteer meeting on **Thursday, October 25th at 8:30am in the Bel Aire library**. Children for Change Founder, Annelise Bauer and C4C board member, Emily Elder, will be there to present this exciting workshop. Please let me know if you can attend.

Don't forget, the first Change for Good Weekend of the year is this coming weekend! If you and your child are looking for ways to give back, this is the perfect chance, but slots are filling up fast! The weekend of October 27-28 is your chance to pitch in throughout the community. You can make shower kits and sack lunches for the homeless, restore Ring Mountain, bake for a bake sale, and/or help at the Food Bank. Please click here to sign up. You can also stay in the loop by signing up for the C4C newsletter here as well. Hope to see many of you this Thursday morning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carin Rhodes
Library and Digital Media Specialist
Bel Aire School
Specialist Team Coordinator
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The Library and Digital Media Specialist Program is Supported by [The Foundation for Reed Schools](#)



BEL AIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

From the Bel Aire PTA

RUSD Book Fair: There's Still Time to Support Our Libraries!

Book Fair open at Bel Aire:
Open tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 24, until 7:00pm.

Book Fair at Del Mar:
Thursday, Oct. 25, 7:30am-4:00pm
Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30am-12 noon

Trick or Treating for UNICEF
It's a fun way to empower kids to help their

THE RUSD BOOK FAIR

BEL AIRE MPR: OCTOBER 23 +24 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 DEL MAR POP-UP: OCTOBER 25 FROM 7:30 AM - 4PM
 OCTOBER 26 FROM 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

and do not miss...

FAMILY NIGHT

FEATURING
Book Passage & Marin Pizza
 FROM 5-7 PM

Bring your kids, shop for the latest books from Book Passage and enjoy pizza and salad selections from Marin Pizza ALL while supporting RUSD libraries!

SEE YOU AT THE BOOK FAIR!

peers in need around the world. You can be a superhero for millions of children in need this Halloween by supporting our students' coin collecting during Trick-or-Treating this year! Boxes will be sent home around October 26th. Please return your boxes by Friday, November 2nd. For more information visit [UNICEF](#).

Next Bel Aire PTA Meeting - Wednesday, November 7 at 8:30am
 Anyone who is current on their [PTA membership dues](#) is welcome to attend!
 Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30am in the conference room just to the right of the MPR.

FROM THE RUSD PTA

Please join PTA! Sign Up [Here](#)

Follow us on Instagram! [@RUSDPTA](#)

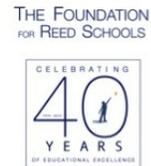
Foundation News



PLEDGE DAY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Families who pledge or donate on or before November 9th will automatically be entered into our Pledge Day Raffle!

The Foundation is proud to be celebrating its 40th year of supporting educational excellence! This year, we have, once again, made a \$2 million commitment to RUSD, \$1 million of which is due in January!



Our goal is 100% participation in the annual Family Giving Campaign!

With a continued decrease in the number of families living in the district, emphasis on family participation is critical. This year it will cost RUSD **\$1,450 per student** to fund our teachers and programs.

Last week, you received a copy of the 2018-19 Foundation for Reed Schools brochure containing comprehensive information about our operations, how we raise funds for RUSD and how the district allocates those funds annually. Please have a look! We welcome any questions and comments you may have.

If you have specific questions about your donation or are interested in participating in our Scholars' or John Reed Circles, please visit our [website](#) or contact the following individuals:

Scholars' Circle: Sherrill Lybrook lybrooksm@gmail.com or Katrina Sent katrina.sent@gmail.com

John Reed Circle: Trish Jacob trishjacob3@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Foundation and know that early donations and pledges save valuable volunteer time and reduce fundraising costs. **Join a Community of Givers and invest in our schools!**

JOIN THE PARTY!

Sign-Up Parties are a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun day or night out while raising essential funds for our schools! Join the party and help our kids by visiting <http://www.foundationforreedschools.com/sign-up-parties>. Tickets are available for many great parties this school year!

Interested in hosting a party next year, working on a team to organize an event, or just wish to learn more? Contact Monica Coleman (monica_coleman@hotmail.com) or Tina Davis (tina_e_davis@yahoo.com).

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