



Bel Aire News Extra Flash

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11, 7:30-8:00am Math Club begins - 4th & 5th grade only
- Sept. 11, 9:00am - Foundation Volunteer Board Meeting at **REED SCHOOL**
- Sept. 13 - Picture Day
- Sept. 20, 7:30-8:00 am - 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting
- Sept. 24 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
- Sept. 25, 8:30-10:00 am - 3rd Grade Level Parent Meeting with Dr. Gold
- Sept. 26 - Character Day
- Oct. 2, 8:30-10:00 am - 4th Grade Level Parent Meeting with Dr. Gold
- Oct. 9, 8:30-10:00 am - 5th Grade Level Parent Meeting with Dr. Gold

[Link to Calendar](#)

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Children for Change

As many of you heard during Back to School Night, we are so excited to announce that our district is partnering with Children for Change this year. Children for Change is an organization that works to empower youth to become global change-makers with the knowledge, empathy, and courage to *impact* their world. If you would like to get more information about the club, please watch this short video [here](#). Soon, Bel Aire will begin hosting lunch time meetings for students who want to participate, have fun, and make a difference! We will be calling upon parents to get involved as well. If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting program, please contact [Carin Rhodes](#) or [Kristen Hole](#) via email. Please be on the lookout for more information about Children for Change opportunities via the News Flash!

Principal Message • Back to School Night 2018

Several parents have requested a copy of [Ms. Cala's Back to School Night slides](#) (with speaker notes). Please reach out directly to Ms. Cala with any questions.

From Ms. Cala

In an effort to clarify the work we are doing, I will be including more updates and

relevant resources in the newflash for parents. The article below happened to come through my email just this morning, and there are several connections to be made with my Back to School Night message (see above). While the focus is on adult leaders vs child learners, there seems to be increasing agreement about what skills and behaviors need to be developed. In this case, the author highlights the importance of seeking (and receiving) help.

Article: "[The Skills Leaders Neglect at Their Peril](#)" by Dan Rockwell in *Leadership Freak*, September 3, 2018

4th Grade MOSAIC Information

As was mentioned at Back to School Night, for the first time ever, Bel Aire is able to offer every fourth grade student the opportunity to attend The Mosaic Project's Outdoor School! Several classes will be attending the camp soon, but it might be helpful to provide all fourth (and even third) grade families with some basic information in preparation for upcoming trips. This is intended to provide a general overview, but fourth grade families will receive trip-specific details from classroom teachers.

Bel Aire has participated in Mosaic's *In-School* Project for many years, as it provides the foundation for our school-wide social emotional learning that includes: conflict resolution curriculum, student leadership opportunities, and a forum for ongoing conversations about acceptance, respect, and community.

The Mosaic Outdoor School is a five-day, four-night immersive, experiential education program that brings together diverse student groups. Through an evidence-based curriculum of "game-tivities," community-building, shared challenges, and song, students address issues of difference while building self-esteem, inclusion, and community. There is also significant alignment with Mosaic's Outdoor School and our new California History-Social Science framework with its shifting emphasis on citizenship, activism, and service-learning.

Below, please find a variety of informational links with additional details for families.

[Mosaic Project Overview \(short movie\)](#)

[What is the Mosaic Project?](#)

[What is the Mosaic Mission?](#)

[What is unique about the Mosaic Approach?](#)

[Mosaic Theory & Research](#)

[Outdoor School Curriculum](#)

[Weekly Camp Schedule](#)

[Helpful Tips for Parents](#)

[Packing List](#)

[Minimizing Homesickness](#)

PTA News

Lunch Bunch - Volunteers Needed

Beginning Monday, September 10, we will open up a classroom during lunch recess for kids wanting a quieter place to hang out. We are seeking parent volunteers each day to watch over the kids while they play with board games, legos or art during the recess time. [Sign up](#) for one day or several throughout the year.

Student Comfort Kits - Please Return to Classroom by Friday Sept 21

Comfort Kit instructions and ZipLoc baggies will be sent home with your child

soon. Comfort Kits are to be used in the event of an emergency that requires students to shelter in a place of safety for an extended period of time. The contents of the Comfort Kit serve the purpose of entertaining and reassuring your child while awaiting your arrival after an emergency. Refer to the Comfort Kit instructions for further details. Please remember to write, in permanent marker, your child's name, teacher's name, and room number on the outside of the baggie.

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