

BOLINAS-STINSON SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Families,

It has been a jam-packed week! It was so nice to return from a relaxing break and check in with students, parents and staff. I loved hearing about the different family traditions and activities. As we welcomed the rain this week, I was able to capture some magical images of our beautiful school embraced by rainbows - what a gift!

Parent Pizza Connection

Thank you to all staff and parents who were able to join us for our Parent Pizza Connection last night. It was a great meeting and I feel like we were able to identify some key areas of focus. Below is an overview of what we discussed.

- School Events
 - We need a group of parent volunteers to help with coordination/communication of events - please reach out if you can help!
 - Develop paper or other ways for parents sign-up to help out at events
 - Get parents to take photos of events and share/upload to one place
 - How can we get our students involved in community service? Community Service hours? Who would oversee this?
- Clothing Swap
 - How can we share what we need and what we would like to share?
 - Post on NextDoor app ~Bolinas-Stinson School
 - Use FreeCycle app
 - Get Coat Rack to hang lost and found clothes so they are easier for students/parents to look through
 - Place hooks on Quesada
 - Have a lost and found fashion show
- After School Classes - What do we need/want
 - Homework Club
 - Math support/enrichment (coming soon!)
 - Writing/School Newspaper
 - Learning through play - unstructured play time on early release Wednesday time for the Bolinas Campus
 - Gardening Club
 - Project Based Learning Opportunities
- Improve Communication
 - Earlier notifications of one bus runs
 - Include staff pictures/job description and short bios on website to help parents know who we are and what we do
- School Programs
 - Homework
 - Google Classroom/Technology use at home - Need for equity of access with internet connectivity
 - Spanish
 - Send home paper survey to parents regarding interest at different grade levels and as possible elective. Survey staff and students at school
 - Bolinas-Stinson High School?
 - Who would be interested in this
 - How can we explore and move forward with this idea
 - Would it have to be a charter?

Community Square Dance

I hope you and your family are able to come out and support our amazing School Foundation at the Community Barn/Square Dance tomorrow night at the BCC! All proceeds will benefit the Bolinas Stinson Beach School Foundation. This hardworking team of volunteers provides our students with many enrichment opportunities such as field trips, after school classes, books, resource materials, art materials, assemblies and much, much more. I am so very thankful for their support of our school and students!

The Family Dance is from 6:30-7:30, the Western Costume Contest at 7:30, and community dance is from 8:00-9:30 PM. At 7:45, our very own middle schoolers will be showcasing the waltz and the dance skills they have been working on with Don and his talented wife Cenize (I could have used this when I was in middle school!) I wish I could be there to see it and support our School Foundation, and am sorry to have to miss this important event. Please send me pictures if you are able!

Math Program Update

We are working with a local Bridges trainer/consultant and she will begin supporting teachers in early December and will continue to provide ongoing support throughout the year. We are working on an after school math class to provide both math support and enrichment to students. We are also exploring different models of instruction to support differentiation for our students such as: flipped learning, Using Kahn Math Website to frontload/intro/review with teacher direction and follow up support for deeper learning. I am also working on organizing a Bridges parent information/question/answer night with our trainer as well as a school math night. I will keep you posted!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any other questions or concerns. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Weekend!

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