

BOLINAS-STINSON SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Families,

Happy Friday! This has been a busy week here at school. Here are some highlights below.

Parent Coffee Connection

On Monday, a group of parents, administrators, and a board member met in the Bolinas Campus Library for an informal conversation addressing topics that parents were interested in. The following is a brief overview of what we discussed.

- **Wheels on Campus**

Parents shared the need to bring back wheels on the Stinson Campus and discussed how to make that happen. We will be getting together a small group of parents to help with planning and organizing helmets for students. We are looking at possible kick-off dates that align with a presentation from Safe Routes to School in early December. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please let me know.

- **Culturally Sensitive Thanksgiving**

The group shared how much they love the kindergarten program's focus on how indigenous people lived in the past. Parents want to continue the rich exposure to the past and discussed the importance of maintaining the spirit of community, giving, and celebrating the harvest of our area. The group also discussed moving away from the relationship between pilgrims and indigenous people to celebrating a community working together and sharing the bounty of the harvest. Parents discussed the possibility of using this as an opportunity to share students' diverse cultural heritage and a general appreciation for different cultures and backgrounds.

- **Improved Communication**

- Parents expressed a greater desire to improve communication between parents, teachers, administration, the board and the community. Some ideas that the group shared to increase communication are:
 - John, our Superintendent will write up and share headlines/important points from each board meeting with parents and teachers
 - Utilize Room-parents to help communicate school news, events etc. on a larger scale and to help provide facts/answers to parent questions address rumors
 - Coffee chats are good but parents would like some evening meeting times as well, with dinner and childcare to be provided. We will be trying this idea out this month! See below

- **Parent Pizza Connection Meeting - Please join us for on Thursday, November 29, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM Dinner & childcare will be provided**

Zero Waste

We had our kick-off assembly and are in the process of becoming a Zero Waste school. We are looking for parents or community members who would like our food scraps for their animals. Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in picking up our food scraps from either the Stinson or Bolinas Campus. I will keep you posted on our progress as we go green!

School Site Council - 2 Spots Available

We currently have two open spots on the School Site Council. The Site Council is comprised of parents, teachers, classified staff, and the principal. This team works together to develop, review, and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please let me know by November 16, 2018. If we have only two applicants, we are able to fill the positions immediately. If we have more than two applicants we will have a special election.

Reminder - All School Disaster Drill on Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 PM on the Bolinas Campus. This life-like drill is designed to mimic what would happen during an actual emergency. It will help us to identify weak areas in our emergency response protocols on both campuses, while allowing staff and students to practice emergency procedures in case of a real disaster. We will be working with students to get them ready for this event in an effort to reduce any stress or anxiety they may feel. It is a priority that all students feel safe and secure during the drill.

No Afternoon Bus during the All School Disaster Drill

The Kindergarten and 1st graders will be taking the bus over to the Bolinas Campus for Specialist time as they normally do, and will participate in the Bolinas Campus Disaster Drill. Please be prepared to pick your child up at the Bolinas Campus or send a designee listed on your child's Emergency Card.

The Kindergarten and First Grade students will be accompanied by their homeroom teachers at all times on the Bolinas Campus during the drill to reduce any stress or anxiety students may be feeling. Our preschoolers will remain on the Stinson Campus and will not be participating in this drill. We will plan to have a separate Disaster Drill on the Stinson Campus at a later date (to be determined).

Starting at 2:00 PM on November 15, staff and students on the Bolinas Campus will follow established protocols in response to the emergency drill. Students will then convene on the blacktop with their teacher and classmates. **Students will not be riding the bus after school, but instead will be waiting for their parents or emergency contact designee to pick them up from the Student Release Area on the Bolinas Campus. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up any time after 2:15 PM during this event.**

We are asking all parents to participate by either picking up their child themselves, or sending a designee on the afternoon of the drill. This is an important first step in determining if your family is ready in case of an emergency event during school hours. Please talk with your child beforehand to reassure them that they are safe and in no real danger. Let them know who will be picking them up, and who is listed as an emergency contact on their emergency form.

How You Can Prepare

Please take the following steps to prepare your family for the upcoming All School Disaster Drill:

- Make sure the student release information on your child's emergency card is current - only you or your authorized designee may pick up your child.
- Make sure we have your phone number for our emergency phone tree
- Due to the possibility of road closures in an actual emergency, please designate someone who lives near the campus your child attends on their emergency card.
- Inform your emergency designees that they are listed on your child's school emergency card and may be called if you cannot be reached or in case of an actual emergency.
- Please observe and obey traffic and parking safety rules and follow the directions of staff when picking up your child.

We would like to have a few parents participate in specific roles as well. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting us with this important test of our emergency preparedness.

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!

Michelle Stephens
Bolinas-Stinson School Principal
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Calendar of Events-Early dismissal at 2pm every Wednesday

Monday 11/12-NO SCHOOL-Veteran's Day

Tuesday 11/13-School Board Meeting in Bolinas School Library at 6pm

Wednesday 11/14-(8:45-11am) 8th Grade field trip to Lagunitas School.

Thursday 11/15-All School Disaster Drill at 2pm (no afternoon bus-all students picked up during drill.

Thursday 11/15-CANCELED: 4th Grade field trip to SFMOMA

Friday 11/16-(11am-3pm) 7th & 8th Grade field trip to participate in social dancing with Springfield School students in Petaluma.

Monday 11/19-End of First Trimester

Wednesday 11/21-11/22-NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

Thursday 11/29 from 5:30-7:30pm: Parent Pizza Connection Meeting. Dinner and childcare provide in the Quesada on the Bolinas Campus

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday 11/12-No School

Tuesday 11/13-Breakfast: Banana and blueberry muffin, oatmeal, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Grilled cheese or sunbutter sandwich, fruit, salad bar, milk.

Wednesday 11/14-Breakfast: Assorted cold cereal, boiled egg, oatmeal, fruit, milk

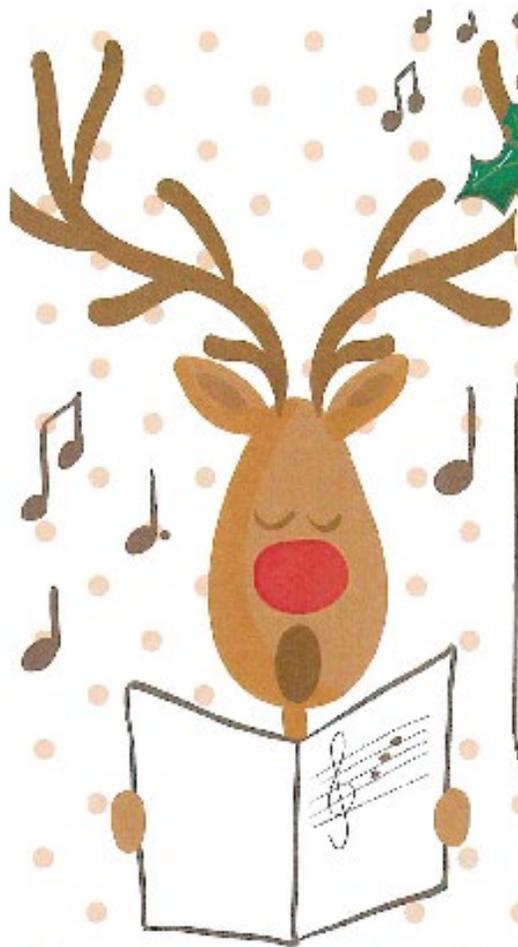
Lunch: Sandwiches: turkey & cheese, egg salad or sunbutter, fruit, salad bar, milk

Thursday 11/15-Breakfast: Scrambled eggs & toast, oatmeal, fruit, milk

Lunch: Roasted chicken, baked potato, fruit, salad bar, milk

Friday 11/16-Breakfast: Yogurt & granola, hard boiled eggs, oatmeal, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Cheese/hamburger, veggie burger, fruit, salad bar, milk.



Season's Greetings

**West Marin Community
Services invites you to
apply for the 2018
Holiday Gift and Food
Program**

**Applications available:
Oct. 30th to Dec. 7th**

West Marin Community Services
11431 Highway One, Suite 10
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

For information:
415-663-8361
info@westmarincs.org

**If you have no children in school,
please bring income verification
& proof of address (no P.O. Box)**

**Applications also
available at:**

Bolinas/Stinson
Elementary School:
415 868-1603

Tomales Elementary
School: Cristina Salcedo
707-878-2214

West Marin Elementary
School: Glenda Mejia
415-663-1014



The Marin County Child Care Commission and community partners invite you to the

**West Marin Community Meeting on
Child Care and Early Education
Wednesday, November 14th, 2018
6 P.M. to 8 P.M.**

At the Dance Palace - 503 B St. Point Reyes Station.

Join us for an interactive and dynamic public hearing on the state of
child care, early education, and after school programs in Marin!
Give input on our 2018 Countywide Needs Assessment and 2020-2025 Master Plan.



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance (i.e. auxiliary aids or services) in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by calling (415) 499-6172 (TTY) or (415) 499-7331 (voice) at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (voice/TTY) or 711 for the California Relay Service or e-mailing disabilityaccess@co.marin.ca.us at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon written request.



Light dinner and child care provided. Hosted by
For more information and to RSVP:
www.marinchildcare.org
(415) 499-5827
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Stinson Beach Community Center

Spaghetti

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Friday

November 16th

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Bingo

\$7.00 Dinner - \$2.00 per card

Fun for All