

Borel Middle School



Bobcat Blast Newsletter #11 October 13, 2022

Principal Message: Welcome Back from October Break, Important Reminders-Yondrs, Chromebooks, Planners Daily

News:

- **Safety: Neighborhood Safety, Fire Alarms, Safe Halloween Practices, Anonymous Alerts, Vaccine Season**
- **Student Achievement: Outdoor Ed next week, 8th Grade Math, District Math Assessment Window, End of Quarter Reflection, Fall Conferences mid-November**
- **Wellness: Bullying and Harassment Unit, Thanks to Custodial Team**
- **Equity/Inclusion: We want to hear from you! Coffee Chat topics, Important DELAC meeting tonight at College Park**
- **Information for 8th grade about high school registration**
- **Yearbook --Photos for Yearbook**

Principal Message: Welcome Back from October Break, Important Reminders-Students should bring their Yonder, Chromebooks, Planners Daily I hope your child enjoyed a relaxing Fall Break. It has been great to welcome them back and continue our work together. After each break, we take time in our classrooms to review our respectful, responsible and safe expectations. Please help us by helping your child consistently pack their Yondr pouch, charged chromebook, student planner and a snack. If your child needs something, please encourage them to reach out. We are here to help.



School News

Upcoming Events

10.13 DELAC meeting

6:00-7:30pm at College Park

10.17-10.21 Outdoor

Education Week for 6th Grade

10.19 PTA Meeting &

Coffee Chat

8:30-9:45 am

10.19 Ribbon Cutting for

Bobcats' Wellness Center

9:50--10:50 am

10.22 1st Quarter Ends

**News:Safety: Neighborhood
Safety, Safe Halloween
Practices, Anonymous Alerts,**

Vaccine Season Before break, I met with a newly founded Borel Neighborhood Association. Their key goal is student safety in the neighborhood especially at drop

off and pick up times. If you would like to volunteer during those times or at lunch, please reach out to Assistant Principal Jennifer Brillhart at jbrilhart@smfcsd.net. Thank you you students for walking and biking safely!

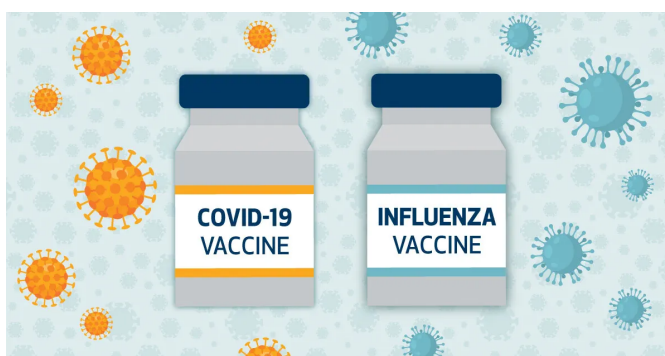


Costume Guidelines: As Halloween approaches, we want to review costume guidelines for those students who want to celebrate Halloween at school. Students may dress in costume if the costume can be worn without distraction to your child or others. Children may not bring any part of a costume that simulates a weapon, blood, violence, or any other inappropriate item (see planner for list.) If you are in doubt as to whether the item is allowed, please

consult with us in advance. Any costume article of a violent/inappropriate nature will be taken away and held by the office until the end of the school day. In accordance with the District Wellness Policy, please do not have your child bring food/beverages to share. We appreciate your cooperation, thank you.

Anonymous Alerts Tomorrow in advisory class, students will watch a presentation from Principal Notte and Assistant Principal Brilhart about the Anonymous Alerts application. We want all Borel Bobcat Community members to know that if they hear, see or read something unsafe, please say something. You can share in person to one of us, write an email or schoolloop or utilize this anonymous alert. More information is found on our website. Every person plays an important role in building and maintaining a safe and positive school. Thank you!

Vaccine Season: I'm hopeful that this flu season is not bad, but just to make sure I just booked flu and Covid booster appointments for myself and my family. Please stay safe and take measures so we are all well and our students are in school. Thank you!



Student Achievement:

Outdoor Ed next week We're so excited for 200 of our sixth grade class to go to Outdoor Ed next week. We'll be sending more communications to those students and their families attending to make sure you have all the details for a great time! Have fun!

8th Grade Math District Math Assessment Window Next week our 8th grade students will be taking a district common assessment. As always, want our students to do their best and get rest before a big test. **End of Quarter**

Reflection & Fall Conferences mid-November The first quarter ends on Friday, October 22nd. In advisory class tomorrow, students will use schoolloop to fill out this reflection. Please review this reflection with them. Celebrate their strengths and believe in their ability to continually improve. In mid November we will have Parent teacher conferences focused on students who are struggling academically. More information to follow.

Wellness:

Over the next several weeks, your child will be discussing bullying and harassment as part of Second Step Middle School that takes place on Wednesdays during their Advisory class. Bullying is at its peak in middle school, and research indicates that taking proactive steps to address bullying and

harassment will help reduce occurrences of it in our school and will benefit students in high school and beyond. Second Step Middle School is designed to support your child in developing the knowledge and skills to help stop bullying and harassment. Students will learn how to recognize the social and environmental factors that can enable bullying and harassment, how to safely challenge these factors, and how to seek help if they or someone they know is being bullied or harassed.



How Did I Do?

What did I do well?

Did I try my best?

What did not work?

How can I do better?

What can I use to help me?



Here are just a few of many key definitions your child will be learning:

- Bullying: intentional physical, verbal, or social aggression. It's often repeated over time and occurs when there's a real or perceived power imbalance.
- Bystander: anyone who's aware that bullying is happening
- Online bullying: the use of technology to harass, threaten, or intimidate another person
- Physical bullying: hurting someone's body or possessions
- Upstander: someone who stands up for a person being bullied

Please contact Assistant Principal Brillhart if you need support in reporting or dealing with bullying or harassment. Thank you for your support as we work together to build a bullying and harassment free community.

Thanks to Custodial Team Before break our Borel Sunshine Committee led by Teacher Julie Lee celebrated our custodian team. We have our Lead Custodian Noel.

New this week we have additional support at lunch with Nuria and at night we have Leo and Rigo. We are so thankful for their hard work to keep campus clean and tidy.



Equity/Inclusion: We want to hear from you! "Coffee Chats" are a time for

parents and school leadership to come together and talk about topics to support student success. The principal, Jessica Notte, together with the PTA, invite you to come next Wednesday



for some coffee, a chat, followed by a PTA meeting. We want to be mindful of people's time and topics of interest. So, we developed this **short little form** that we'll use to prepare. Please submit questions by noon on Monday the 17th. We look forward to chatting with you soon! Cheers!

Important DELAC meeting

tonight Thursday, October 13th from 6:00-7:30pm at College Park.

The focus of this meeting will be to provide our multilingual families with a language and literacy parent education night so that they can learn about our early literacy program and gather resources to support their children at home. We will also gather feedback from our multilingual parents regarding the kinds of literacy support that they wish for their children.

(see DELAC SANCTUARY document attached below)

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting



8th grade students and families - Enrollment for high school will begin on November 7, 2022.

Priority Enrollment (P1) is just around the corner! P1 will be from Nov 7, 2022 - Feb 10, 2023. Families can complete the entire process electronically, appts are **NOT** necessary unless they are missing documents or need assistance with completing the enrollment.

Please note: The form will be available on our **District website** starting Nov 7. The Intra District Transfer/Sibling Transfer form will also be available starting Nov 7.

Families can contact our office at **enrollment@smuhsd.org** if they have any questions.

Please be aware that the high school district is no longer offering any shadow days for 8th grade students. Instead there will only be Parent Information Nights at the different high schools. Families should call the San Mateo Union High School District at 650-558-2299 for specific questions. Please see the link below regarding the upcoming Parent Information Nights.

[8th Grade Parent Information Night](#)

Leadership would love photos of our Borel students for our 2022-2023

yearbook! First day of school, sporting events or any other photos you may have taken.

There are 2 ways you can help us and contribute.

1. Download the app named "Yearbook Snap."
2. Directions for submitting any pictures you'd like to possibly see in this year's yearbook are below. 2.) Visit the www.yearbookforever.com website and share your pictures with us.

Click on the "Community Upload" tab and look for our school "Borel" on the dropdown menu. The access code for yearbook snap is borel23. Once you are there, you can upload the photos from your computer.

Yearbooks are on sale now! There are two ways to purchase a yearbook:

Pay online! Go to www.yearbookforever.com search for "Borel" to pay with a credit card.

Or you can drop off a check or cash to the front office.

Yearbook Only

Now - 11/30/22	\$40.00
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12/01/22 - 01/31/23	\$45.00
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PTA & Community Resources

PTA Association Meeting

Our next PTA Association Meeting is scheduled for October 19th immediately following our Principal's Coffee Chat in the Borel Library at 8:30 AM. The agenda for the meeting is linked [here](#) for members to review. Also, we are interested in hearing what topics you are interested in discussing. Click [here](#) to submit your feedback before Monday, October 17. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Explore The Arts & Express Yourself

Reflections Art Program is back this year and the theme is "Show Your Voice!" We are looking for your submissions in dance, music, visual arts, photography, literature and film. This year's deadline is Friday, October 21, 2022. Please go to BorelBobcats.org/reflections for more details.

Fall Fundraiser School Pickup

Thanks to all our students that participated in our [Fall Fundraiser](#)! If your student had orders for school delivery, please PICKUP your orders at School by Barneson Gym on October 26 Wednesday 1pm to 4pm. Remember these orders could have frozen items, so plan accordingly. A few volunteers are needed to help during distribution. Volunteers

can [Sign Up Here](#). Students can earn community service! If you cannot pick up during this window, please email Jen Hwang and Janelle Frueh at fundraisingevents@borelbobcats.org to make alternate arrangements.

Borel Boosters

We appreciate the generosity of the [Borel Community](#) who have donated to our Borel Boosters Fall Drive. Borel PTA's Fundraising Goal of \$282K would only be possible with your participation and contribution. Currently, we are at 73% of our Booster's goal and still need your help. Any amount big or small is appreciated. Please DONATE at BorelBobcats.org/Boosters or complete the donation form that was brought home by your student and return it to the office. Also, check to see if your company offers donation matches. Any donation of \$10 or higher gives you PTA membership and eligibility to vote at the Association meeting to make your voice heard. Email Sophia Tseng with any questions at boosters@borelbobcats.org.

Wellness Corner

In October's newsletter, Tiffany Wightman, Wellness Ambassador, explores how emotions and behaviors relate to our needs and wants. Our needs change as we evolve from babies to adolescents to adults, but underlying many of our emotions is the need to have a healthy attachment to others, feel supported by friends and family, and have agency over our lives. Emotions experienced internally and expressed outwardly help get our needs met. Read more of [this month's article](#) or visit the [Wellness Corner](#) for all her articles! Questions or Feedback? Please contact Tiffany Wightman at wellness@borelbobcats.org.

Volunteer at Borel

Amazing programs, hosted by PTA, continue to ask for your help to get off the ground. To sign up, visit BorelBobcats.org/volunteer as we are looking for VP Fundraising (Board Opportunity), Program Volunteers (Cultural Fair, Community Event), and Fundraising Volunteers (Grants Fundraiser Lead, Online Auction, Lunch Bunch). Our Online Auction team is getting started right now and the Cultural Fair Team will begin in November. Contact Jen Hwang at community@borelbobcats.org with your interest

Girls' Chorus

Come sing with us! Founded in 1994, the award-winning Peninsula Girls Chorus serves girls ages 6-18 from across the SF Bay Area and is located at 1443 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. The PGC is proud to be transforming the lives of young women through the power of choral music. You can register [here](#) for an audition on **October 15th, 2022**.