Borel Bobcat Blast Parent Newsletter #5

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Principal Message: Get involved! At our assemblies we encouraged students to get involved in at least one activity and we'd love it if you could too! On Tuesday we had our first parent volunteers at lunch and we had our first PTA meeting. If you're interested in volunteering or even consistent paid supervision, please let Assistant Principal Jennifer Brilhart know. Thanks to our Borel neighbor who helps supervise traffic after school. Please Drive Slow and pick up your child safely. It is not safe to have them walk into traffic to get into your car. Bike riders should wear helmets.

At the PTA meeting, I shared updates aligned with our district & site focus below:

Upcoming Events

9.5.22 Labor Day Holiday No School

9.6 & 9.7 Picture Day for students & staff

9.29.22 Special Minimum Day Dismissal at 12:38

9.30.22 Teacher Prof. Development Day--no school for students



Safety Yondr Implemtation Increased Supervision during Passing Periods & Lunch, Volunteers Wekomed Safety Reminders for Safe Streets 6th & 7th grade level Assemblies Expectations Booklet to sign & review with families

Student Achievement
Block Schedule PD & Implementation
New Science & Social Studies Curriculum
Increased Teacher Coaching in Math, Support in ELA & SS too
All teachers Hired, Need More Substitutes

Equity & Inclusion
Increased Multilingual Support in Office
Great turnout at Principal/PTA Coffee
Thanks to PTA for helping with Outdoor Ed funding (10/17)

Wellness Bobcats Wellness Center Mindful moment 2x per week Breakfast & Lunch are free, ID cards will help, 9/6 & 9/7, Brunch too so Thanks to Project Pantry for help with snacks

Site Council will begin after school on Tuesday September 20th. We're looking for interested volunteers for this great group that meets 5-6 times per year. For more information and to sign up please complete this google form in English or Spanish.

Our English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting is another way to get involved. We also meet 5-6 times per year. You can come to ELAC as often as you want. Our first meeting has been moved to September 14th right after drop off in the morning. We'll meet in the library.

Coaches Needed: As of now, we do not have coaches for the 6th grade and 8th grade flag football teams. If I can't find coaches soon, then unfortunately, we won't be able to have those teams at Borel. So, if you are interested, or know anyone who is interested, in coaching the 6th or 8th grade flag football team at Borel, please contact me ASAP @ mcodianne@smfc.k12.ca.us or 650.312.6833.

Second Step Starting Next Week We want your child to be successful in school, and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. While excelling in academic classes is important, students also need skills for learning challenges, making good decisions, handling strong emotions, and getting along with others.

On Wednesday, August 31 we will begin Second Step during our Advisory period. This is a research-based social-emotional learning program designed to improve students' social-emotional skills, such as emotion management, impulse control, problem solving, and empathy. Second Step skills and concepts are designed to help students both in and out of school. These include:

Mindsets and Goals, Recognizing Bullying and Harassment, Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions & Managing Social Conflict

If you have any questions about Second Step Middle School, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Potter in the counseling office for more information. Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community.

Sports Information: Mike Codianne is our Borel Athletic Director. Please let him know if you are interested in coaching any sports here at Borel this year. We are always in need of good coaches. Fall sports include; girls volleyball, flag football, and cross county. Winter sports include, well only one winter sport, basketball. Spring sports include Track and Field, Soccer, Boys volleyball, and tennis. Please email me if you would like to coach, and I'll get you signed up right away.

- Fall: flag football, cross country, girls volleyball
- Winter: boys and girls basketball (2 seasons, 7 and 8 then 6
- Spring: track and field, boys and girls soccer, boys volleyball and tennis

All students interested in playing an after school sport at Borel must sign up and register on Sportsnet ASAP.

The link can be found on the Borel Website, under Athletics.

Here is the link: https://borel.smfcsd.net/for-students/afterschool-sports

You only need to register once per year. No student will be permitted to try out until they are registered.

Here are the tryout dates and times for girls volleyball, flag football, and cross country.

Monday 8/29: -8th grade Volleyball tryout from 3:30-5:30pm (gym)-7h grade flag football tryout from 3:30-5:30pm (grass)-Cross Country 3:30-5:00pm (middle yard)

Tuesday 8/30-7th grade Volleyball tryout from 3:30-5:30pm (gym)-8th grade flag football tryout from 3:30-5:30pm (grass)-Cross Country 3:30-5:00pm (middle yard)

Wednesday 8/31-6th grade Volleyball tryout from 3:30-5:30pm (gym)-6th grade flag football tryout from 3:00-5:00pm (grass)-Cross Country 3:00-4:30pm (middle yard)

Thursday 9/1-6th grade Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm (gym)

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PTA & Community Resources

Borel Boosters 2022-2023

Thanks to the generosity of the Borel Community, students enjoy the benefits of class supplies, office and administrative support staff, Outdoor Education, recognition awards, parent education and many more programs and events. If you haven't yet, please consider DONATING to the Bobcat Boosters and BOOST your child's academic experience. Click here to learn more about the Bobcat Boosters and to make a tax-deductible donation. Please read about how Borel PTA Funds are used on our PTA website. DOUBLE your donation with Corporate Matching! Please visit Borel Corporate Matching to learn how you can further your Borel Boosters contribution. Questions? Email us at boosters@borelbobcats.org

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is back at Borel! Four great lunches delivered to your student at school. No need to pack a lunch on those days. Sign up for Lunch Bunch (\$60/student) on our <u>Borel PTA website</u>. Our first lunch will be October 13 - Noah's Bagel with Plain Cream Cheese and a Jamba Juice Strawberry Whirl Smoothie. Yum! Consider donating a Lunch Bunch as well. Counselors will see that those donated lunches go to students that need them. We still need a few volunteers to help make this a success. Questions? Email Teri Genschoreck at <u>LunchBunch@borelbobcats.org</u>.

Volunteer at Borel

Volunteering our time and energy helps to support our Bobcats at Borel. These amazing programs hosted by PTA always need a helping hand to get off the ground. Check out our <u>Volunteer Slide Show</u> on the many ways you can help Borel. Any size time commitment is welcomed and appreciated. What is your unique "superpower" which you can lend to Borel? Every little bit helps! Keep an eye on the Bobcat blast for future volunteer opportunities as it arises. Sign up at the <u>Borel PTA website</u> or email your interest to Jen Hwang at <u>community@borelbobcats.org</u>. Looking for volunteers for Lunch Bunch, Fall Fundraiser, Online Auction now.

Stay Connected with the Borel Community

Are you new to Borel or a returning family? Register/Login here at the Borel PTA website (BorelBobcats.org), update your personal information, communication settings, and directory preferences. All of these need to be updated every year for us to communicate with you. Visit the Borel Directory to find and connect with other families. Subscribe to the Borel PTA Calendar so that you'll never miss an important school event. Read the Borel Bobcat Chat - if you are not receiving these emails, contact Tech@borelbobcats.org. Follow us on Facebook at Borel Bobcat Boosters.