



Mission Statement: Bishop Elementary School provides a safe, joyous experience that cultivates respect, responsibility, and lifelong learning in every child.

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Increasing academic achievement:

- **Teaching to the Standards-** We are really close to wrapping up the school year. We have felt great success with year two of our Bridges math program and hope to see this reflected in our CAASPP scores. Teachers have done a great job in learning our new ELA curriculum this year and identifying a few areas of weakness. We will work on strengthening identified areas (like the phonics concern I shared last month).
- **English Language Development/Dual Immersion/EL programs-** It looks like we are going to have many families interested in dual immersion for the upcoming year. Our team just finished intake interviews and tours and are almost ready for the lottery.
- **Strengthening our Response to Intervention & Targeting Student Needs-** Trimester 3 progress reports were sent home to families last week. This means we are halfway through our last trimester of the school year.
- **CAASPP update-** Our students have completed the first test of the CAASPP testing. We began with the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) in ELA and will move to the Performance Task in ELA next. The second week of testing will be the CAT and PT for math and our fifth graders will take the field test for the California Science Test (CAST) as well. It has been a bit rough this year with a number of the selected supports and accommodations not enabled as they were supposed to be. It is a little frustrating when technology interferes with a child being able to demonstrate learning.
- **Staffing-** We have a few staff changes for the upcoming school year. Breanne Leeson will move from fifth to third grade, Spring Braaten will move from second grade to kindergarten and Melanie Buck will move from Opportunity to fourth grade.

Professional Development:

- **AERIES-** We are working diligently to make sure the Aeries student database, gradebook and parent portal are working before our kick off this Fall. Our tech team and Aeries have been working together to make sure we are working out all the kinks.

Field Trips & Out of the Classroom Experiences:

- **Gold Rush Days-** Fourth grade students participated in a variety of activities for California Gold Rush Days, a part of their social studies standards.



- **After-School Enrichment Clubs-** Update: our solar ovens club (pictured below) just finish up. Students successfully constructed solar ovens and were able to make 'Smores. Our STEAM club also began this week and will run for three weeks.





- **Lap-a-thon top earners-** Students that brought in over \$75 for the lapathon were rewarded with a special showing of the movie “Sing” at the Bishop Twin Theaters last Friday. The PTO and some school staff walked 68 kids of all ages to the theater for a special showing. Students were so excited they had earned this special treat during the school day.
- **SSCA Campaign-** We raised just over \$800 this year. Money was donated to the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance.
- **“Strut Your Stuff”-** We hosted local Native American dancers in an assembly for our students. Thank you to the Bishop Indian Education Center, Sage Romero and Kellie Coleman for putting together a successful and fun event. Students enjoyed watching their peers dance for them. Our upper grade students were invited to get up and learn how to dance at the end of their assembly.





- **Community Helpers-** Our kindergarteners did an amazing job showing us what they know about our community at their community helpers play.



- **Inyo Council Art Show-** Student art work will be displayed from April 28th through June 2nd at the ICA Gallery, 137 S. Main St., Bishop. A reception for the student artists will be held Wed. May 3rd from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. The general public is invited to come meet the artists and enjoy the art, light refreshments and live music.
- **Talent Show-** Our student council, Jean Sprague and Gretchen Skrotzki put on a fantastic talent show this year. We had more acts than we have ever had. Thank you to all the hard work and talent that went into making this show worth seeing!
- **Olympic Day-** All students will have the privilege of attending an assembly with local Olympian, Karen Keehn, on May 30th to celebrate Olympic Day.
“Olympic Day, held annually on June 23, is celebrated by millions of people in more than 160 countries. Commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games in 1894, Olympic Day’s mission is to promote fitness, well-being, culture and education, while promoting the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. The Olympic Day pillars – move, learn and discover – are promoted in every corner of the globe.

From May 31-June 30, communities across the United States will celebrate Olympic Day 2016 through educational programming and other activities.”

From the Olympic Day Website: <http://www.teamusa.org/About-the-USOC/In-the-Community/Olympic-Day.aspx>

We are really excited to have this opportunity!

- **Walk through the Revolution-** Our fifth graders will learn about the Revolutionary War through a live simulation and re-enactment of major events. Students are already beginning to rehearse their parts for the performances on May 22-24 if you'd like to come see it.
- **Battle of the Books-** Students are finishing up their last book or two and getting ready compete in "battle" in May.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Support/School Culture:

- **Preschool Visitors-** Our soon-to-be kindergarteners came for a tour of the school. Each preschool has the opportunity to be picked up on the school bus and delivered to the elementary school to tour the classrooms, participate in activities with our kindergarteners, and finish out the day with a snack in the cafeteria.

Miscellaneous:

- **Open House-** May 24th
- **5th grade promotion-** June 5, time TBD
- **Kindergarten graduation-** June 6, 9:00am

This is what a crazy end of the year looks like for us!

Coming Attractions

| Date | Item |
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| May 8 th | Parent/Teacher Request Forms Available CAASPP Testing, 8:30am-Recess |
| May 9 th | CAASPP Testing, 8:30am-Recess Fish Slough – Thornburg Custom Support w/ Ilissa Twomey Final PTO Meeting for 2016-2017 BUSD Board Mtg., 6:30pm BUHS Library |
| May 10 th | CAASPP Testing, 8:30am-Recess Nurse's Appreciation Day Fish Slough – Sada/Kubiak 5 th Gr. Band Concert, 6:00 pm Nazarene Church |
| May 11 th | CAASPP Testing, 8:30am-Recess Fish Slough – Ryan/Wallace |
| May 12 th | CAASPP Testing, (Finish/Makeups) End date for K-3 Title 1 Program Hot Creek Fish Hatchery – Kalk/Giacomini |

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| | Fish Slough – Johnson/Braaten 2 nd Grade GATE, 2:15-3:00pm Rm 15 |
| May 15 th | Grading Window Opens (5/15-6/9/17) CAASPP Make-ups, LRC 8:30am- Lunchtime Spanish Aprenda testing this week, 3-5 Dual COSA (Birding) – Hammy 8:30/McLaren 10:00 <u>Around the World Yo Yo Assembly</u> 8:30 K-2 nd / 9:15 3 rd -5 th |
| May 16 th | Dept. Team Mtg, Heather off campus AM CAASPP Make-ups, LRC 8:30am- Lunchtime SNARL – Leyh/Hamilton 4 th gr. Wax Museum, BAC 2:15-3:00 |
| May 17-25 | BES Book Fair to benefit BES Library |
| May 17 th | CAASPP Make-ups, LRC 8:30am- Lunchtime SNARL – Solorio/Maloney ESLT Sunflowers – Hamilton 8:30-9:30am BES Earthquake/Fire Drill Manzanar (Leeson/Rosen/Avila) 4 th gr. Wax Museum, BAC 2:15-3:00 |
| May 18 th | CAASPP Make-ups, LRC 8:30am- Lunchtime Battle of the Books, BAC All Day ESLT (Sunflower Project) – Leyh 8:30- 9:30am ESLT (Sunflower Project) – Maloney 9:10- 9:55am Hot Creek Fish Hatchery – Scott/Whitmore |
| May 19 th | CAASPP Make-ups, LRC 8:30am- Lunchtime 5 th Grade College Day, Cerro Coso 9am- 1:40pm SNARL – McLaren/McGovern 4 th Grade - LAWS |
| May 22-25 | Parent/Teacher Observation Week |
| May 22 nd | <u>Walk Through the Revolution, BAC Clssrm</u> Ablanedo – 8:30am |
| May 23 rd | <u>Walk Through the Revolution, BAC Clssrm</u> Rosen - 8:30am / London – 12:15pm Custom Support w/ Ilissa Twomey |
| May 24 th | Open House – NOT a minimum day <u>Walk Through the Revolution, BAC Clssrm</u> Avila – 8:30am / Leeson – 12:15pm |

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| May 25 th | Mule Days Show @ 9:30am, Tri County Fairgrounds Dual Rotations-8:30-10:45am Manzanar (Ablanedo/London) Parent/Teacher Request Forms due today by 12pm |
| May 26 th | <i>Pre-Memorial Day Holiday, Minimum Day</i> Teacher Placement due COSA (Taking Root) – Leyh 8:30-10am |
| May 27 th | Mule Days Parade, 5 th grade Band |
| May 29 th | <i>Memorial Day Holiday – No School</i> |
| May 30 th | <u>GOTCHA Store</u> Kalk/Solorio/McGovern/Wallace Sharkey/Avila/McLaren Olympic Day, BAC --- K-2 nd 8:30/3-5 9:30 Placement for 1 st gr. to 2 nd gr., LRC 2:30-4:30pm |

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| May 31 st | <u>GOTCHA Store</u> Giacomini/Mr. B/Thornburg/Ryan/Leyh Holland/Rosen/London Talbot Ranch, 8:30am-12:50pm (Burror/Sharkey) ESLT Sunflowers – Hamilton 8:30-9:30am COSA – McLaren 10:00am Placement for 2 nd gr. to 3 rd gr., LRC 2:30-4:30pm |
| June 1 st | <u>GOTCHA Store</u> Braaten/Whitmore/Johnson/Sada/Maloney Burror/Hamilton/Linse Talbot Ranch, 8:30am-12:50pm (Holland/Linse) ESLT (Sunflower Project) – Leyh 8:30-9:30am ESLT (Sunflower Project) – Maloney 9:10-9:55am COSA – Hamilton 9-10am Placement for 4 th gr. to 5 th gr., LRC 3-5pm <i>Plaque dedication for Dee Dean 1st Grade Garden, 5:30pm</i> |
| June 2 nd | <u>GOTCHA Store</u> Ablanedo/Leeson/Scott/Kubiak/Boyd Student of the Month/3 rd Trimester Assembly Report Cards due to Mrs. Carr Kinder Grad Practice, BAC 1-2:15pm COSA – McGovern 8:30am Save the Date! BUSD EOY Retirement BBQ |
| June 5 th | Kinder Grad Practice, BAC 8:30-10:30am 3 rd gr EOY Park Pool/Pool Area 5 th grade Rotary EOY field trip/pizza party 5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony, BAC 5:30pm |
| June 6 th | <i>Kindergarten Graduation, BAC 9:00am</i> Placement for Kinder to 1 st gr., LRC 2:30-4:30pm |
| June 7 th | Report Cards printed & given to Mrs. Carr ESLT Sunflowers – Hamilton 8:30-9:30am 2 nd gr. EOY –Back of City Park 4 th grade Bodie, 8:30am-4:30pm Staff Meeting for All Grades |

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| June 8 th | Report Cards given to teachers in the PM ESLT (Sunflower Project) – Leyh 8:30-9:30 1 st Grade EOY, Millpond (Gazebo) All day 4 th gr. EOY Park Pool 11:30-1:30/City Park 5 th Grade EOY – Park Pool 9-11am – Millpond (Forest) 11:30-2pm Placement for 3 rd gr. to 4 th gr., LRC 2:30-4:30pm |
| June 9 th | <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- Minimum Day</i> EOY Closing Ceremony, BAC Lawn 8:30am TK/Kinder EOY – Millpond (Gazebo)-All day Staff & Family Pool Party @ Park Pool, 2-4pm |