

## Broad View Elementary

# THE EXPLORER

PATH OF DISCOVERY

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A Caring Community Educating Every Student For Success

APRIL 2010

### CALENDAR

April 14	McIntyre – Albertsons–10:15 am – 11:45 am
April 15	Second Grade Music program – 6:30 pm
April 16	PTA Carnival & Basket Raffle – 6:00 pm
April 20	Arnold – Whatcom Museum/ 8:45 – 3:00 pm
April 22	Art Walk – downtown 6:00 pm
April 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to OHE – Jazz concert – 9:15-11:00 am
May 3	Teacher Appreciation week
May 4	Kindergarten Orientation – 7:00 pm
May 5	Kindergarten Registration
May 5-14	MSP Testing
May 13	Pen Pal Tea
May 14	Peter & the Wolf assembly –1:00 & 2:00 pm
May 19	Lunch with the OHFD Fire Fighters
May 27	Fifth Grade Music Program – 6:30 pm
May 31	No School – Memorial Day
June 1	No School
June 3	Volunteer Tea – 3:30 pm
June 4	Hagel & Ernst – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Whidbey Island Field Trip
June 11	Safety Patrol 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Birch Bay Water Park
June 15	Talent show – 9:30 am & 1:00 pm
June 16	Field Day
June 18	Last day (1/2 day for students)

### May 8 Bike Rodeo at Skagit Valley College

There will be a FREE bike rodeo for kids on May 8, 1:30-4:00pm, at Skagit Valley College, Oak Harbor Campus. Bring your bike and helmet to the upper parking lot during the Living Green Fair and test your bike handling skills at six FUN stations! The Bike Rodeo is being sponsored by the Oak Harbor Elementary PE Teachers and our Safe Routes To School Grant.

Complete details about the Fair can be found at the website: <http://northwhidbeysustainability.com/>



## ART WALK

Please join us for the Elementary Schools Holland Happenings 9<sup>th</sup> annual Art Walk downtown displayed in windows along Pioneer Way . Art will be up only the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> .

An art opening reception to celebrate the efforts of hundreds of young artists will be at Angelo's Café on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The art walk began as a way to thank the Oak Harbor Community for sustainable funding that enables all children to receive art instruction as an integral part of their basic education. It continues as a fun tradition each spring to celebrate the accomplishments of every elementary school in Oak Harbor. Thank you for your participation. Join us to enjoy the benefits of arts learning that you have witnessed in your own family.

The role of arts learning in child development, academic achievement, and in career choices for the 21<sup>st</sup> century make arts education a catalyzing force in the national effort to raise the overall quality of K-12 education.

## Attendance

Successful students almost always have excellent school attendance; however, even the best students are occasionally ill. Please call the BVE attendance line 279-5295 before 9:30 am when your child will be late to school or if your child will be absent that day. If we had not received a call from you regarding your child's absence, you will get an automated phone message stating your child has been marked absent and you will need to call the school. A note is also required upon your child's return to school stating the reason for their absence. You can send a note with your child or e-mail their attendance note to [bveattendance@ohsd.net](mailto:bveattendance@ohsd.net).



## Crosswalk Corner

There have been many incidents lately which have caused concern for the Safety Patrol members and supervisor while the students are on duty.

### Be Aware:

- Drivers have ignored the patroller's flags and have driven through them. This has happened as the patrollers are in the streets either in position or walking out to position.
- Please remember that when the patrol flags go up and out, drivers are expected to stop.

**Use caution:** Avoid making u-turns within the school zone markings. Don't turn around in the neighboring resident's driveways. It's hard enough to see children-even harder when you're making u-turns or backing up.

- Several cars have made u-turns directly in front of the patrollers. This has made them feel very unsafe. Please refrain from making u-turns in front of the patrollers.

**Reminder: Stopping Within a School Zone:** Never stop or park your car in the crosswalk or within 20 feet of the crosswalk. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need

the visibility that the 20-foot buffer provides to cross safely.

Thank you for continuing to keep our Broad View School Zone safe.

Ms. Bishop

Safety Patrol Advisor/Supervisor



## Broad View Elementary Garden Work Party

We are scheduling a garden work party for Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. Please bring your own garden tools:

- \* Trowels
- \* Weeding tools
- \* Lawn Rake
- \* Gas powered weed eater – need 1 or 2
- \* Gas powered lawn mower – need 1
- \* Gloves
- \* Water bottle

Call the BVE office (279-5250) to let us know that you're coming. We'll meet at the benches under the big trees on the north field.

## The Explorer

Remember, you can always access The Explorer online at [www.ohsd.net/bve/newsletter](http://www.ohsd.net/bve/newsletter)

## *FAMILY ACCESS*

**Family Access will be down:** Due to technological updates and system management maintenance, Family Access in Skyward will not be available April 28th at 4:00 — April 30th. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our system.