



January BearCat News

Welcome to 2022! Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2022! It is going to take me a little while to get used to writing 2022. I hope that everyone was able to spend time with family and friends this break and rejuvenate after the last few months of the 2021 year. I know that the Potter Valley staff is looking forward to the next few months and hope for a bright new year with lots of student success both in and out of the classroom. With this optimism, it is fitting that our Character Trait for the month of January is being Optimistic. Staff will be on the lookout for students who display this trait during the month of January and will be recognized at the February Board Meeting.

We will be working on some specific projects this month. The process for scheduling for next school year (2022-2023) is beginning with examining the courses we will be offering in the near future. As a result, we are also developing a survey regarding the State's Vaccine Mandate. Please look for this in late January. We are also starting to look at our Athletic Program and are looking for parents, students, and staff members to review the Athletic Program. Please see the announcements below for more information. We are also broadening our communication to begin a Weekly BearCat Bulletin for the Students and parents. This is a work in progress and I hope to have it up and running consistently by the end of January. The weekly bulletin will have important information for students and have a space for students and staff to communicate community information, such as Club meeting information. Other important meetings we are working on scheduling for late January or early February are our District Advisory Meeting and our ELAC meeting and a Transitional Kindergarten Meeting.

Cheers to the New Year!

Dr. Nicole Odell

Important News & Reminders:

Reminders for Basketball Masking:

Masking is required of all spectators (including coaches, referees, and players on the bench). Basketball players are able to go maskless during game play only (on sidelines, in locker rooms, in stands all must be masked). Masking on the sidelines protects our players and allows them to be



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maskless. Please continue to mask so we can continue to welcome spectators and have maskless players.

Reminders for the Gym:

Food and Drink (with the exception of water) is prohibited from the gym. Please protect our gym floors from damage and keep food and drinks in the Cafeteria or the Foyer of the Gym. Thank you for your help.

Athletic Committee Members Wanted:

We are looking for a few students(6th-12th grade), parents, and staff members who are interested in joining an Athletic Committee. The committee will be reviewing the Athletic Handbook, reviewing Athletic Eligibility requirements, and Potter Valley's Athletics Program. Please email Dr. Odell at nodell@pottervalleyschools.us or stop in the office and let Joleen Logan know you are interested. The first meeting will occur in late January or early February.

Reminder for Short-Term Independent Study:

Requests for Short-Term Independent study must be submitted two weeks in advance. The two weeks are school weeks (not vacation days) as staff is not expected to work over school breaks. Please be considerate of our staff as they have high loads of independent study due to COVID quarantines/isolations.

ELAC Meeting:

Our next ELAC meeting will be on January 26 at 5:30 pm in the Elementary Library. Child Care will be provided.

District Advisory Committee Meeting:

Our next DAC meeting will be January 27 at 3:30 pm in the High School Library. All are welcome. Our current agenda includes: the Athletic Program, Feedback on Summer School proposals, and the upcoming A-G funding. Other agenda items may be added to the agenda.

2022-2023 School Year:

It seems impossible that we are already starting to plan for the 2022-2023 school year but we are! We are beginning to look at staffing, enrollment, and changes in the State's requirements. We are also closely monitoring the Vaccine Mandate from the Governor. We are working on a Vaccine Mandate Survey for our school community. We hope to have this released in late January.



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Universal TK/State Preschool Meeting:

Do you have a child 5 or under? Next year, Transitional Kindergarten is open to younger children. We will be holding 2 informational sessions in January regarding Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten Options for next year. If you have a child 5 or under (or know someone who does), please come to a meeting. We want to ensure that all community members know the options we have available next year. Information sessions are: Wednesday, January 19 at 11:15am in the State Preschool Room (following dismissal of preschool) and Wednesday, January 26 at 5 pm in the Elementary Library. Please contact the school for more information.

Counselor's Corner:

The second trimester is in full swing.

Aeries is a great tool to keep up with grades and missing assignments; this is the important part of the trimester to be ahead rather than waiting for the last few weeks.

If High School students are still interested in taking a Mendocino College class during the spring there is still time to enroll, but not a lot! Please set up a meeting with me asap.

Seniors; we will be working with Mendocino College for Reg2Go for student enrolling next year, also keep an eye out for announcements and deadlines on scholarships. -Ben Calvert

Important Upcoming Dates: (for Athletics, please see our webpage)

January 12: January Board Meeting

January 17: No School, Martin Luther King Day Observance

January 19: Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Meeting at 11:15 am, State Preschool Classroom

January 20: Boosters Soup Night

January 26: Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Meeting @ 5pm, Elementary Library (Child Care Provided)

January 26: ELAC Meeting @ 5:30, Elementary Library (Child Care provided)

January 27: District Advisory Committee Meeting (DAC) at 3:30pm in the High School Library