

# Betsie Valley Communicator

September 2017



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

It is unbelievable how quickly the summer has come and gone! We hope you have enjoyed your time away and are just as eager as we are to begin another successful school year!

Our school day will begin at 8:50 am and end at 4:00 pm. For the safety and supervision of your children, please do not drop children off before 8:40 am. Teachers and paraprofessionals do not report until 8:40 am.

Our universal free breakfast and free lunch for all will continue again this year. Both meals will be provided free of charge to all students. Please take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

We will follow the discipline policy adopted by our Board of Education. This can be found on the Benzie School's webpage. Please take the time to read through the policy and discuss it with your child. Copies of student compacts, internet usage policies, volunteer forms, and

be sent home each Thursday evening. We ask that you sign and return the forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

We will continue with the school motto of "Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe". Each morning we will remind the students of our school expectations during announcements by saying our school's Husky Pledge and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. We strive to empower all students to be responsible, respectful, and safe citizens that care for others and are life-long learners. In order to reach this goal, we rely heavily on academic and behavior data to make informed decisions that can improve the overall experience here at Betsie Valley Elementary. We have a detailed behavior referral tracking system as well as several positive behavior supports in place. Students receive Paw Prints for making great choices, recognitions are shared during morning announcements, and students of the month are announced at monthly community meetings.

Academic data will be collected throughout the course of the year. Two specific assessments, Aimsweb and NWEA, will be collected three times throughout the year. These assessments help us to know where each individual student is functioning and allow us to plan for appropriate instruction. Results from these assessments will be sent home for parents to review.

Classroom teachers will send home newsletters at least once a month. The school newsletter, The Betsie Valley Communicator, will be sent home once a month. To help eliminate paper waste, we ask parents to inform the office if they prefer an electronic copy. The newsletters can also be found on the school website. Important news and updates can also be found on the Betsie Valley Elementary School Facebook page or on the Betsie Valley PTS Facebook page. I encourage you to get involved in your child's classroom and volunteer for projects or field trips. We also have opportunities to get involved

with our Parent Teacher Student organization. Parent commitment is key to a child's success!

You may see a few new faces and one familiar face in a new role at Betsie Valley this year. Cynthia Corey (Ms. C.) is our new secretary. Mr. Randy Knapp will be taking Mr. Fekete's position as head custodian. Ms. Janene Gee will now be our early childhood special education teacher in the mornings and our physical education teacher in the afternoons. We are so excited to have them as part of our team this year!

Another change this year is to our mascot. All Benzie Elementary Schools will now be Huskies. We are now the Betsie Valley Huskies! The School Board will be providing a free Benzie shirt to each student to build support for #onebenzie. Please join us on Friday, September 15 @ 6:30 pm at the first Benzie Central home football game. Students are encouraged to attend and make a tunnel on the field. Please join us for this momentous occasion!

I look forward to working with you all this year. Betsie Valley is a special place and I am so glad your child will be on their education journey with us this year. If you have any questions or con-

## Mission

The community of Betsie Valley inspires greatness one student at a time by encouraging best effort, responsible choices, and respectful behavior in a safe environment.

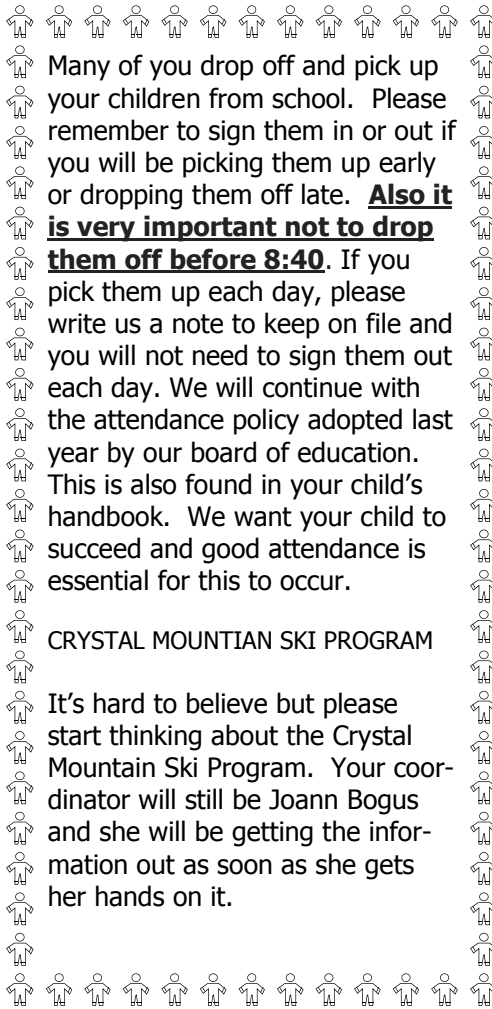
**PICTURE DAY**

Timeless Image Inc. will be capturing memories for us. Picture day will be held on September 13th this year. Please remember to look your best and bring those smiles with you.. Picture forms were sent home on the first day. **Picture re-takes will be held the morning on October 26th.**



**CALENDAR**

- 9/13 Picture Day, Boy Scout Sign Up 6pm
- 9/15 Red and White Day 1st Benzie Home Game
- 9/18 PTS Meeting 4:30 pm
- 9/18 Raffle Ticket Kick Off
- 9/20 Girl Scout Sign Up 6 pm
- 9/29 11:50 am Release Afterschool Activity
- 10/11 11:50 am Release Teacher Conferences
- 10/12 11:50 am Release Teacher Conferences
- 10/13 NO SCHOOL
- 10/20 Halloween Carnival/ \$1000 Raffle Drawing
- 10/27 Webber Coat drop off
- 10/27 11:50 am Release Afterschool Activity



Many of you drop off and pick up your children from school. Please remember to sign them in or out if you will be picking them up early or dropping them off late. **Also it is very important not to drop them off before 8:40.** If you pick them up each day, please write us a note to keep on file and you will not need to sign them out each day. We will continue with the attendance policy adopted last year by our board of education. This is also found in your child's handbook. We want your child to succeed and good attendance is essential for this to occur.

**CRYSTAL MOUNTIAN SKI PROGRAM**

It's hard to believe but please start thinking about the Crystal Mountain Ski Program. Your coordinator will still be Joann Bogus and she will be getting the information out as soon as she gets her hands on it.

Subscribe for our newsletter via **ELECTRONIC COPY:**

If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically please notify Ms C; [coreyc@benzieschools.net](mailto:coreyc@benzieschools.net) and we will place you on the email list.

**LABEL'S, LABEL'S**

We will be collecting Campbell's, Spartan labels, and Box tops for Education. The most important part of the label is the UPC code and the little soup guy on the Campbell's label, so be sure not to snip those off. Just send your labels into your students classroom for pick-up. Thanks .

**September Birthdays**

- 9/6 Evangeline Demars
- 9/8 Brody Miller
- 9/13 Brandon Smith
- 9/14 Connor Meachum
- 9/14 Colson Pappas
- 9/15 Gage Sievert
- 9/22 Peyton Conrad
- 9/22 Trevor Frieholtz
- 9/22 Isaac Rood
- 9/23 Katelyn Clark
- 9/26 Alison Campana
- 9/26 William Campana
- 9/26 Hannah Rood
- 9/28 Robert Conrad
- 9/29 Khloe Bennett

