

# BONNEVILLE BULLETIN

November 2016



Although a little chilly in the morning, our Halloween Parade outside around the block was spectacular. The students' and teachers' costumes were creative, fun and spooky. Thank you for gathering as an open air audience to watch the children

carnival their awesome costumes. As October closes and November begins, I think about the message November represents...thankfulness. There are many things that I am grateful for among which is my career as an educator. Being a principal working with students, teachers, staff, parents, legislators and district personnel has been exceptionally rewarding in my life. Also, raising two children, a son, John and a daughter, Karen. They are both independent and making their own way in their lives. My grandson, Christian, is like all grandchildren, a shining light in my life. As an eighth grader, his progress report reflected a straight A record in all classes including honors. His mom, a beautiful woman, I love like a daughter. I'm proud of each for their successes, but also for their character. They are compassionate, kind, show self-control, and are hard working. This month, I'm sharing an article recently copied to me by a friend on character.

## **CHARACTER**

There's no doubt that our character has a profound effect on our future. What we must remember, however, is not merely how powerful character is in influencing our destiny, but how powerful we are in shaping our own character and, therefore, our own destiny. Character may determine our fate, but character is not determined by fate.

It's a common mistake to think of character as something that is fully formed and fixed very early

in life. It calls to mind old maxims like "A leopard can't change its spots" and "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." This perspective that our character is "etched in stone" is supported by a great deal of modern psychology emphasizing self-acceptance. As Popeye says, "I am what I am." The hidden message is: Don't expect me to be more, better, or different.

Ultimately, these views of humanity totally undervalue the lifelong potential for growth that comes with the power of reflection and choice. How depressing it would be to believe that we can't choose to be better – more honest, more respectful, more responsible, and more caring. None of us should give up the personal quest to improve our character. Not because we're bad – we don't have to be sick to get better – but because we're not as good as we could be.

There are so many things in life we can't control – whether we're beautiful or smart, whether we had good parents or bad, whether we grew up with affirmation or negation – it's uplifting to remember that nothing but moral will power is needed to make us better.

No, it isn't easy. But if we strive to become more aware of the habits of heart and mind that drive our conduct, we can begin to place new emphasis on our higher values so that we become what we want our children to think we are.

– Michael Josephson

Happy November! Take the time to reflect on all that you are thankful for in your lives.

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## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a whirlwind October was! The week of SEP conferences was a great way to connect with teachers and faculty and to be reminded how hard they work for our children. We hope teachers enjoyed the faculty dinner provided by **Suzi Grant** and her committee. We loved seeing our children get so excited about the book fair—thanks to **Heather Hooper** and her committee for making it such a success. Safety Week was another highlight, where students were reminded to follow their instincts and other clues to identify Safe People and Safe Places in the community. A huge thank you to **Jac Bishop** for coordinating an outstanding week along with many wonderful parent volunteers, who were graciously welcomed into classrooms throughout the week. Speaking of safe students, we'd also like to thank **Heather Evans** for handling the huge task of making sure each child at Bonneville has a classroom emergency kit. Finally, the annual Halloween parade was the perfect way to end the month. With warm drinks in hand, parents and caregivers were able to connect and delight in the students (and teachers'!) costumes! Have a wonderful November!

**Britney Mellen and Tonya Egan**  
PTA Co-Presidents 2016-2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 15 Tu SCC Meeting, 7-8:30am
- 16 W Shakespeare Cast I, 9am & 7pm
- 17 Th Shakespeare Cast II, 9am & 7pm
- 18 F 1st Trimester Ends - Report Cards
- 23-25 W-F Thanksgiving Break (No School)

### December

- 5 M PTA meeting, room 101, 8:45am  
Reflections Gallery and  
Bonneville Beat Concert, 6 - 8pm
- 6 Tu Pizza Studio Night
- 26-30 Week Winter Break

### January

- 2-6 Week Winter Break

## SAFETY WEEK

Each year, Bonneville PTA selects a theme to focus on during Safety Week. This year, we focused on Safe People, Safe Places. To kick off the week, students, teachers (and a few brave moms) enthusiastically participated in the Safety Dance during lunchtime. Students continue to display their safety pins on backpacks and we had great parent-led classroom discussions about safe people and safe places in our community. We hope you were able to review the Safe People, Safe Places flier that went home with students as well as these further resources for helping keep Bonneville kids SAFE!



<http://educateempowerkids.org>  
[http://www.safetykids.org/our\\_philosophy.aspx](http://www.safetykids.org/our_philosophy.aspx)

## SCC MEMBERS NEEDED

Bonneville's School Community Council is looking for a few additional members. This is a great way for working or busy parents to get involved. The SCC meets once a month at 7am in the school library. SCC members help prepare and develop the School Improvement Plan, the School Land and Trust Plan, the Reading Achievement Plan, the Child Access Routing plan and the Professional Development Plan. They are also a resource to school and district administrators in bringing issues of concern forward and in providing feedback. If you are interested in becoming a member, join us at our next meeting October 18th to see what it's all about.

SCC Meeting Schedule 2016-17:  
Tuesdays: 11/15, 1/24, 2/28, 3/21, 4/25, 5/16

*If you are really thankful,  
what do you do? You share.*

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## PROJECT CORNERSTONE

### PROJECT CORNERSTONE BOOK OF THE MONTH



This month Project Cornerstone volunteers will be reading, “Don’t Laugh at Me” by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin. Has your child ever been teased about how they looked or acted—their abilities or disabilities? This is a story about teasing and gives students the language they need to take charge and stop the teasing. Discussion will focus on empathy and the desire every student has to be valued, respected and accepted despite individual and unique differences.

Take time this month to talk to your child about an instance where they may have felt out of place—like they didn’t belong or weren’t wanted. Discuss what it felt like and how it changed how they felt about themselves. Challenge them to look for chances to stand up for someone who may be feeling the same way.

### PROJECT CORNERSTONE NOVEMBER STUDENT CHALLENGE

Sit by someone you don’t normally sit next to during lunch. Learn about some similarities and differences you have with each other.

Visit [bonnevillepta.org](http://bonnevillepta.org) to view this month’s book, lesson plan or download the monthly parent newsletter.

## REFLECTIONS GETS QUALITY TURNOUT THANKS TO PARENTS AND KIDS!

Rachel and I would like to thank the Bonneville parents for the wonderful Reflections art contest program turnout! The submission quality is outstanding, and we recognize all of the parents who helped the students create these amazing entries. We have received over 50 entries.

Over 20 students signed up for the after-school computer lab session held on the Tuesdays and Thursdays during October. Special thanks to **Maureen Rushing** for hosting the computer lab classes, and to **Elise Michini** and **Julia Anderson** for volunteering their time to help the children make entries.

The **GALLERY STROLL** will coincide with the **BONNEVILLE BEATS CONCERT** on **Monday, December 5, from 6 - 8pm.**

Mark your calendars! Winners will be announced at that time too.

If you are interested in judging entries, please contact me. The scoring is all done ONLINE, so it’s convenient to you to review the work and rate it according to the categories. Judging will take place over the next two weeks.

**Tara Spalding**  
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## SPIRIT FRIDAYS!

Each Friday a PTA representative will be out in front of Bonneville before school from 8:15-8:25 handing out small prizes to students who show their school spirit with Bonneville t-shirts or school colors (green and blue). Do you have 10 minutes to spare before school? Please consider volunteering for a day or a month. E-mail [bonnevilleptasl@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevilleptasl@gmail.com) and **Kerrie Goodell** will contact you with details. We need your help—every minute makes a difference!

## BONNEVILLE NIGHT OUT AT PIZZA STUDIO

Tuesday, December 6th

Forget cooking and join other Bonneville families for dinner and a great cause--our school! Pizza Studio will send a portion of proceeds to Bonneville Elementary when you mention us.

## EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISING

Support your Bonneville PTA and all of our programs with (very little) effort on your part!

1. **SHOP!** Register Bonneville PTA as a non-profit on your rewards cards at:
  - Dan's (Associated Foods)
  - Smith's (Kroger)
  - **AMAZON SMILE** New this year! Register Bonneville Elementary PTA as your non-profit on Amazon Smile. Click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0451355> or see our website for more details.
2. **COLLECT BOX TOPS!** A new contest will be coming soon.
3. **EAT OUT!** Take your family to dinner at Pizza Studio or Zupas during their scheduled Bonneville nights and a portion of proceeds will support our school.

### Save these future dates:

- 2/28 Zupas, Sugarhouse
- 5/16 Pizza Studio, Foothill

For more information go to [www.bonnevillepta.org/support-us](http://www.bonnevillepta.org/support-us).



Please email submissions for the Bonneville Bulletin by the last day of the month to [carolyn@kimlouiecreative.com](mailto:carolyn@kimlouiecreative.com). Thanks!

Bonneville's  
6th Grade Presents

## William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

Wednesday, November 16 &  
Thursday, November 17  
at 9 am and 7 pm

Each date will be performed  
by a different cast.  
Don't miss it!

## Reflections Gallery & Bonneville Beat Concert

Monday, December 5  
6-8 pm

Join us for an open house celebrating art and music! Stroll through the wonderful Reflections art pieces produced by Bonneville students and stop in for a concert by the Bonneville Beat musicians.



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