

BlueSky Online October Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to fall and a successful first month of school! Thank you students, parents, and guardians for making this the best school year ever!

Parent teacher conferences were last week on Thursday evening. For those of you that missed the conference there was exciting opportunities for learning, college representatives, field trips, and most of all great fun to meet each other in person. We all look forward to conferences as we get to be together as a team and work to make your experience at BlueSky the best it can be.

If you know others who may be interested in our full time program please let them know we are almost to our cap and anticipate our waiting list will start this month. Referrals are the best coming from you. Being the experienced stakeholders of our school, you know best how we operate, and can explain to your friends if it's a good fit for them.

Please know I'm always open for any questions, concerns, and good feedback too! I'm so proud of our compassionate school and how we learn together to create positive changes now and in the future.

With kind regards and appreciation to all of you,

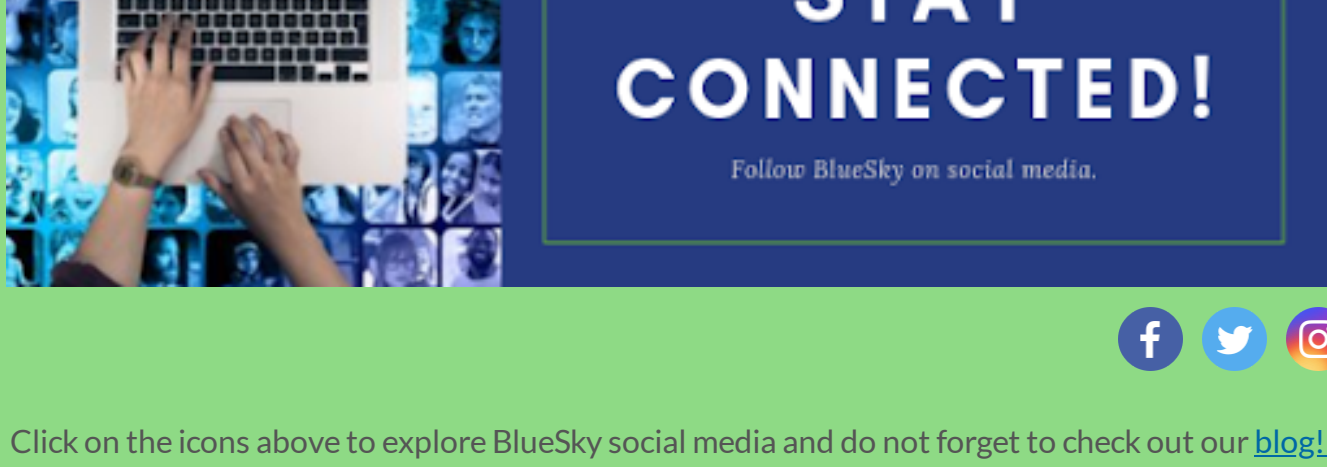
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Upcoming Events

- No School- October 17th-18th
- Student Day- October 31st
- Last Day of Quarter 1- November 1st
- No School- November 4th
- First Day of Quarter 2- November 5th

Parent Connect



Click on the icons above to explore BlueSky social media and do not forget to check out our [blog!](#)

BlueSky Stars



Danny Guardado

"I am nominating Danny Guardado for the BlueSky Star Student because he is a great example of a wonderful student AND a wonderful young man. Danny works hard on all of his assignments and puts forth much effort in everything he sets his mind to. He is also communicative with his teachers and advisor on both an academic and personal level. Danny is very motivated, organized, dedicated, and driven to succeed in school and life! Danny is a very busy guy but always puts his family first and works hard for them. Danny is a model student who I am grateful to work with each week and excited to see graduate this Spring!"

-Nominated by Danielle Fackler

The BlueSky advisors have chosen to recognize these students for their hard work and dedication



Calvin Cook

"I am nominating Calvin Cook to be a BlueSky star featured this month because since beginning at BlueSky he has done outstanding schoolwork and still maintained his demanding snowmobile and car racing schedule. Doing online school allows Calvin to work at a pace where he is able to finish studies and school work, and then be able to work in the Race shop on his race sled and make practices that are held on Thursdays and Friday Race Days. The stress of missing school and finding the time to catch up is no longer an issue for him. He has shown his ability to manage both a demanding racing schedule and rigorous course load time and again and really shines as a BlueSky student!"

-Nominated by Laura Welciek

Counselor Corner

Attention Eligible Graduates! October is a great month to apply to the college of your choice because many Minnesota colleges and universities *waive the application fee* during the month or specific weeks in October. Check it out: [Free College Applications in October!](#)

Featured Career:

Job Trends
Wind Turbine Technician
Median salary: \$53,880
Unemployment rate: 6.3 percent
Expected new job openings by 2026: 5,600
Installing and repairing wind turbines, which generate green energy, are the responsibilities of wind turbine technicians. Wind techs, as they're called, need to earn certificates in their field.



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Social Work Spotlight

BlueSky is offering short term support groups for the FY20 school year. There will be two groups offered every two months (see details below). The purpose of the groups is for students to be able to join their classmates and learn about a topic, support each other, and learn tools they can use throughout their lives. Groups will meet weekly online for approximately 30-60 minutes each session. There will be 6-7 sessions per group. These groups are not for credit and are voluntary.

November-January groups will start the week of 11/05/2019. Sign up information will come out at the end of October.

- Depression
- Relaxation and stress reduction

February-March groups will start the week of 02/03/2019. Sign up information will come out at the end of January

- Negative thinking
- Anxiety (repeat group from Sept-Oct)

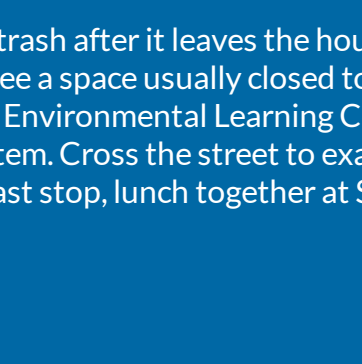
April-May groups will start the week of 04/06/2019. Sign up information will come out at the end of March

- Depression (repeat from Nov-Jan)
- Self-esteem

Please call, text, or email April Scharnberg with any questions:

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Green Energy Field Trip Elk River Landfill



Wednesday, October 23
10:00 - 12:00 Tour
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

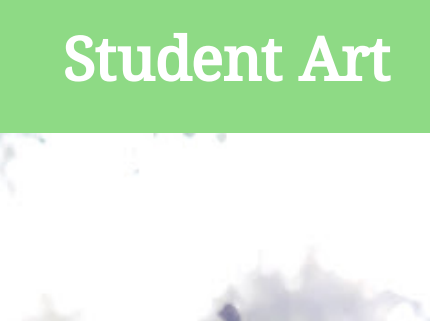
Ever wonder what happens to your trash after it leaves the house? One possible destination is a local landfill. This is your chance to see a space usually closed to the public. Come along with us and discover the Elk River Landfill at the Environmental Learning Center. Stop and check out the amazing methane gas collection system. Cross the street to examine the fancy wind turbine. Explore potential careers in sustainability. Last stop, lunch together at Sammy Perrella's Pizza. Yum!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

October 31st Student Day Costume Party

Come join other BlueSky students at our office in West St. Paul for a Student Day! Stop in between 11 am and 2 pm on Thursday, October 31st. We will have games, pizza, refreshments, and FUN! All BlueSky students are invited to attend! Put on your best costume and meet other BlueSky students while having fun!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



Student Art



These photos were taken by student Kylie Jones for the assignment: Same Subject Different Context in Digital Photography.

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