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Hall Weekly Bulletin - October 24, 2021



It was a close call Rembrandt vs Lescoe!! Thank you Leadership!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri, Oct 29 - Hall Walkathon
- Tue, Nov 9 - Great Shake Out Earthquake and Evacuation Drill 8:20am
- Thu, Nov 11 - NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

- Nov 12 - End of Trimester 1
- Nov 22-26 - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"It's football weather" - Mr. Rembrandt

As we close out October, we are grateful for a successful Conference week and the first round of rain in a while!! The rain did not stop Cougar life as Leadership held their first 6th grade assembly, and all sports teams competed rain or shine this week. Thanks to all those who came out to support our athletes, it was a great week for Hall sports teams!

Looking ahead to next week, we are gearing up for our PTA Walkathon 2021!! We are getting close to our goal and any support is appreciated! [Use this link](#) to donate today by supporting your favorite Cougar(s) and help us make our goal! This year students will be able to wear their Halloween costumes during the day and then change into their Advisory group costumes after lunch. We are looking forward to a great Walkathon and can't wait to see all the creative costumes. For more information please see below for costume guidelines and the new Staff Spotlight section under School News.



Welcome to the Cougar Family Ms. Nick!!

Great news on the horizon for our artistic Cougars!! We are going to welcome our new Art Teacher to Hall this week!! That's right please join me in welcoming Ms. Tracy Nick to the Cougar Family!! She will be taking over our creative side at Hall and we look forward to sharing our Cougar love! Welcome Ms. Nick!

Last we want to say thank you to our Hall PTA for our amazing staff luncheon on Friday, it was so appreciated by all staff! Thank you for the best finish to the week!



Thank you PTA!! And who doesn't love an eating contest?? :)

Wishing all families a cozy Sunday while we enjoy this much needed rain!
Dr. Brown & Hall Staff

SCHOOL NEWS

Only 5 Days until the Hall Walkathon. Our school is only at 57% for participation in fundraising for the Walkathon and our goal is 100%. Help support and fund classroom supplies and materials, Hall Athletics program, PE and playground equipment, professional development for staff, graduation festivities, and more! [Donate today. Search for your student's first name and last initial here.](#) You can donate to a friend or a neighbor too. We're aiming for 100% participation, so please donate today! All donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be automatically emailed after you make your online donation. Thank you for your support.

Staff Spotlight We have some new faces at Hall this year and we wanted to share more about our new Cougars! This week we are highlighting our very own Ms. Olga Corcoran. Ms. Corcoran is originally from Russia where she received her first Master's Degree in Choir Conducting and Music Education. She also received a Master's Degree in Piano Pedagogy from Holy Names University in Oakland, CA. A passionate advocate for music education, Ms. Corcoran taught a School Choir Director at Alhambra High School, Las Lomas High School and Carondelet High School, Music Director/Vocal Coach at and at Solano Community College Youth Theater Division, and as Music Director/Vocal Coach at San Francisco State University Theater Arts Department for The Karamazov Brothers production. Under her direction Las Lomas High School Choir received excellent ratings in repertoire and superior in sight reading at the CMEA Festival and Assessment. Ms. Corcoran also received Solano ARTY's Best Music Director Award for *Wizard of Oz* musical. Thank you to **SPARK** for your continued support with arts in LCMSD!!

The Great Shake Out Drill has been rescheduled from 10/28 to 11/9! Hall Middle School will hold the Great Shake Out Earthquake and Evacuation Drill on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 8:20 am! The Great Shakeout Drill is usually held on the third Thursday of October, but due to conferences, we are holding our drill later. To make this drill more authentic and to better prepare our staff, students, and parents for an actual emergency, some parents will be invited to pick up their students from the Student Release Station at Hall Middle School the day of the drill. In addition, some staff members and students will be pre-assigned as missing. Please click [here](#) if you would like to volunteer to be a parent volunteer to pick up (mock) your student. All students will return to class after the drill is over. Thank you.

Parking Lot / Drop-Off Loop The parking lot can be a very dangerous place on rainy days. Plan ahead and arrive early! ***Student safety is the number one priority when dropping off your child - a tardy is far less important than students' well being.*** Here are some guidelines to make drop-off as safe as possible:

- The parking lot in front of the gym is closed to through traffic - Do not use the parking lot entrance near the police station.
- The drop-off loop gets very congested right around the start of school - arrive early!!
- The right lane is reserved for drop-off only.
- The left lane is for passing only - Do not stop or drop-off in the left lane.
- Do not drop-off in the driveway!
- When you drop-off your student, pull all the way forward to the last available spot on the right side.
- Drop off quickly - make sure your student has their stuff ready and moves out of the car as fast as possible.
- Cars may double up side by side in the driveway if necessary. However, cars that pull into the left side of the driveway must merge to the right before dropping off students.

Rainy Day Reminders Whenever possible, we will have recess and lunch outdoors, even when it's lightly raining. Plan ahead and make sure your student is dressed appropriately - warm clothing, rain protection and layers.

- Please make sure that clothing and umbrellas are labeled - students tend to lose jackets and umbrellas.
- Students love playing in the wet weather, and we cannot prevent them from seeking out water. If you do not want your child to get wet at school, please set expectations with your child and follow-up with them at home.
- Students will be held in classes by Advisory during rainy day lunches, and are expected to read, watch a movie (played by teachers), play quietly and treat classrooms respectfully. Students must clean up after themselves and leave the classrooms exactly as they found them.
- Due to Covid restrictions, we are asking students to eat outside under the overhangs in shifts - ½ the class at a time. We understand that this is inconvenient, but it is a safety measure required by Marin County Health.

Walkathon & Halloween Costume Guidelines - We are inviting students to dress for Halloween on Friday, October 29, 2021. This is the same day as the Hall Walkathon - students may wear Halloween costumes to school and change into their Walkathon group costumes after lunch. Please review the [Hall Halloween Costume Guidelines](#) with your child.

Lunch Ordering Open for November! Please order lunch for your child online NOW at www.thelunchmaster.com - better yet, let your middle schooler order for themselves! This way we can guarantee they are happy with their choice and will be more inclined to pick up the lunch they ordered. Please remind your child that although the lunch is free to you, it is not free to the District - we still pay

LunchMaster the cost of the meal and are not reimbursed by the state when your child does not claim their lunch. Also, the majority of students are not taking a fruit/veggie - please encourage them to eat their fruit & veggies!

Lost and Found Reminder. Students losing articles of clothing, personal belongings, backpacks, or lunch bags are advised to check the lost and found. Parents are encouraged to retrieve items as well. Please mark all belongings with your name for easy identification. Unmarked clothing and larger articles are kept until the end of the quarter and then turned over to a charitable agency.

[DISTRICT NEWS](#)

Board Update On October 20 the Board met and celebrated Hall's campus activities for students. Additionally, they approved elementary school plans and Hall's single plan for student achievement. The Board was presented with a COVID-19 update, summer school report, enrollment and staffing report, and an English learners report. The Board also discussed the draft dress code policy. [Here](#) is the agenda.

[SPARK NEWS](#)

Thank you Biz Partner AndrewsCamps: AndrewsCamps is Marin's happiest place for kids featuring incredible activities for every child! As a state licensed facility, AndrewsCamps, provides a safe environment with certified teachers and highly trained activity leaders. Learn more about After School care, No School Days, Adventure Day trips and Clark Creek Overnight camp [here](#).

SF2BAY Pop Ups: Order delish food from SF2BAY partners and 10% of sales will be donated to SPARK! Use coupon code SPARK. Featuring food Lion Rotisserie, Umma and Burma Superstar from as many restaurants as you'd like and pick up at one of the two SF2BAY locations (Mill Valley or San Rafael). More details and how to order [here](#).

Left Bank x SPARK Monday Night Dinners: Every Monday, Left Bank creates a delicious SPARK Family Meal for 4 for \$50 and donates 20% back to our schools! This week's menu: Ribs, Mac&cheese, Caesar salad, and carrots. [Order](#) online today for pick up tomorrow. Select "SPARK Family Meal" when you order.

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[PTA NEWS](#)

Join the Hall Parent Teacher Association (PTA)! Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and administrators that have joined the [Hall PTA](#). We are so grateful for your generosity as we approach our membership goal. Joining the PTA demonstrates your commitment to quality education at Hall Middle School by providing site-specific financial support for our teachers, students, and school. The suggested annual membership fee is \$35 per family, but no amount is too small! Can we count on you to [become a member](#) today?

COMMUNITY NEWS

From Corte Madera Parks & Rec -

Classes starting In October and November for Kids!

Carpentry for Kids starting in November

Early start time: [For Info and to Register](#)

Later start time **GREAT TIME FOR COVE KIDS!**: [For Info and to Register](#)

Saturday Hoops: [For Info and to Register](#)

Pizza Dungeons & Dragons Night in November Parents, use this to get yourselves a night off! [For Info and to Register](#)

Check out our adult classes too! [click here and look under](#) **Enrichment, Sports, Dance and MORE**: Here you'll find **Pickleball, Tap w/ Carol Butler, Bartending, Watercolor, and more.**

Applications for Christmas Holiday Gift Drive - Every year the Central Marin Police and Fire Departments sponsor the "Things for Teens and Toys for Kids" holiday gift drive. Their goal is to make the holidays happy for kids in our local schools. If you want an application to be a recipient this year, please contact Gift Drive coordinator Erica Galvan as soon as possible. You can reach her by email at egalvan@centralmarinpolice.org or call her direct line at 415-927-5170. You can also come to the Central Marin Police Department, drop off your information and Erica will call you. The police station is at 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur, directly across from Hall Middle School.

You must contact Erica by November 5, 2021. Applications cannot be accepted after that date.

Aplicaciones para Unidad de regalos navideños - Cada año, los departamentos de policía y bomberos de Central Marin patrocinan la campaña de regalos navideños "Cosas para adolescentes y juguetes para niños". Su objetivo es hacer felices las vacaciones para los niños en nuestras escuelas locales. Si desea que una aplicación recipiente este año, comuníquese con la

coordinadora de regalos unidad, Erica Galván, lo antes posible. Puede contactarla por correo electrónico en egalvan@centralmarinpolice.org. O llame a su línea directa al 415-927-5170. También puede venir al Departamento de Policía de Central Marin, dejar su información y Erica lo llamará. La estación de policía está en 250 Doherty Drive en Larkspur, directamente frente a la escuela secundaria Hall.

Debe comunicarse con Erica antes del 5 de noviembre de 2021. No se pueden aceptar solicitudes después de esa fecha.

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