



# Weekly Wednesday Update

9/28

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It has been an engaging week of learning and exploration along with fun community building events! Start With Hello Week Activities have empowered Blazers to spread kindness in so many ways. THANK YOU to our caring volunteers who came out this week to help with Start with Hello Week and Picture Day! A reminder that students may wear green on Friday to wrap up this wonderful week.

*Please join me in congratulating our 2023-2024 Teachers of the Year!*

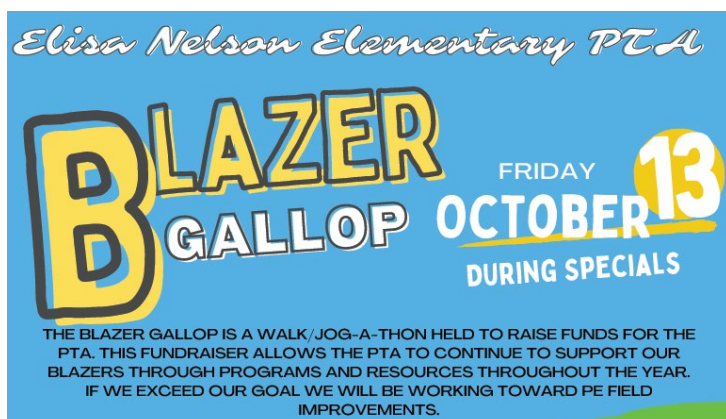
Congratulations **2023-2024 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Morelli!** Ms. Morelli is a 5th grade teacher and a founding faculty member at our school and has served as an outstanding educator in both our Center for Gifted Studies and Center for Literacy Innovation programs. Ms. Morelli absolutely loves her time with her students and cares deeply about their success as learners and as citizens of the world. As a teacher leader, Ms. Morelli serves as the SAC chair, PTA Teacher Liaison, and mentors new teachers.

Congratulations **Emerging Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lindsey!** Mrs. Lindsey is a 1st grade teacher and a role model for her students. Her commitment to differentiating instruction and adapting to the various learning styles in her classroom inspires us daily. Mrs. Lindsey's classroom is a learning community in which students value each other and contribute ideas that enhance their learning experience. She has taken on leadership roles such as team leader and pro-ed facilitator and continues to inspire us with her passion for teaching and learning.

**Library Media Stakeholder Survey:** Parents, teachers, and students are invited to complete our Library Media Stakeholder Survey. This survey is designed to gather input and recommendations for materials that you would like to see in our school library media center. It will only take a few minutes and your input will make a great difference! <https://forms.office.com/r/7NhPTew4B>

Students can also find their survey link on Clever and can complete it at home or at school. The deadline to complete this survey is September 29. Please complete your survey today!

**Parent Connect is October 11** and parents are invited to conference with their teachers and visit various informative stations/booths to learn about our various programs and potential middle schools. Yes! We have invited a few middle schools for your convenience. Be sure to visit them in the Hub. [See flyer for details.](#)



**Blazer Gallop** is here! Let's get excited for this fun event! The blazer gallop is a walk/jog-a-thon held to raise funds for the PTA. This fundraiser allows the PTA to continue to support our blazers through programs and resources throughout the year.

The annual National **PTA Reflections Art Competition** is underway. Please see the attached for the flyer and entry form. Entries should follow the theme of "I Am Hopeful Because..." and are accepted in visual arts,

photography, music composition, dance choreography, film production, and literature. Submissions are due 10/6 and should include an artist statement that describes the work and how it relates to the theme. Any questions can be sent to [reflections@elisanelson elementarypta.org](mailto:reflections@elisanelson elementarypta.org)

**Did we say Yearbook? Yes!! Pre-Order your yearbook today!** Now through September 30, you can preorder your yearbook and save 10%. Visit [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate) and enter our school passcode: 1015947447012435. More details in the [attached yearbook flyer](#) and questions can go to [yearbook@elisanelson elementarypta.org](mailto:yearbook@elisanelson elementarypta.org)

**Spooky Story Night** is Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. This is a Blazer favorite! It is going to be a fun and engaging night for students to come on campus in the evening, dressed in their costumes, and trick-or-reading through different classrooms along with reading-based activities. Stay tuned for more details!

**GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN (GATI) – November 15** [GATI Flyer](#) - Includes QR code for sign up.

The Great American Teach-In provides an opportunity for parents and members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Although the focus of the Great American Teach-in is to give students information on a variety of careers, we also encourage volunteers to speak about hobbies, areas of interest, organize an activity, read a story or teach a class. Speakers can choose the grade levels they would like to visit and the amount of time they wish to speak for. Parents are encouraged to invite members of the community that can share their talents with our Blazers. Please complete the form at the link below to express your interest in being a guest speaker at our GATI. [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_9r9CFW1BHZEoPISnLTwtBBUOTYzVE9ZOTZDRVg0TUxEUU05TTZaRktUVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_9r9CFW1BHZEoPISnLTwtBBUOTYzVE9ZOTZDRVg0TUxEUU05TTZaRktUVS4u)

**GATI – Hospitality Room** :On this day, we would like to host a hospitality room, complete with refreshments and a small gift as a token of our appreciation for our speakers. If your business or another business you know would like to sponsor the entire hospitality room or any portion of it, they can reach out to our Family Community Liaison, Allyson Littleton by calling (727) 298-2788 or via email [littletona@pcsb.org](mailto:littletona@pcsb.org)

**No School for students on Monday September 25!** A reminder that we have two non-student days coming up in the upcoming weeks. Please note these dates in the Important Dates listed below.

Important Dates to Remember:

**September 18-22** Start with Hello Week

**September 25** No school for students

**October 11** Parent Connect 3:30 PM-7:30 PM (Parent-Teacher Conference Night)

**October 13** Blazer Gallop/ End of 1st Quarter

**October 16** No school for students

**October 26** 1st Quarter Report Cards Distributed & Spooky Story Night

Have a wonderful evening! Go Blazers!!

Sincerely,

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