



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Everyone!

We hope you will enjoy the February edition of the Bulldog Bytes. Our amazing Communications Chair, Andrea Piotraszewski works hard every month to ensure we're sending you relevant and newsworthy information and we trust it is useful and helpful information for our community.

We had a great turnout to our January 20th event where everyone was invited to attend open computer lab time to practice Smarter Balanced Assessment, to chat with our Principal, Stacy Cho, to join in the essential events of the PTSA General Membership meeting, and finally, to listen to our guest speaker, Anne Livingston. Anne shared important information regarding what we parents can do to help our children maneuver the digital world and minimize risks related to various online and phone applications and sharing personal information in general. We hope everyone who attended found all components of the evening to be helpful and informational. We are always trying to find ways to get our community more involved with decisions the PTSA makes on behalf of our students and families, and attending these events is one easy but significant way to be engaged. Many thanks to everyone who attended and stay tuned as we have more interesting speakers lined up for our upcoming March and April GM meetings!

It is that time of year where we need to build our 2014-15 Executive Board. At our GM meeting, we voted for our Nominating Committee who will develop that slate. Many thanks to Lauri Kinnan, Kari Ovena, Bona Park, and Nga Selbig for your willingness to take on this important role for our community. During our March GM meeting, we will review and vote for next year's Board according to Nominating Committee recommendations. If anyone is interested in being involved at that level, please contact any of our current Board members (listed immediately to the right of this newsletter). There is a place with our PTSA for anyone who wants to be involved at many different commitment levels!

Big thanks and Kudos to our amazing Book Fair Chairs Teresa Czaja and Kari Ovena and all the super volunteers who made our Book Fair a rousing success! Because of your hard work, our students and teachers all benefit through receiving new books in the library. Our librarian, Amber Peterson is always thrilled with the opportunities for new resources for our library and she spends those credits well!

Finally, one of our most popular events of the year is coming soon! Bulldog Bingo Night at BLMS will be on Friday, March 6th! Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual fun and fantastic evening for families! More information follows in this newsletter and we hope to see a rousing crowd there!

Cheers for a great February,
Pam Gross & Tina Yerges
BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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BULLDOG BINGO!!

Join us for a fun family Bulldog tradition on Friday, March 6, from 5:45-8:30pm. Families, students and staff are welcome for an evening of Bingo, Pine Lake Pizza, awesome Bingo prizes AND amazing raffle prizes! Ben & Jerry's ice cream and other concessions will be available for purchase. BINGO TICKETS and PIZZA are available by PREORDER ONLY. Tickets will be sold Tuesday, February 24, through Wednesday, March 4. Ticket order forms can be found on the BLMS website starting on Tuesday, February 24. Ticket order forms will also be available in the office. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Last day for ticket orders is Wednesday, March 4.



Let's give a round of applause for our "scoop-
pendous" volunteers for helping with the Honor
Roll/Root Beer floats on Jan. 16th during lunch
time. We served 429 hardworking students!

Thank you to the following ladies: Angeline Low,
Donna Hentges, Kathi McCabe, Kim Givens, Lisa
Baisler, Neena Rana, Rowena Junger, Sandi Dong and
Tiffanie Dieffenbach.

Cheers,
Marilou Dacey and Teresa Czaja
Co-Chairs of Honor Roll.

Beaver Lake Middle is a King County Green School Level 1

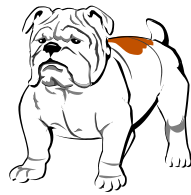
What is that? Level 1 status entails a school putting measures in place to reduce waste, maintain an effective recycling program and teach students about waste reduction and recycling. We have revamped the lunchroom setup. Students can find multiple areas to dispose of compost, recycling, and trash material. Recently, with the help of leadership and our BEE club, we created display boards over the cans. The boards show what lunch items can be recycled and composted. Our students are doing a fantastic job composting at lunch. If you visit the lunch room, you will see that we now have buckets next to the compost, recycling, and trash cans. These buckets are for students to dump liquid before recycling plastic bottles. In the upcoming months, our green team will be working toward achieving Level 2 status for the school. Level 2 status is where the school maintains recycling and reduction practices along with establishing and carrying out a plan for energy reduction and conservation.

Want to know more about composting? Composting in schools provides a rich topic for scientific investigation and discovery. Although simple (just put organic matter in a pile and wait for it to decompose), it also involves some fascinating and as yet incompletely understood interactions between biological, chemical, and physical processes. It's a topic that addresses a real-world issue and helps to instill a sense of environmental stewardship in youth. It can be carried out at a wide range of scales, indoors or out, in any geographic location. Because the process relies on biology, chemistry, and physics, it can be used for a wide range of scientific projects or experiments, and can help students to see the interconnections between various scientific fields.

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 Questions, call 425-837-4180

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE **February 27th, 2015**



It's February and the Issaquah Schools Foundation is all about the love. Who's on our Valentine's list? Our parents, volunteers and donors, our teachers, and our students! We LOVE seeing your children discover, develop and achieve their academic potential.

Save the Date for Nourish Every Mind

Join us for the **Issaquah Schools Foundation's 17th Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon** on **Thursday, May 14** at the Issaquah Community Center and the **2nd Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast** on **Wednesday, May 20** at **Eastridge Church**. Contact your PTSA/ISF Rep to reserve a seat at your school's table or Jenell Tamaela, j.tamaela@isfdn.org.

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Empty Closets = Full Tummies

Donate to Issaquah's new **Value Village** store **February 17-21**, and the **Issaquah Schools Foundation will receive a portion of your donation**. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's **Basic Student Needs program**. Stop by 5530 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway with your donation, and thank Value Village for supporting our students.

Bring the Happiest 5K on the Planet to Town

The Issaquah Schools Foundation has the opportunity to bring the Color Run to town this August. We need your help assuring organizers we can attract 2,000 participants.

1. [Click Here to go to the Color Run website](#)
2. [Look for the 'JOIN VIP List' box on the right side of the page.](#)
3. [Add your name and email.](#)
4. [Select Issaquah as your first choice city.](#)
5. [Submit.](#)

Color Run will tally all entries received by **February 28th**. Thank you!

