



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello BLMS Community!

It is with great gratitude that I find myself writing the president note for our final *Bulldog Bytes* of the year. It has been a wonderful, fulfilling year for Pam and me as Co-Presidents, and we are very grateful to have had the opportunity. As I think back over this year, I am, yet again, reminded of what an amazing community we have in our staff, parents, and students at BLMS. It is a community that truly cares for our kids, and that is the very core of everything we do. Without such a deep caring and commitment, the PTSA could not accomplish all that we have every year since BLMS opened in 1994.

During this time of year, we like to reflect on what our PTSA accomplished during the year and demonstrate to our faithful members that your membership dues and Pass the Hat funds are being responsibly spent for important needs of our BLMS community. We truly hope every student and staff member has felt the positive impacts of the PTSA. We have funded great needs at the school such as LRC supplies, novels for humanities, more lunchroom tables, health room supplies, white boards for science, cello racks for orchestra, classroom books, wireless microphones for the building, photo paper for the yearbook, emergency preparedness, and even aprons for art!

In addition, we provided funding and/or coordination for programs such as Battle at Beaver Lake, our new Talent Show, Bulldog Bingo, Book Fair, Popcorn Fridays, Most Valuable Bulldogs, Destination Imagination, Reflections Art Program, Vision and Hearing Testing, Honor Roll Ice Cream Floats, Student Assistance, Staff Appreciation, and Parent Education events, and more.

We have also been engaged and visible in our general community in supporting important issues and programs within the Issaquah School district such as the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) and the Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS). This is key in our ongoing efforts to ensure our kids get the best educational opportunities available, even when state funding is lacking. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful public school system, and must support it. PTSA is a vitally important component and means for providing that communal support. Please see the "Did You Know" article later in this newsletter for eye-opening statistics about our amazing PTSA organization within the entire Issaquah School District. ☺

Of course, our many accomplishments and contributions are due to the continued and passionate involvement of the many dedicated families and staff of our school, and Pam and I continue to value and appreciate everyone who contributes. Each and every one of you who has contributed in ANY way is appreciated. A special thank you goes out to everyone who chaired events or programs and those who served on the Board. These jobs are often time-consuming and exhausting (and many times "thankless"), and yet, they are so important. THANK YOU!!

As we move into the summer, our new Board will be planning for the upcoming year. Pam and I will be moving out of the President role, and are confidently handing the reigns to Sarah Ransom and Amy Teeters, who we know will be amazing Co-Presidents. They will lead the PTSA to ensure that the many ongoing and additional needs in the coming year will be met.

Finally, for the 2015-16 school year, don't forget that school starts BEFORE Labor Day on Tues., Sept. 1st. This seems especially early and in the weeks before BLMS will start getting things rolling. Be sure to stay in touch through our August communications and via our website.

Thanks again for another great year and cheers to a great and restful summer for all!
Tina Yerges and Pam Gross, BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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SHOUT OUT TO OUR HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to our lovely group of ice cream scoopers who helped with our Honor Roll Root Beer Float day on April 24th to celebrate our Honor Roll students from the 2nd trimester. We served 381 students!

Our volunteers were: Tiffanie Dieffenbach, Sandi Dong, Venisa Fritton, Donna Hentges, Tracy Myers, Rachael Schnebele, Molly Baker, Ken Dacy.

We really appreciate your help!

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



THANK YOU TEAM!

Our Staff Appreciation week May 4-8 was a huge success! The staff enjoyed a chocolate fountain and caramel fondue during lunch on Monday, a coffee cart was provided on Wednesday along with breakfast, and Friday was our Fiesta Burrito Bar.

MANY THANKS to the wonderful volunteers who provided food for our fabulous staff that whole week: Amy Tuvey, Birgitta Thrane, Carolyn Roberts, Cindy Batistich, Dawn Goehner, Debby Adams, Diana Brown, Erin Rooney, Erin Seminatore, Gloria Marinescu, Jessica Mills, Kim Moore, Kim Olsen, Lauren Koshar, Lauri Kinnan, Letchmi Dokka, Liliana Sambotin, Maryann Bellavia, Molly Baker, Pam Flynn, Pam Gross, Rory Mullen, Sandi Dong, Sarah Ransom, Sharon Hastings, Soni Petterson, Stephanie Mallory, Svarani Cheeti. We could not have done it without you!

Sincerely,
Marilou Dacey and Teresa Czaja
Co-Chairs of Staff Appreciation



JUNE 2015

- 6/2, 3-7 pm - Track Finals
- 6/4 - Sport Season 4 Ends
- 6/4, 2:05-3:40 pm - Track Banquet
- 6/4, 3:35-3:45 pm - Last Day of Activity Bus
- 6/5, 7-10 pm - Issaquah Community Center Dance
- 6/9, 7-8 pm - Band Spring Concert
- 6/9, 7-8 pm - Spring Choir Concert
- 6/10, 8:45-9:45 am - Volunteer Breakfast
- 6/15 - Spring Fling/8th Grade Party
- 6/16, 8:30-9:30 am - 8th Grade Promotion

End-of-Year 2015

Look What You Did!

You came together as a community and raised over \$700,000 at the **Nourish Every Mind Breakfast and Luncheon** to support Great Schools and a Great Community! Your investments benefit every student in every classroom, every day. If you missed the event, [visit our website](#) to view photos or contribute.

Make New Friends Across the District

There's still room for you at one of our **fun themed parties** benefiting the Issaquah Schools Foundation. View the [Auction Catalog](#) to see where there's space for you and which of your friends are already attending.

Who Says There's No YOU in Team?

Come learn more about the many ways to volunteer with the Issaquah Schools Foundation. **Attend our Volunteer Open House** on June 3 from 7 to 8:30 pm at 6061 167 th Ave SE, Bellevue. Call 425.391.8557 for more information.

You've Got Their Backs

Through the Tools 4 School program, **we're gearing up to provide 1,000 fully stocked backpacks** this August so that students can arrive at school equipped for learning. Your organization, workplace or neighborhood can participate as a Tools 4 School team, raising funds for backpacks and school supplies or simply collecting new backpacks. To participate or for more information, contact Barb de Michele at 425-391-8557 or barb@isfdn.org.

Cool Beans!

Love coffee? **Join our Coffee for Kids program** with a monthly subscription to Camano Island Coffee. Ten percent of every order supports the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Receive \$20 off your first order. Visit [Coffee for Kids](#) to register.





EXAMPLES OF THE IMPORTANT PTSA INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

- In the District-wide Reflections Program with the theme of "The World Would Be A Better Place If...", we had more than 1,000 entries and of those entries:
 - 268 entries advanced to the Regional level,
 - 68 entries advanced to the State level,
 - 11 entries advanced to the National level,
 - 3 entries *placed* at Nationals
- Teacher Appreciation events were held at 27 different schools (all schools in the district) including Tiger Mountain and Echo Glen.
- There were 54 PTSA-sponsored Parent Education events held during this year throughout the Issaquah School District.
- Over 1,000,000 (yes, that's one MILLION!) hours were volunteered during the year throughout the Issaquah School District to support programs sponsored by the PTSA.
- Over 17,000 kids were reached throughout the Issaquah School District through PTSA funds or volunteer hours.
- Over \$1.5 million was invested in the students, their families, and the schools in the Issaquah School District.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- Michelle Wells, BLMS 7th grade teacher, and all the fabulous volunteers who are helping with Spring Fling
- MaryAnn Bellevia for all her help with the 8th grade party
- Chrisann Penz for helping with 8th grade ceremony



Strengthen your math skills over the summer

For students preparing for Algebra 1...

Pre-Algebra

July 6-16th, Mon-Thurs

12:30-1:30pm at Sammamish Teen Center

\$200

Give your teen the specific skills they need to be successful in Algebra 1. This 2-week course covers integers, fractions, expressions, polynomials, equations, graphing, and more.

For students entering Geometry and Algebra 2...

Mastering Algebra

July 6-16th, Mon-Thurs

1:30-2:30pm at Sammamish Teen Center

\$200

Give your teen math confidence by helping them master the foundational building blocks of Algebra. This 2-week course prepares students for the more complex algebra skills they will encounter in Geometry and Algebra 2 by reviewing factoring, inequalities, systems of equations, function notation, and quadratics.

Classes taught by an experienced high school math teacher.

To register, contact Kathryn Kendall at kathrynkendall@comcast.net.



Chemistry is a *BLAST!*

Summer Science Camp



Chemistry is a BLAST is a week-long camp that will give students with an interest in science a chance to get hands-on experience with lab equipment and learn basic chemistry!

Who

Incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Where & When

Monday – Friday
August 10th – 14th, 2015
8 a.m. – Noon

Newport High School
Room 3114

How to Register

Go to <http://www.chemistryisablast.com/>
Cost: \$249 (includes t-shirt & equipment fee)
(There will be no extra charge for any breakage of glassware/equipment)

There are only 30 slots available, so sign up ASAP!

Learn the Chemistry

Behind...

- 🧪 Fire!
- 🧪 Tie dye!
- 🧪 Color changing reactions!
- 🧪 Ice cream making!
- 🧪 Gak!

About the Instructor

Melissa Baker has taught high school chemistry for 8 years. She has a master's degree in science education and a passion for inspiring a love and appreciation for science in all of her students.

Questions?

Email: Chemisablast@gmail.com

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Newport Knights Gymnastics Summer Camp!

Monday, June 29th-Thursday, July 2nd

Who: Boys/Girls of any skill level entering grades K-6 who want to practice gymnastics! Groups will be divided by age and skill level.

What: Instruction on all four gymnastics events (vault, bars, beam, floor) plus related conditioning and dance.

Where: Newport High School in the Outside Gym

When: Choose from "Session 1" which runs from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or "Session 2" from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
(Both Sessions will run Monday-Thursday, for a total of 4 days)

Cost: \$150, \$40 discount for siblings who register at the same time (2 siblings = \$260).

Staff: Newport Gymnastics Team Girls and Melissa Baker, head coach of the Newport gymnastics team, has coached gymnastics for over 10 years.

Questions: Contact Melissa Baker at bakerm@bsd405.org

Sign up now! Space is limited!



Sample Schedule:

9:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m. Dynamic Stretching

9:20-9:50 a.m. Rotation #1 (Example: Spring board drills, jumping drills for vault, vaulting for more advanced athletes)

9:50-10:20 a.m. Rotation #2 (Example: Bars)

10:20-10:40 a.m. BREAK for snack (please bring your own snack and water bottle each day)

10:40-11:10 a.m. Rotation #3 (Example: Balance Beam)

11:10-11:40 a.m. Rotation #4 (Example: Floor exercise/Dance lesson)

11:40-12:00 p.m. Group conditioning/Games

To reserve your spot, fill out the form below (or send your information to c.styer@comcast.net), detach and return it along with your check (payable to Newport Gymnastics Boosters Club) to:

Tina Styer, Booster Club Treasurer, 4945 116th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

Child's name: _____ Parent's Names: _____

Parent Email Address: _____ Parent phone: _____

School/Grade (Sept. '15) _____ Age: _____

Discuss gymnastics experience (if any): _____

Session 1: _____ Session 2: _____ T-Shirt Size: YS___ YM___ YL___ AS___ AM___

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: I hereby give my child permission to participate in the Newport Gymnastics Summer Camp. I also consent to any medical treatment by a physician or hospital in the event of an emergency. We will not hold Newport High School and its personnel, Newport HS Summer Gymnastics Camp, members of its board, coaches or volunteers responsible for injury to our child or damage to his/her property which may occur while participating in the camp.

CONSENT TO MEDICAL CARE & TREATMENT: I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) authorize all medical, surgical, diagnostic or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by a treating physician for _____ (Athlete Name) if I cannot be reached in case of an emergency.

Allergies or anything else we should be aware of regarding your child: _____

Signed by Parent/Guardian and Date _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number _____

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