



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Everyone!

Hard to believe we are half way through the school year! We would like to take a moment and thank our Communications Chair, Andrea Piotraszewski, for her hard work every month. She ensures we're sending you newsworthy information, and we trust it is helpful for our community.

We had a great turnout to our Jan. 26th General Membership Meeting. Mrs. Cho chatted about current events and answered questions. In addition, we had two guest speakers: Chris Burton with the Issaquah School District and Suzanne Weaver with the Issaquah School Board. They spoke about the \$533,500,000 School Construction and Maintenance Bond up for vote on April 26th. The response to our speakers was great – many thanks to everyone who attended!

It is that time of year where we need to build our 2016-17 Executive Board. At our GM meeting, we voted for our Nominating Committee who will develop the candidate slate. Many thanks to May Gauvin, Julia Yu, Pat Castillo and Bridget Salmick for your willingness to take on this important role for our community. Several of the current members will be moving on to different schools or their terms are expiring. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our PTSA, please contact any of our current Board members (listed on the right). There is a place with our PTSA for anyone who wants to be involved at many different commitment levels! During our March GM meeting, we will review and vote for next year's Board according to the Nominating Committee recommendations.

Each year, our PTSA gives Golden Acorn Awards to people who have given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community. The Golden Acorn Award honors volunteers who serve in ways that support the vision of WA state PTSA: Making every child's potential a reality. Award winners receive the Golden Acorn Awards pin, a certificate from the Washington State PTA and recognition at a district-wide reception. Please help us identify volunteers from our community for this special award. Our awards committee will review your nominations and make the final selections based on the nominees' volunteer service to PTSA, BLMS, our school district and our community.

Please submit your nominations by Feb. 10th. Click on the link to nominate: [Golden Acorn Nomination Form](#), or see form later in this newsletter. For questions, email blmsptsa@hotmail.com.

Thanks to our student performers, parent volunteers and parents of performers for an AMAZING talent show this year! The students loved every minute. Special thanks and appreciation to Nga Selbig & Ganga Pingili for their hard work in organizing such an exceptional program.

On March 21st, the BLMS PTSA is pleased to welcome the American Red Cross to our PTSA General Meeting which will take place at 6:45 p.m. in the BLMS Library. The American Red Cross preparedness and outreach staff will be speaking about how to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies and natural disasters in our local community. Safety literature and handouts will be provided. This event is open to families in the Issaquah School District.

Finally, one of our most popular events of the year is coming soon! Bulldog Bingo Night at BLMS will be on Friday, March 4th! Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual fun and fantastic evening for families! We hope to see you there!

Kind Regards,
Pam Gross & Amy Teeters
BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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BULLDOG BINGO!!

Join us for a fun family Bulldog tradition on Friday, March 4, from 6:00-8:00pm. 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, Feb. 23, through Wednesday, March 2. Ticket order forms can be found on the BLMS website starting on Tuesday, Feb. 23. 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 2.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nichole Wengert at nwengert@msn.com.

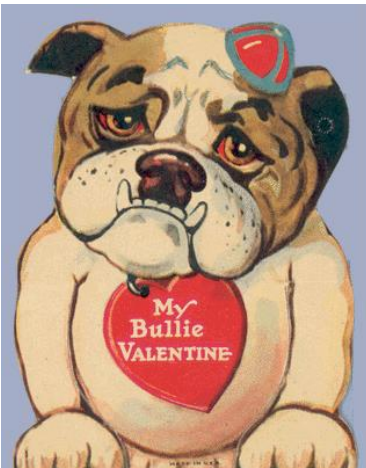


Many thanks to the wonderful 12th man fans who created the delicious Tailgate Party Staff Appreciation lunch on Jan. 22. The staff felt so appreciated by their "fans." From deviled eggs to meatballs, wings to 7 layer dips, all of it was festive and tasty!

Cheers to our "special teams" players: Amy Tuvey, Kim Vivash, Diana Brown, Brooke Daggett, Chuh-Pei Liu, Stacie Lacina, Leslie Brown, Sharon Hastings, Carol Folkman, Jennifer Strach, Pam Gross, Sravani Cheeti, Gloria Marinescu, Christie Jucht, Gina Jacobs, Lauren Koshar, Molly Baker, Laura Laudolff, Stephanie Mallory, Bridget Salmick, Kim Olsen, Lisa Baisler, Stacy O'Daffer, Liliana Sambotin, Cindy Batistich, Georgia Teodosiadis and Kim Givens.

Our next staff appreciation lunch is March 11th.

Special THANKS from the offensive coaching staff:
Lauri Kinnan & Teresa Czaja



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Tues., Feb. 2, 2:15-3:15 p.m.: Wrestling Banquet
- Thurs., Feb. 11, 2:10-3:30 p.m.: Spelling Bee
- Fri., Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. – noon: Student Store Lunches
- Mon., Feb. 15 – Fri., Feb. 19: Second Winter Break
- Weds., Feb. 24, 7-8 p.m.: Orchestra Concert
- Mon., Feb. 29, 2:15-3:15 p.m.: Site Counsel
- Fri., March 4, 5:45-8 p.m.: Bingo Night
- Mon., March 7: Classified Employees Week
- Weds., March 9, 9:15-9:55 a.m.: New Student Breakfast

Find something new



Happy New Year from the Beaver Lake Library!

A few newly released books to bring to your attention that I'm excited about:

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall: “Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present. Includes historical note and glossary.” (From the publisher). A good road trip story!

The Skeleton Tree by Iain Lawrence: Two boys are the only survivors of a shipwreck off the Alaska coast. They must figure out a way to survive—if they can figure out how to get along first. Students who liked Gary Paulsen’s book *Hatchet* will find this adventure story hard to put down!

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs: Gibbs’ Kid Spy series is popular in the BLMS library. I predict his new science fiction series will be equally as popular! It takes place on the world’s first moon colony where twelve-year-old Dash is bored out of his mind with the monotony of colonial life. Bored, that is, until one of the lead scientists turns up dead. Dash is convinced it the death is murder and sets out to prove it.

Adapted for Young Readers: *Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* by Laura Hillenbrand, *The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue* by Mike Tougas, and *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown: These three amazing true stories have been adapted from their best-selling books for middle school readers. A more manageable bite for many students wanting to know the story behind the movies, two of which have been released and one more is in production.

Next time your student is unsure about what to read, maybe suggest some of these!

Thank you PTSA for your support of our library!

Amber Peterson

BLMS Librarian





TALENT SHOW

31 performers and **25** acts make for an excellent evening of entertainment. From Orion Shelton's "Smooth Criminal" to Shirui He's "Ballade pour Adeline" and all the brilliant dancers, singers, gymnasts, pianists, cellist, violinists and guitarists - the 2nd annual Talent Show at BLMS was a success. Thank you to all the following performers for earnestly sharing your talents. Yali Alsberg, Andrea Calderon, Nile Camai, Korina Deme, Shananda Dokka, Thevina Dokka, Naveena Gopinath, Shirui He, Alessia Hochman, Tatiana Jurista, Ketki Ketkar, Mallika Ketkar, Svadrut Kukunooru, Qifeng Li, Qijun Li, Estefania Liendo, Saba Mir, Aaron Moua, Helen Patterson, Megha Pingili, Daphne Puryear, Ramya Rajasekha, Lalita Ratana, Orion Shelton, Ellie Unger, Ishan Vig, Ava Wilson, Tyler Wong, Kavya Yerramilli, Jenelle Young, and Caroline Zurcher.

We enjoyed coordinating the Talent Show and look forward to watching the shows for years to come. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated staff and student volunteers of BLMS. Many Thanks to the following: Stacy Cho, Ganga Pingili, Nicole Palmer, Nancy Francis, Mona Du, Teagan Chung, Megha Pingili, Kate Selbig and special thanks to Joe Krueger for directing the following Tech Crew students in their inaugural year: Maverick Bleigh, Michael Oshima, Shweta Narayanan, and Gabe Taylor – we couldn't have done without you!

Finally as Ellie Unger reminded us in her lovely rendition of Phil Philips "Home"

*Hold on to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
'Cause I'm gonna make this place your home..*

Rock on BLMS!



BLMS Talent Show Pictures





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Return your completed form to the BLMS office or email it to review committee at blmsptsa@hotmail.com

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GOLDEN ACORN NOMINATION

I recommend that _____ be awarded the annual Golden Acorn Award given by the BLMS PTSA. During 2015-2016 and before, this person demonstrated an outstanding personal commitment to improving the lives of children and youth in the following ways:

Please be as specific as possible. Evaluations and selections are based on the criteria below.

Additional pages may be submitted.

- A. PTSA Service:

- B. School volunteer (not related to PTSA):

- C. Service to school community (district-wide):

- D. Other community service (not related to PTSA or school):

Nominations are confidential, but please provide your name and phone number or e-mail in case the committee needs additional information.

Thank You!