



Bulldog Bytes

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Welcome Back Bulldog families! And a special welcome to all of our *new* Bulldog families!

Already this is shaping up to be one of Beaver Lake's best years yet. Your Beaver Lake PTSA has been busy over the summer planning for the year ahead. Thank you to all of you who have already joined PTSA as part of this year's membership sign-up campaign. If you haven't signed up, it's **NOT TOO LATE!** Please go to our PTSA website: <http://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home> - and it's right there on the front page! Get connected – Be Involved! We are striving to hit 100% membership as we did last year. We are very close!!! Help us out! We would love to have you part of our PTSA family.

Mark your calendar for our GENERAL MEETING of the Year: **MONDAY, OCT. 24TH at 6:45 p.m.** Look forward to seeing everyone there!

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in Beaver Lake events throughout the year. To volunteer is easy – but you do need to have a background screening. How to do that? Go to the PTSA website: <http://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>, and its' right there!

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year! It will be full of lots of learning as well as lots of fun and feeling good about giving all of our kids the best support in their educations we can, but we can't do it without you – so join us! We look forward to meeting and working with all of you throughout the year ahead!

Sincerely,

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<http://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vision and Hearing Screening Day Monday, Oct. 3rd

This year's Vision and Hearing Screening for 7th grade students will be on Monday, Oct. 3rd, from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the library. MANY volunteers are needed to assist our school nurse, Lynda Nicholson, to complete the screening.

If you would like to help but didn't get the chance to sign up during Back To School Days, please contact Kim Givens at givens@me.com

Thank You!



ATTENTION PARENTS

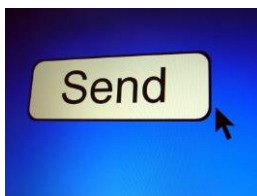
This year, 6th and 8th graders will be asked to complete the Healthy Youth Survey on Oct. 12th. This survey asks questions of students regarding risk factors for injury, health outcomes and drug and alcohol abuse. Schools, communities and state and local health departments use survey results to support our youth and reduce their risks. The Healthy Youth Survey is voluntary and anonymous.

We will be sending home more information regarding the survey on Sept. 21st with your student. Please review the information and contact Lane Helgeson helgesonl@issaquah.wednet.edu with any questions.

STUDENT LIFE

This year, we want to share pictures or short videos of our students doing things they enjoy outside of school - hobbies, community service projects, athletics, recitals, etc. These will be placed in the morning and lunchtime presentations we share with our students daily.

Please send us electronic copies of your photos or short (30 seconds or less) videos of your students engaged in these activities. Send to: helgesonl@issaquah.wednet.edu.



Staff Appreciation Luncheon

CALLING ALL COOKS

Our first staff luncheon is Friday, Sept. 30th. Please sign up on the PTSA website to be on our volunteer list. Look for a sign up through Sign Up Genius 2 weeks prior to luncheon. This is an easy way to volunteer. Just drop off goodies in the morning and pick up the dish at end of school day! Teachers feel very special every time!

If you have any questions please email us!

Cheers!

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PTSA REFLECTIONS

The PTSA Reflections theme for the 2016-2017 school year is: What is your story? Entries are due in the October, but students can now start to work on their art. There are six categories to choose from:



- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Reflections encourages students of all ages to:

- Unleash creative talents and be inspired
- Express themselves imaginatively in their artwork
- Experience the fun and joy of making art
- Tap into critical-thinking skills to create art inspired by the annual theme
- Receive positive recognition for their original works of art

COMING SOON



- Thurs., 9/1: First Day of School
- Fri., 9/2: Photo Make-Up Day
- Mon., 9/5: Labor Day, No School
- Tues., 9/13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.: Curriculum Night
- Fri., 9/16, 7:40 – 8:40 a.m.: Magazine Drive Kick-Off Assembly
- Thurs., 9/22: Magazine Drive Turn In Day
- Fri., 9/23, 8 – 9 a.m.: Walk About Training
- Tues., 9/27, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.: Site Council Meeting
- Thurs., 9/29: Magazine Drive Turn In Day
- Fri., 9/30, 7 – 10 p.m.: District Wide Middle School Bash



Hello Beaver Lake Families:

Welcome to Beaver Lake Middle School Community! We are all looking forward to a great school year.

Partnership between students, teachers and parents are vital for student's success and growth. This is the primary goal of Beaver Lake PTSA. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to PTSA, and urge you to join us to make a big difference in our community.

Here is some information about our PTSA. For details, please visit our website at <http://beaverlakeptsa.org>.

What PTSA Does

- Provides both financial and volunteer support to staff and school activities.
- Enriches the academic and social environment of students and staff, such as student scholarships and recognition, staff appreciation and grants for classroom projects, art programs, student safety, school and community events including Battle at Beaver Lake, Bingo Night, Book Fair, Talent Show and more.

Why Join PTSA

- Become a voting member to provide input on the programs and activities PTSA supports.
- Receive monthly communications on current and upcoming events.
- Get access to online student directory
- Help BLMS earn recognition from the WA State PTSA for member participation and community support.
- Be a part of the National PTSA which speaks on behalf of our children.
- Receive discounts to national and local venues like Great Wolf Lodge (20% off), Key Arena, Xfinity Arena and the Washington State Fair, to name a few.

How to Join PTSA

- Fill out the application online at <http://beaverlakeptsa.org> and click join now.
- Fill out a membership form, and submit it with a check made out to BLMS PTSA. Bring to the school office or mail to:
BLMS PTSA
25025 SE 32nd St.
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Why Pass the Hat

It is PTSA's major fundraiser through donations from your kindness to make all our programs and activities happen. All the money raised through this fundraiser stays at our school. To donate, see the Pass the Hat section on the membership form.

We look forward to having you as a PTSA member.

Thank You!
BLMS PTSA



MAGAZINE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Love numbers? Love organization? Love the idea of helping and rewarding the kids who have worked so hard to make the magazine drive a success? Then this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

BLMS needs **YOU** for the **Magazine Drive**, the one and only ASB fundraiser of the year! We have duties and timeframes to suit anyone and everyone!

Dates are as follows:

- [Thursday, September 22](#) & 29 - Turn In Day
- [Friday, September 23](#) & 30 - Prize Sorting/Organizing
- [Monday, September 26](#) & [October 3](#) - Prize Hand Out at Lunch

Please visit [Volunteer Opportunities!!!](#) or email Stacie Lacina at stacielacina@hotmail.com to add your name to the volunteer list. A detailed Sign Up Genius will be sent in September with specific duty and shift sign ups.

We need as many people as possible to help this event be a monumental success!

REMINDER Be sure you have completed the online volunteer background check form. It's required to be completed before you can volunteer at any BLMS function. Here is the link <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmpplus.net/>

Thank you!



The PTSA had the honor of hosting the "Back 2 School" staff luncheon on Wednesday. Thank you to our awesome community that supplied the yummy food and a BIG THANK YOU to Pat Castillo and Bridget Salmick for taking time out of their last few days of summer to make this a huge success!!!!



HOW TO APPLY FOR A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

ARE YOU A MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?



Apply for a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May!

- Go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit to access the online application.
- Complete the application and the student/parent agreement. Deadline: November 8, 2016.
- Go to the "Certification" page to email or print out instructions for your certifier. You must deliver these instructions to your certifier by November 8, 2016. Your certifier can be your school principal or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or HandsOn Network affiliate.
- Your certifier has until November 18, 2016 to review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) from the applicants in your school or organization, and nominate them for state-level judging.

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school applicant will be named State Honorees and will receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., May 6-9, 2017. Runners-up will also be selected in each state and named Distinguished Finalists, receiving a bronze medallion. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. All state-level honorees will be announced in February.

During the trip, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive \$5,000 awards, engraved gold medallions, crystal trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

All Local Honorees who have committed a minimum number of hours to their volunteer activities will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

For application and certification questions, or to request a paper application form, call 877-525-8491.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Since 1995, the program has honored more than 115,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Learn more at <http://spirit.prudential.com> and www.nassp.org/spirit.





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To: Families with an interest in Advanced French classes

The French Bilingual Association (FBA) has been partnering with the Bellevue School District for 14 years to offer bilingual education suited for middle school children with native or near-native abilities in French. Our students come from our local French Immersion Schools or from a French-speaking country having participated in a native French program.

We are currently looking to offer similar classes for the 2016/17 school year at Pine Lake Middle School.

Our classes are to be held before school to allow students the opportunity to continue to participate in extra-curricular programs after school.

Please note that the FBA classes are a paid-for-service.

If you are a French-speaking family, or a family with a student having taken French Immersion classes, with an interest in a Middle School-level advanced French program, please contact us and let us know what your interest is: fbainfo@frenchbilingual.org.

Thank you,
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