



Bulldog Bytes

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Hi BLMS Families!!

I can't believe we are half way through the school year!

I would like to take this opportunity and thank our Communications Chair, Andrea Piotraszewski, for all her dedication she has shown to the BLMS PTSA for many years. Without volunteers like Andrea, we would not have the success we have. Andrea ensures we're sending you newsworthy information, and we trust it is helpful for our community.

As some of you may be aware, we had to cancel our talent show that was scheduled for the end of January. Unfortunately, after several solicitations requesting volunteers we didn't have enough people to run the show. We are truly honored for the opportunity to provide these shows for our kiddos, but without parent involvement, these programs cannot take place. We do have our BINGO night coming up in the beginning of March, and we will need volunteers for that event. Stay tuned for more details in your emails.....

It is that time of year where we need to build our 2017-18 Executive Board. At our upcoming GM meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6th, at 8:45am we will be voting for our Nominating Committee who will develop the candidate slate.

The members of the nominating committee have a tremendous influence on the local PTSA, and should be carefully selected. Members are viewed as wise, tactful, circumspect, persuasive and as having a broad acquaintance with the membership. Members of the nominating committee should be elected on merit and ability - never on popularity.

Many thanks to Nga Selbig for stepping up to chair the committee. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please feel free to contact Nga at selbigs@comcast.net.

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) or Nga at selbigs@comcast.net. 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 per the Nominating Committee recommendations.

Finally, as I mentioned earlier, one of our most popular events of the year is coming soon! Bulldog Bingo Night at BLMS will be on Friday, March 3rd! Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual fun and fantastic evening for families! We hope to see you there!

Kindest Regards,
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BLMS PTSA President



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Winter Break



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

THANK
YOU!

The Tailgate Staff Luncheon was a TOUCHDOWN!

Rave reviews came back from the staff!! We could not have done it without you! Thanks so much to Julie Mayo, Neena Rana, Ann Bouchy, Jennifer McCommon, Lauri Kinnan, Brooke Daggett, Amy Sparks, Sangeeta Peri, Wendy Galzer, Gloria Marinescu, Robin Klym, Lorie Piper, Alice Guilbert, Paula Koransky, Juli Kubicki, Danielle Vermeulen, Angela Fischer, Corene Caley, Lina Frankovich, Bridget Salmick, Manisha Prasad, Shannon Lee, Jessica Mills, Christina Schubert, Cecilia Villalobos, Diana Browne, Kim Moore, Andrea Piotraszewski, and Kim Givens!! A double thanks to those who brought more than one item! The staff loved each and every item!!

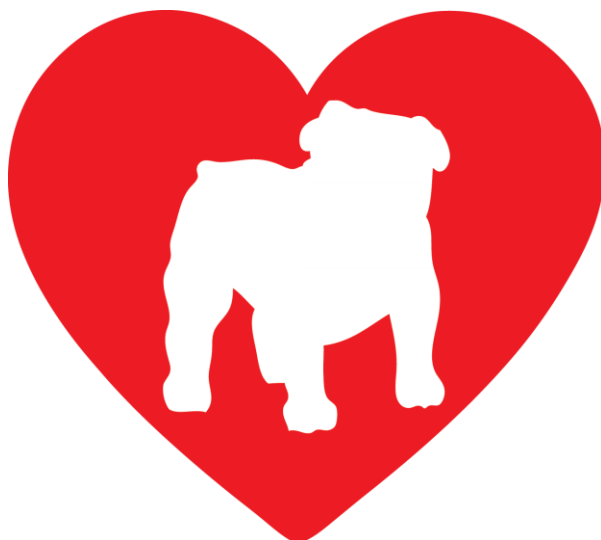
Next up will be in March with an "Asian Theme."

We love our
VOLUNTEERS!



- **Tues., Feb. 8-Fri. Feb. 17:** SOUPer Bowl Food Drive II
- **Mon., Feb. 6, 8:45-9:30 a.m.:** Pastries with the Principal, PTSA Meeting
- **Tues., Feb. 7:** Plateau Choir Festival
- **Thurs., Feb. 9, 2:05-4 p.m.:** Spelling Bee
- **Tues., Feb. 14:** Spirit Day – Red/White/Pink
- **Weds., Feb. 15, 7-8 p.m.:** Winter Orchestra Concert
- **Sat., Feb. 18:** Jr. All-State Band/Orchestra/Choir
- **Mon., Feb. 20:** Presidents Day
- **Mon., Feb. 20-Fri., Feb. 24:** 2nd Winter Break, No School
- **Mon., Feb. 27-Fri., March 3:** Kindness Week

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥





Happy Valentine's Day from the Beaver Lake Library!

Three newly released non-fiction books that I'm excited about this month:

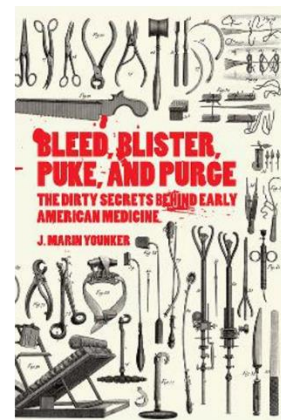
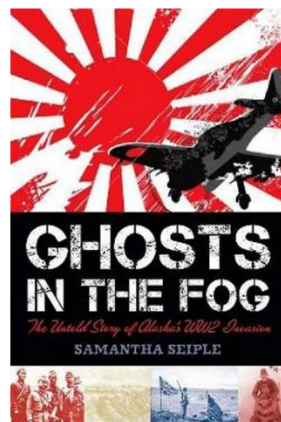
- ***A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80-foot Seas* by Mike Tougias:** Following on the success of last year's book *The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue*, Tougias' new book tells the amazing story of the 2007 rescue of the crew of 47 foot sailboat trapped in a lifeboat in the middle of a disastrous storm in the Gulf. This true story reads like a thriller!
- ***Ghosts in the Fog: The Untold Story of Alaska's WWII Invasion* by Samantha Seiple:** Seiple's book tells the little known story of the invasion of the Aleutian Islands. Told from the point of view of several individuals involved in the struggle, this is a gripping story. Just learning about the unusual battle conditions about which the book is titled—the ghosts in the Fog—was compelling!
- ***Bleed, Blister, Puke and Purge: The Dirty Secrets Behind Early American Medicine* by J. Marin Younker:** The title alone will appeal to many middle schoolers! This book explores the history of early medical practices—successful and not so much. Told with a bit of humor, this entertaining book is great for students who like a bit of blood and guts in their reading diet!

To see more about new books and other things happening in the Beaver Lake Library, please visit the library website at www.tinyurl.com/BLMSlibrary!

Thank you PTSA for your support of our library!

Amber Peterson

BLMS Librarian





February ParentWiser Events (*parent ed*): Issaquah Schools Foundation is a **proud sponsor** of the volunteer-led parenting education program lead by the Issaquah PTSA Council for families at all stages. **For All Ages: Tuesday, February 28 @ IHS**, hear from John O'Sullivan, author of *Changing the Game*, at Issaquah High School. **“Creating a High Performing Mindset in Our Kids”** Suggested donation \$10; free for district PTSA members. Registration highly encouraged at parentwiser.org.

The **Healthy Youth Initiative** invites students, parents, teachers and community members to attend the 2017 State of Mind Conferences. Conference features keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on the mental health and substance abuse challenges facing community youth. This is a **FREE** conference and [registration](#) is requested. [Conference Agenda](#), dates and locations:

- Saturday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m @ Mary Queen of Peace Church in Sammamish
- Saturday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ Liberty High School
- Saturday, April 29, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m @ Issaquah High School

Influence The Choice Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth: 5th Annual Video Contest for Middle / High School students [Cool FLYER 1](#) [Cool Flyer 2](#). Videos are produced by youth for youth, with the goal of preventing and reducing drug abuse in the Issaquah School District. Winning videos will be shown in district schools and throughout the community. Requirements are:

- Length: 2 minutes or less
- Deadline: March 10
- Prize: Multiple cash prizes up to \$1,000
- visit “Influence the Choice.org” for rules and registration

Dining for Kids

- February 1st - **OHana** in the Issaquah Highlands (11am-9pm). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Foundation to support our students.
- **Hop Jacks** ~ Every day is hopping good news! Anytime you treat the family to a meal at Hop Jack's in Klahanie, Hop Jack's will **donate \$0.50 to the Foundation for every kids meal purchased**. In just one month, Hop Jack's Kids Feeding Kids program has donated \$623 to support our students. Thank you Hop Jack's!

Grants / Volunteer Opportunities

- Feb 24: Classroom Enrichment Grant Winners Announced
- Mar 7: Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Presentations **Fun Volunteer Activity!
- Mar 24: Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Winners Announced **Fun Volunteer Activity!

Annual Nourish Every Mind Events

Please join us in celebrating the Issaquah Schools Foundation's 30th year anniversary! These events are a great way to learn more about the Issaquah Schools Foundation, socialize, and hear firsthand from students and staff who have directly benefited from Foundation donor investments. You'll also discover why private support is the quickest path to improvement of our public schools. The suggested minimum donation at the Luncheon or Breakfast is \$150 (only \$12.50/month!) and all goes to support programs and initiatives that touch the lives of all Issaquah School District students. If you are interested in joining us at one or both of these events, please contact me at mpgauvin@comcast.net.

Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon

*Thursday, May 11, 2017, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
11:00 am – Networking time, wine wall, displays and more
Noon – 1:00 pm - Lunch & Program*

Nourish Every Mind Benefit Breakfast

*Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Eastridge Church, Issaquah
7:00 – 7:30 am – Networking time, displays and Breakfast Buffet
7:30 – 8:30 am - Program*



Mark your Calendar!

BLMS Bingo Night!

Friday, March 3 5:45-8:00

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 13

Don't miss out--tickets sell fast!

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!



6 BINGO GAMES

PRIZE TABLE

RAFFLE

PIZZA & DRINKS

CONCESSIONS

FUN FOR ALL
AGES



Reflection 2016-17



What's your story?

This school year we had a strong participation for the reflection program at BLMS. Our school saw over **18** participants turn in their best work in one of the field of Literature, Photography, Music, Visual Arts and dance choreography.

We would like to congratulate Manan Vora, Shananda Dokka, Zoya Mir, Evan Yee, Erin Chao, Seohyun You for their active participation and the following performers advanced to the district level finals- Shwetha Anand, Lalita Ratana, Katy Manning, Lauren Heinen, Anika Ajwani, Atri Banerjee, Himaja Kotti, Ananya Ajila, Tara V Thirumurthy, Sanya Cheeti, Ayeda Masood, and Ishita Pathania. We are also all very proud of **Lalita Ratana** for progressing all the way to the state level, in the category of dance choreography.

This would have not been possible without the support of our Principal, staff members and our own PTSA.

Go Bulldogs!





Tues, Feb 28th 6:30PM

Creating a High-Performing Mindset in Our Kids

Join us for a fascinating talk with national keynote John O'Sullivan, author of *Changing the Game*. Youth sports has become an ultra-competitive, adult centered enterprise that has taken the "play" out of "Play ball" for far too many kids, but we can change that. In this talk, you will learn:

- 3 ways to improve your kids' sports experience
- To motivate your kids to take ownership
- To help, not hinder, your kids' performance and enjoyment

John O'Sullivan

Author and Keynote

—
**Issaquah High School
Theater**

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Register at

<http://ParentWiser.org>

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**Free for PTSA members of
Issaquah School District,
non-members \$10 donation
at door**

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For parents of K-12

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Tues, April 25th 7:00PM

The Gift of Failure – Fostering Intrinsic Motivation & Resilience in Kids

What's the best way to motivate students to own their education, learn deeply and durably, and develop resilience? Jessica Lahey, national keynote speaker and author of *Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*, summarizes the current research on autonomy-supportive parenting and teaching, competence, rewards, praise, and failure. Finally, she explains how parents and educators can give students the support and encouragement they need in order to stay motivated over the long term.

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Jessica Lahey, author

Book Signing and National Keynote

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**Participate in our
Community Book Read!**

**Books available at
Barnes & Noble Issaquah
as of Feb 13th!**