



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families:

Please join us as we congratulate our newly elected PTSA board for the 2017-18 School Year!

- Co-Presidents- Mary Jo Webb & Chrisann Penz
- Treasurer – Krystl McCandlish
- Secretary – Stefanie Magnuson
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A big shout out goes to our fabulous Nominating Committee, including Nga Selbig, Ganga Pingili and Stephanie Scott, for finding such amazing people to lead us in the coming year.

The current board will continue working on supporting BLMS for these last few months. We've got some big events to finish up the school year, such as Spring Fling and the 8th grade party. All the while, the outgoing board and incoming board will work together on a smooth transition, and getting set for a great 2017-18 school year.

We also want to congratulate our fabulous Golden Acorn winners!

- Nikki Overman
- Kim Givens
- Lane Helgeson – Outstanding Educator
- Stella Jones – Outstanding Educator

Thank you for all you do!!!!

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Amy Teeters

BLMS PTSA President

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Asian Staff Luncheon was a HUGE Success!!

The staff raved about the great variety and amazing cooks! Applause for Sangeeta Peri, Amy Sparks, Lisa Guo, Molly Baker, Annie Zhang, Juli Kubicki, Gloria Marinescu, Brooke Daggett, Wendy Glazer, Chun-Pei Liu, Paula Koransky, Jennifer McCommon, Lisa Frankovich, Manisha Prasad, Neha Mathur, Bin Yan, Letchmi Dokka, Ramya Krishna, Lorie Piper, Diana Brown, Shannon Lee, and Kim Givens. The food was truly delightful!

Our next event is Staff Appreciation Week. We will be hosting a salad bar on May 1, breakfast on May 3. We will need your help, so please mark your calendars now! You are the best!!

Thanks, Neena and Lauri



Thanks to our End of Trimester Buddy BARKS Celebration Helpers!

They were busy handing out popsicles to reward the students for reaching their goal of 1000 BARKS tickets by the end of the 2nd trimester. Hundreds of students passed our tables as we handed them popsicles.

Let's give a round of applause to: Corene Caley, Kelly Grace, Debbie Hung, Tiffany Liu, Rory Mullen, Christina Schubert and Missy Young.



Best Showing Ever for Bilinear Bulldogs at the Washington State Math Championships

- Our 8th grade team 1 took 6th place overall (Sabrina Al-Ghosien, Roger Wang, Lawrence Su, Dimitri Kalinichenko)
- Our 6th grade team 1 took 4th place overall (Albert Weng, Zhiyang Li, Manan Vora, Kevin Yin)
- Roger Wang took 9th place overall for 8th graders
- Alan Sun took 8th place overall for 7th graders
- Albert Weng took 8th place overall for 6th graders





Way to Go Bulldogs!!!

Congratulations to Luke Hastings who will be representing Beaver Lake at the Washington State National Geographic Geography Bee this Friday, March 31st, at Pacific Lutheran University.

Seventh grader, Vithul Ravivarma, won the BLMS school spelling bee in 2016 and this year as well. He recently won the regional bee in Seattle and is going to Washington DC to represent us in the national spelling bee! We are so excited! He is our first national rep! This year was our 9th bee here at BLMS.

March has been a busy month! We had our 5th grade parent night as well as our 5th grade orientation. Our incoming 5th grade students were able to hear a magnificent performance from our orchestra, choir and band, as well as listen to a presentation from our counselors and ASB student leaders. It was so much fun welcoming our newest bulldogs to Beaver Lake! Our current 6th and 7th graders registered for their classes for next year, and our 8th grade students were able to listen to presentations from our Skyline counselors. It's hard to believe that we are in our final trimester of the school year and already planning for next year!

Our 6th grade Life Science Students were able to participate in a Woodland Park Zoo program, "Coexisting with Carnivores". Thank you so much to the Issaquah School's Foundation for this grant so that we are able to participate as a school and attend a field trip to the zoo. Thank you so much to all of our parent volunteers who helped chaperone this trip.

We are experiencing a few changes to our front office team at Beaver Lake Middle School. Nancy Francis is now the Administrative Assistant to Josh Almy who is our Director of Middle Schools. Debi Rapoza is moving from our Bookkeeper to our Attendance/Sports Secretary. Beth Beck is moving from our Head Cashier/Baker to our Bookkeeper position! We are so excited and wanted to thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we transition everyone into their new roles. We are anticipating the moves to occur when we get back from Spring Break.

Sincerely,
Stacey Cho
BLMS Principal



Hello from the Beaver Lake Library!

Signs of spring at BLMS: the cherry blossoms in bloom outside our building, track season is about to start and many classes are starting research projects in the library! The three steps to research that I teach your students are:

1. **Pre-Research:**

- a. Orient yourself to the topic using a general information source (Wikipedia is great for this) to get a general overview about your topic. This should only take 5 minutes or so to get a sense for what the topic is about. For example, an eighth grader assigned to research the *Texas v. Johnson* Supreme Court decision would quickly learn that this case is a 1st Amendment case that had to do with the constitutionality of flag burning. Knowing this general information will then help direct research in step 2.
- b. Look at your assignment and determine exactly WHAT information you need to know about your topic. This will help you to organize your notes and direct your research efforts.

2. **Dig In:** We have access to some AMAZING subscription-based databases available to our students. While students are using the internet to access the databases, they are not doing a Google search for information. Databases are the modern version of encyclopedias—curated, on-line information collections—that include reference articles, news and magazine articles, biographical information, videos and links to other resources. Parents, if you would like to see a database ask your student to show you. Students know how to access the databases from the library website and the usernames and passwords needed to do so from home.

3. **Cite Your Sources:** Most database articles have the citations done for students, but we have information on how to format a works cited list (bibliography) available on the library website under the “Writing Standards” tab.

I love having the opportunity to help your students with their research! Knowing how to access, assess and use information is a skill that will help them in school and beyond.

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BLMS Teacher-Librarian

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- **Tues., April 4, 7-8 p.m.:** Disney Parent Meeting
- **Fri., April 7:** Spirit Day - Neon Day
- **Fri., April 7, 7:40-8:40 a.m.:** Assembly - Recognition
- **Mon., April 10 - Fri., April 14:** Spring Break
- **Tues., April 18:** Eastshore Choir Festival
- **Weds., April 19:** NJHS Hours Due
- **Thurs., April 20:** Eastshore Band Festival
- **Thurs., April 20:** Eastshore Orchestra Festival

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Breakfast
May 17, 2017
Eastridge Church
Issaquah

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- **Luncheon** - Thursday, May 11, 2017, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ~ Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- **Breakfast** - Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:30 am - 8:30 am ~ Eastridge Church, Issaquah

ParentWiser, a volunteer-led parenting education program of the Issaquah PTSA Council, invites you to attend **The Gift of Failure: Fostering Intrinsic Motivation and Resilience in Kids** on Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. at Issaquah High School. Jessica Lahey, author of *The Gift of Failure*, summarizes current research explaining how parents and educators can encourage students to stay motivated over the long term. Register online at parentwiser.org. Walk-ins welcome.

The “4th Annual State of Mind Conference” **Youth Mental Health** is sponsored by the Issaquah Schools Foundation, Swedish, City of Issaquah, Issaquah PTSA Council. State of Mind Conferences feature keynote speakers and breakout sessions **focused on mental health and substance abuse challenges facing our youth**. To register, visit the [Health Youth Initiative.org](http://HealthYouthInitiative.org) website. The last conference will be held on Saturday, April 29, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m @ Issaquah High School.



Dining for Kids All Day Wednesday April 5th!

Uncle Si's Pizza & Katie's on the Lake! A local favorite, Uncle Si's Pizza will serve its famed pizzas, calzones, grinders and salads. Or, head next door to the newest restaurant in town, Katie's on the Lake! Katie's, an upscale dining experience on the shores of Lake Sammamish in Sammamish, WA will offer discerning diners a fresh take on locally sourced flavors. At either restaurant, a portion of your meal purchase will benefit the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Dining for Kids takes place at restaurants throughout the community on the first Wednesday of every month

[Uncle Si's Pizza: \(425\) 392 - 8286](tel:(425)392-8286)

[Katie's on the Lake: \(425\) 392 - 8286](tel:(425)392-8286). Reservations online at: <https://www.opentable.com/r/katies-on-the-lake-sammamish>

For more information about the work of the Foundation or how to get involved, please contact the BLMS Foundation Ambassador May Gauvin at mpgauvin@comcast.net.



ParentWiser
Parent Education in Issaquah Schools



Jessica Lahey, author

Book Signing and National Keynote

10^{AM} First Stage, Front Street

or

7^{PM} Issaquah High School

Register at

<http://ParentWiser.org>

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For parents of K-12

*Participate in our
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Issaquah as of Feb 13th!**

Tue, April 25th 10AM or 7PM

**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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