



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families!

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we trust you enjoyed Winter Break!

As we kick off a new calendar year, we are already thinking about next year and putting together a new board for 2017-2018. The first step is to form a nominating committee. This is a great opportunity for you to make a short-term volunteer commitment in a job that makes a big difference. We need 3-5 members by January 27th who would like to meet (maybe over coffee?) a couple of times to recruit a slate of new board members. We have a deadline to form the nominating committee, because they must be approved at the General Meeting before they begin work. The committee will have a couple of months to get their work done. If you are interested in joining, or if you know someone who would make a great candidate, please contact Bridget Salmick – bsalmick@comcast.net or Pat Castillo – bjager1205@gmail.com.

Please join us for our General Meeting on Monday, February 6th at 8:45 am in the school library. We will be voting in our Nominating Committee, and Heidi Fuhs from ParentWiser will be joining us to briefly announce the kickoff of ParentWiser's main keynote speaker coming in April, Jessica Lahey, author of "The Gift of Failure – How the best parents learn to let go so their children can succeed".

Finally, thank you for the support you gave BLMS PTSA in 2016. We've already done so much in the first four months of school. We have also been able to grant so many teacher/staff requests with our Bucks for Bulldogs program. All these wonderful grants were possible through our Pass The Hat donations. Remember, it's never too late to donate, and all are put back to good use here at BLMS and essentially benefit your kids.

Here's to the New Year and all that we can accomplish as a community. Thank you for your dedication to your student, our BLMS community and those that we can positively impact when we work together.

Kindest Regards,
Amy Teeters
BLMS PTSA President

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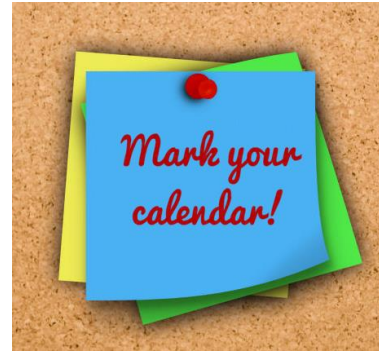
Staff Appreciation

SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The next staff luncheon is Fri. Jan 27th. The theme this month will be a "Tailgate" lunch.

Please look for the sign up to bring items if you volunteer for staff luncheons. If you are not currently on the email list and would like to join, please email Lauri Kinnan at laurikinnan@yahoo.com to join the list.

Thank you!



- **Tues., Jan. 10:** Reflections Reception
- **Tues., Jan. 10, 2:05-4:30 p.m.:** Shrek Musical Auditions
- **Weds., Jan. 11, 3:20-4:50 p.m.:** Shrek Musical Auditions
- **Mon., Jan. 16:** Martin Luther King Day, No School
- **Tues., Jan. 24, 2:15-3 p.m.:** Wrestling Awards
- **Tues., Jan. 24, 2:15-3:15 p.m.:** Site Council Meeting
- **Tues, Jan. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.:** Student Talent Show
- **Weds., Jan. 25:** Mid-Tri
- **Weds., Jan. 25, 2:30-2:35 p.m.:** 8th Grade Pano Picture
- **Thurs., Jan. 26:** Plateau Music Festival
- **Thurs., Jan. 26:** JA Field Trip - 8th Graders



Library News

Hello from the Beaver Lake Library! Thank you so much for your generous Bulldog Grant to the library for books to read with our LRC II classrooms! Many of these books are for our "Cook the Books" project in which I introduce and read a book to the class on a Monday and then re-read it on Friday. This is followed by a cooking activity related to the book lead by our fabulous speech pathologist, Karen Fischer and our amazing occupational therapist, Joy Sakai! It is such a privilege to work with LRC teacher Mandy Brown's team in the LRC II classroom. We are having fun with this project AND the books you provided for us to use! Thank you again!

Amber Peterson
Beaver Lake Middle School Librarian

JANUARY 2017 UPDATES

Executive Director Search

With an excellent Interim Executive Director currently in place, and the Issaquah Schools Foundation continuing to move forward, the Foundation is seeking top candidates for the Executive Director role at the Foundation.

The Foundation has experienced strong growth and is recognized as an important leader and partner within the Issaquah community. As the only nonprofit organization in our community that works solely to ensure educational excellence for all students in our district, the Executive Director serves as the chief executive officer, carefully balancing internal management with external impact.

The Executive Director is also responsible for promoting a collaborative effort between the Foundation and its stakeholders, including the Issaquah School District, Issaquah School Board, PTSA Council, Chamber of Commerce and Issaquah Education Association. Striving to be innovative, collaborative and resourceful, the Foundation seeks candidates committed to advancing a visionary approach to ensure students have the support they need to succeed.

All submissions will be acknowledged and will be held in strict confidence. If you or someone you know would be a candidate for this leadership role in our community, please share this email or visit www.hagelsearch.com/foundation for more information and application details. The deadline for applications is **5:00 p.m. PST on January 20th, 2017.**

Grant Application Deadline - January 8th

Grants are how our Foundation started in 1987. District teachers, administrators and parents are eligible to apply for a grant for their school. Applications are available on the Foundation website, under Grants. **There are two types of Grants:** 1) Classroom Enrichment Grants - (up to \$1,000) & 2) Kateri Brow Grants - up to \$10,000 (Big Ideas, Innovation, Big Needs)

Grant Timeline

Jan 8	Grant Submission Deadline, 8 pm (applications can be found online)
Feb 24	Classroom Enrichment Grant Winners Announced
Mar 7	Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Presentations
Mar 24	Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Winners Announced
May 10	Grant Recipients Presented to School Board

January ParentWiser Events

Issaquah Schools Foundation is a **proud sponsor** of the volunteer-led parenting education program led by the Issaquah PTSA Council for families at all stages. Register is encouraged for all events at parentwiser.org, but walk-ins are welcome.

- **Elementary Parents: Thursday, January 12**, health educator Amy Lang will present **Birds & Bees Talks for the 21st Century: Raising Kids in the Age of Technology** at Cascade Ridge Elementary. Parents will learn how and when to talk about the birds and the bees as well as simple tips for handling the yucky stuff tech can bring into kids' lives. Event begins at 7 p.m.

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- **Middle and High School Parents: Tuesday, January 17**, teen kindness advocate Houston Kraft will speak on **anti-bullying and acts of kindness**. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at Issaquah Middle School. In addition, Kraft will bring his comedic brand of motivational speaking to assemblies at all five middle schools.
- **For All Ages:** On **Tuesday, February 28**, hear from John O’Sullivan, author of *Changing the Game*, at Issaquah High School. O’Sullivan will present **Creating a High Performing Mindset in Our Kids**, on creating a positive experience for youth athletes. Suggested donation \$10; free for district PTSA members.

DINING FOR KIDS

- January 4th ~ **Zeeks Pizza** in the Issaquah Highlands (Lunch and Dinner)
- **Hop Jacks** ~ *Every day is hopping good news! Anytime you treat the family to a meal at Hop Jack’s in Klahanie, Hop Jacks will **donate \$0.50 for every meal purchased for kids to the Foundation**. In just one month, Hop Jack’s Kids Feeding Kids program has donated \$623 to support our students. Thank you, Hop Jacks!*

SAVE THE DATE:

January 4	Dining For Kids: Zeeks Pizza – Highlands
January 8	Grant Submission Deadline, 8pm
January 12	ParentWiser “Birds & Bees Talks for the 21st Century: Raising Kids in the Age of Technology” at Cascade Elementary
January 17	ParentWiser “Anti-bullying and acts of kindness” at Issaquah Middle
February 28	ParentWiser “Changing the Game” at Issaquah High
May 11	Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
May 17	Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast at Eastridge Church, Issaquah

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.



CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!

*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: **Tuesday, January 24th, 6:30-8:30PM***

Students - It's time to show us your talent! You can perform a skit or comedy routine, recite poetry, dance, sing, mime, play an instrument, perform gymnastics, karate, magic, puppetry or share any talents you have. For those who wish to show their talents BEHIND the scenes, we need your help with MC, writing scripts and jokes for our announcer, ushering and handing out programs, or decorations for the stage.

Register by January 7th

[Click here to register](#)

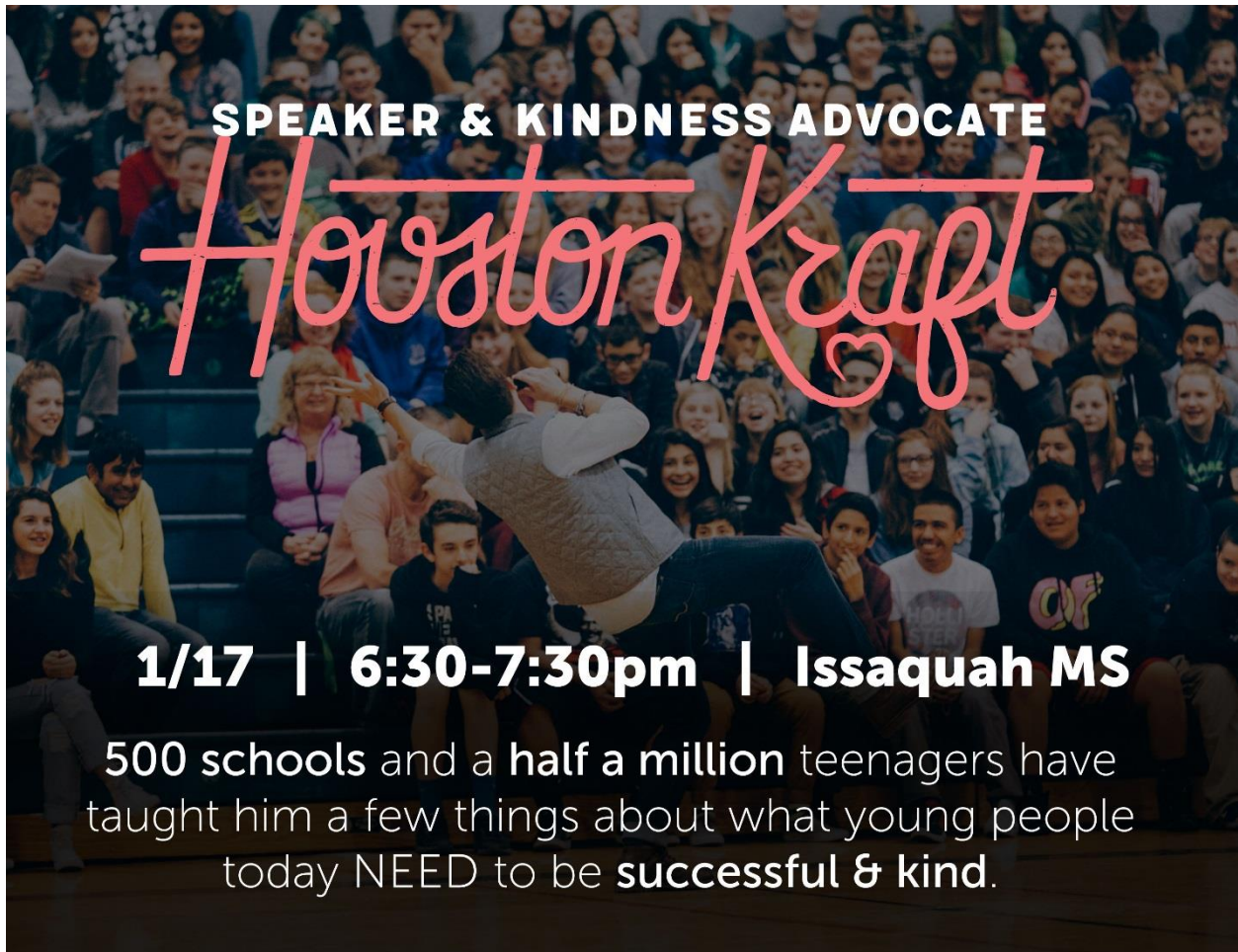


Kindness Opportunity; You're Invited!

Do you want your teen to be kind? Helpful? Generous? Empathetic? We are fortunate to be welcoming guest speaker and kindness advocate Houston Kraft to the Issaquah School District community! Houston has worked with nearly 500 schools or events across the country and nearly a half a million young people, talking about how to make their school and their lives more selfless and compassionate.

He'll be speaking at Beaver Lake in an assembly to all students & staff on Thursday, January 19th. In addition, Houston would like to invite YOU to come hear his message in a district-wide community event on the evening of the 17th. Details are in the graphic below. We encourage you to mark your calendar, and come hear Houston Kraft's inspirational and motivational message that is extremely necessary for all to hear and live out!

This evening event is primarily targeted at adults in our community. Hope to see you there!



SPEAKER & KINDNESS ADVOCATE

Houston Kraft

1/17 | 6:30-7:30pm | Issaquah MS

500 schools and a half a million teenagers have taught him a few things about what young people today NEED to be **successful & kind.**



Code Club: Beyond the Basics

SCRATCH and Intro to Javascript

Winter Session @ Beaver Lake MS

In TechVenture Kids' **Code Club: Beyond the Basics**, students explore how to design and program their own computer games like Pong, Flappy Bird and Platformers using **MIT's SCRATCH**.

For students interested in moving beyond block programming, they can choose to create games with Javascript using WoofJS.

In this after-school code club, students are empowered to explore the exciting world of computer programming to create something fun and amazing.

All students welcome: beginner, intermediate and advanced coders!

Student min: 10, max: 20. We provide the laptops.

When: Mondays, 2:10 – 3:30pm

Feb 6 – Apr 3 (8 weeks)

(no class Feb 20)

Where: Portable A

Fee: \$235/student



STEM Enrichment

1. Computer Programming
2. Math concepts
3. Problem Solving
4. Storyboarding
5. Collaboration
6. Creativity
7. Presentation

Only 20 seats available!

Register at mytechkid.org by Feb 1