



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families

Thank you to all who have joined the PTSA. We are currently at 93% membership! As amazing as that is, we would really love to hit that 100% goal. If you have not joined, please consider doing so. Simply click here: <https://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Join/ProductsPacketPage/1>. Thank you for your support.

November brings Fall colors, cooler days and the Book Fair! Book fair will be at BLMS Nov 6-9. See more details in this newsletter.

November also brings your PTSA dollars into the classrooms. We have completed our Bucks for Bulldogs. Each staff member was given the opportunity to apply for a grant from PTSA. We received some great requests! Everything from books to iPads! Grants have been approved, and we will be purchasing these items for the teachers and staff to use right away. Thank you for making that possible.

We are thankful and grateful for our teachers and staff at BLMS. Enjoy the month ahead!

Kindest regards,
Mary Jo Webb and Chrisann Penz
PTSA Co-Presidents

"Like" us on Facebook at Beaver Lake Middle School PTSA and find us at our website...
<http://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>



- **Wed. 11/1, 7-8pm:** Orchestra Concert
- **Mon. 11/6-Thur. 11/9:** Book Fair
- **Thur. 11/9, 7:20-8:26am:** Veterans' Day Assembly
- **Fri. 11/10:** Veterans' Day, No School
- **Wed. 11/15, 6-7pm:** Fall Band Concert
- **Thur. 11/16-Fri. 11/17:** Vision & Hearing Testing
- **Mon. 11/20, 9-10am:** Site Council
- **Thur. 11/23-Fri. 11/24:** Thanksgiving Holiday



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Greetings from the Beaver Lake Library!

For those of you new to BLMS, my name is Amber Peterson and I have been the teacher-librarian here for the last 7 years. I grew up in Seattle, am a UW graduate and have lived on the Eastside for the last 20 years. My job as a teacher-librarian is amazing! I get to talk about books and recommend that “just right” book for our students. I also get to teach classes about using online information resources and sponsor events like the Hour of Code in December. It is a privilege to work with your students—we have real readers here at BLMS!

The PTSA Scholastic Book Fair will be November 6-9 this year. Please put this on your calendars! The Book Fair is a great opportunity for your student to purchase some quality books. You are welcome to come at lunch or during the before and after school hours that the book fair is open to shop with your students.

All proceeds from the fair go to promote literacy at BLMS. Last year, we used Scholastic Dollars to purchase 4-7 books for each LA teacher plus one book about the US Presidents for each of the 8th grade SS teachers. I also got new books for our LRC II students and added nine books to the library general collection.

Please contact me if you have any questions about library programming! You can also follow the BLMS library on Instagram (BLMS_Librarian) or Twitter (@BLMSLibrarian) for the Bookstagram of the Week.

Amber Peterson
BLMS Teacher-Librarian
peterona@issaquah.wednet.edu



Do you want to help but need flexible hours? OR

Do you like to give your opinion? OR

Do you want to plan a new fun, family event?

We have a position for you:

Matching Funds Coordinator

The Matching Funds Coordinator tracks match payments for donations made to the PTSA. This position is the main contact for the Employers who send match payments and ensures Beaver Lake PTSA is properly registered with the vendors who manage the matching programs.

You can do this job on your schedule from the comfort of your home and has a huge impact for BLMS PTSA.

Legislative Representatives

Represent BLMS PSTA at the Legislative Assembly. This vote sets the association's focus and direction with regards to our legislative priorities for the coming two years. Grab a friend or two and go represent us!

Trivia Night

We are very excited to hold our first ever BLMS Family Trivia Night. Sign up for the committee to help plan this fun social event for the whole family. Or grab a friend and co-chair!

To sign up, click [Here](#) or email volunteers@beaverlakeptsa.org



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

7th Grade Vision & Hearing Testing will occur on Friday, Nov. 17th during 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods.

We are in need of volunteers for testing!! Please let us know if you can help from 8:10-11:08am or any portion of the testing time frame.

Please contact Sue Wickstrand in the Health Room at 425-837-4182 or wickstrands@issaquah.wednet.edu.



HELP

8th GRADE PARENT CHAPERONES DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We are looking for several parent volunteer chaperones for the 8th grade Junior Achievement Field trip.

The field trip is on 3 different days according to students last names.

Time Involved: [8:30 am to 2:30 pm](#)

- [Monday November 13th](#): Students with last names A - F
- [Tuesday November 14th](#): Students with last name G - N
- [Thursday November 16th](#): Student with last names O - Z

If you are available to chaperone for any of these days, please e-mail Darlene Klaasen at klaasend@issaquah.wednet.edu



STAFF APPRECIATION

The October Staff Luncheon was a HUGE success! The staff raved about the Taco Bar!

Thanks to all who participated by donating goods: Jennifer McCommon, Shannon Romanski, Kim Givens, Lara Buis, Joey Fox, Diane Pattillo, Dafna Tarlowe, Kim Nesby, Andrea Piotraszewski, Danielle Vermeulen, Melissa Yoon, Amy Sparks, Ritu Dikshit, Khristie Tobler, Helen DiMeco, Jessica Mills, Jill Angell, and Ripal Shah. Many volunteers donated more than one item...THANK YOU! We appreciate all of your help!

The next lunch will be on Dec 7 (Thursday). If you would like to help out, but not on our list, please email laurikinnan@yahoo.com or neenarana@yahoo.com. We are always accepting more participants.

THANKS!
Lauri and Neena

Highlights of the Month November 2017

Fueling Success for Every Student, Every School

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DINING FOR KIDS

- NOVEMBER Dining for Kids restaurant secured! **Weds., Nov. 1st** Dining for Kids will be at Tanoor in Sammamish. 20% of all proceeds will go to the Foundation (See flyer below). Located at:

Tanoor

22610 SE 4th ST, Suite 400
Sammamish, WA
Phone: 425-961-0831
Dining Hours: 11am – 9pm

glassybaby SHOPPING EVENT BENEFITTING ISF

- Perfect way to start your holiday shopping! Come to the glassybaby shopping event on **Weds., Nov. 8th** at Capri Cellars. 10% of all sales goes back to the programs that support our kids! Join us for wine, snacks and gorgeous glassybabys, all benefitting every student in every school. Located at:

Capri Cellars

88 Front Street
Issaquah, WA 98027
Hours: 6 – 8pm

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

- The grant writing workshop will be held Tues., Nov. 2nd at 5:30pm in the Issaquah Middle School library. Deadline for submission is Jan. 8th.





2017-2018 Seattle JazzED Opportunities

Seattle JazzED is a non-profit music education organization in the Central District. We're dedicated to creating awesome opportunities for kids and ensuring equal access for all with scholarships and instrument loan assistance. Currently over 500 kids from 70+ schools come through our doors annually.

Full and partial scholarships are available for any Seattle JazzED program. Families are encouraged to apply online here: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/apply-for-financial-aid/>

Big Band Ensemble—Auditions Saturday, Nov 18 - Sunday, Nov 19

Kids come from all over Seattle to play and perform in the JazzED Big Band Ensembles. Work with acclaimed teachers like Clarence Acox, Darin Faul, Mark Taylor and others. Rehearse on the weekends from January-May 2018. **Big Band Ensemble auditions open to grades 5-12. Students are placed in one of six ensembles.** \$25 audition fee, waiver available. Secure your audition spot: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/big-band-ensembles/>

Nina Simone Vocal Ensemble—Audition Saturday, November 18

Explore the crossroads of America's roots music by singing and performing jazz through a gospel lense. **Learn from the best—this ensemble is directed by Seattle gospel legend Cora Jackson.** Performance opportunities throughout the season. (It's not just for girls; boys welcome!) Rehearse Saturday afternoons, January - May. Grades 8-12. \$25 audition fee, waiver available. Secure your audition spot: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/vocal-ensemble/>

Creative Orchestra Project—Audition Sunday, November 19

Open to all instruments, not just jazz instruments (and we mean it! Viola, cello, bassoon, French horn, etc.) **Explore multi-genre and new compositions with wildly popular director Wayne Horvitz.** Rehearse weeknights January through May, 2018. Grades 6-12. No improvisation or jazz experience required. \$25 audition fee, waiver available. Secure your audition spot: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/big-band-ensembles/#orchestra>



Wed, Nov 8th

*Choose
AM or PM
session!*

iRules Workshop

If you're like most families, you're concerned about how technology may be taking over your child's life. So, let's talk about tech! In this workshop we'll come together with Janell Burley Hoffman, creator of the original iPhone contract (featured in *SCREENAGERS*) and a thought leader in the space of digital mindfulness, to talk about raising the digital generation – and all of the challenges and joys it brings. Everyone will leave with a working set of iRules (tech agreements) to bring home and support their families. Come ready to participate and learn from each other.

For parents only, of grades K-12.

Sponsored by



Janell Burley Hofmann

Featured in SCREENAGERS

11:30am – Morning Session

from 5:30pm – Food Trucks/Social!

6:30pm – Evening Session

Pickering Barn, Issaquah

Register at

<http://ParentWiser.org>

Free for PTSA members of Issaquah schools, non-members \$10 donation

**Come early for
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!
Food trucks / socializing
from 5:30pm**



Skyline High School's Babysitting Night!

Run by the Skyline Class of 2020

- ***Need a night out but also need a babysitter? No problem!***
- ***On Friday, November 3rd, Skyline is hosting a babysitting night from 5-11:00pm.***
- ***All children grades K-6 are welcome.***

What time is drop off and pick up?

↔ **Drop off:** 5:00-7:00

↔ **Pick up:** 9:00-11:00

Is food included?

↔ **Pizza and juice** will be served.

Note: If your child has a severe allergy, it is advised that they bring their own dinner.

What activities will there be?

↔ We will have multiple stations including **games and face paint.**

- ***The cost is \$25.00 for one child, and \$20.00 for each additional child***
- ***We will have teachers as well as students guiding the children through games and fun stations!***
- ***Doors going out of the main commons area will be closed off and will have a student or staff member to ensure all kids are safe, so there's no need to worry!***
- ***For more information and sign ups, please follow the link below, or go to "shssophomoreclass.weebly.com" and click on "Parent's Night Out"***

<http://shssophomoreclass.weebly.com/parents-night-out.html>



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Issaquah Schools Foundation
brings you a glassybaby shopping event
supporting our students!



Start your holiday shopping and 10% of all event
proceeds will go directly to benefit our kids!

Wednesday November 8th 6-8pm
at Capri Cellars
88 Front Street Issaquah
RSVP to Ingrid@isfdn.org or 425-391-8557

All are welcome!

Fueling Success for Every Student, Every School!

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the Power of Me,
the Power of We!



This is an inspirational one-day FREE event for middle school students. We will enjoy food, fun, and friends as we learn about becoming change makers in the areas of substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.

BREAKFAST // LUNCH // SNACKS // T-SHIRTS INCLUDED



The day will be facilitated by nationally known youth leadership and coalition training expert Nigel Wrangham.

Registration at: www.eventbrite.com/o/influence-the-choice-15321775883

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

Pacific Cascade Middle School 9am - 4pm

Sponsored by:



Office of National Drug Control Policy



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Drug prevention alliance for youth
influence the choice



Friends of Youth
celebrating 65 years

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National Novel Writing Month Eastside Library Events



What is NaNoWriMo?

NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to novel writing. Participants begin writing on November 1 and aim to complete a novel by 11:59:59 PM on November 30. For adults, the word-count goal is 50,000. Young Writers set individual word-count writing goals ranging from 5,000 to 50,000-words.

Visit nanowrimo.org to learn more, or ywp.nanowrimo.org if you are a Young Writer.

Issaquah Library

Teens & Adults

Write-In

Wednesday, November 1, 6:30pm

Grade 6 and older.

Do you love to write? Bring your work and write with us in a relaxed atmosphere at your library.

Local authors Robin Russell and Pam Binder will be on hand to give an overview of NaNoWriMo and share their experiences as published authors. Snacks and quiet music will be provided.

Kirkland Library

All Ages

Write-In

Monday, November 13, 7pm

Join your fellow writers at the library.

Bring your writing tools and we'll provide peace and quiet, electrical outlets, snacks, prizes, and hot drinks.

Teens & Tweens

What is NaNoWriMo?

Monday, October 16, 7pm

Ages 11 to 18.

Join the worldwide NaNoWriMo movement and write the first draft of your next novel in November! Learn how it works and how to get started.

North Bend Library

Teens

Write-In

Friday, November 10, 10am

Ages 12 to 18.

School's out; come and write! Chill music, (quiet) snacks, and no one to interrupt.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library prior to the event if you require accommodation.

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Redmond Library

Children & Tweens

Create Your Own Graphic Novel

Thursday, November 2, 4:30pm

Ages 6 to 12, an adult must stay in the room for ages 7 and younger.

Join author/illustrator, Dana Sullivan in a workshop on how to create your own graphic novel! Learn the elements of a good story. Come up with your own secret superpower! Even if you can't draw, you'll take home the beginnings of your very own graphic novel.

Online registration suggested.

Story Starters

Tuesday, November 14, 4:30pm

Ages 6 to 12, an adult must stay in the room for ages 7 and younger.

Celebrate NaNoWriMo with story starter ideas. This is an open-ended, self-directed program for kids and families.

Create a journal, make a story idea bag, and more!

All to get your creative juices flowing.

Online registration suggested.

Teens

NaNoWriMo Kick-Off

Wednesday, November 1, 2pm

Grades 6-12.

Join young adult author Lish McBride to get tips and tricks for writing your NaNoWriMo novel!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Redmond Library.

Write-In

Wednesday, November 8, 2pm

Grades 6-12.

To support our Young Authors during NaNoWriMo, we will be holding a Write-In. Increase your word-count with writing sprints, fellow writers, and snacks!

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Issaquah Turkey Trot

Trotting to Benefit the Issaquah Food Bank

Thanksgiving Day

issaquahturkeytrot.org

What: A fun & casual 5K (3.125 miles) run, jog or walk

When: Thanksgiving Day - Race begins at 9:00am

Where: Start/Finish line is on Bush Street between the Issaquah Food Bank & Issaquah Community Center (230 SE Bush St., Issaquah, WA 98029)

Why: Help support the **Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank**

Who: Everyone of all ages is invited! It's a great family event.

Cost: The cost for Adults & Children 11 and older is \$30. The cost for children 10 and younger is \$15 which includes a t-shirt and a Gobble Wobble punch card.

Register before November 5th to guaranteed a t-shirt.

**Costumes & Thanksgiving Accessories
Encouraged!**

www.issaquahturkeytrot.org

Any questions? Please email
gobble@issaquahturkeytrot.org

About The Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

Serves individuals and families living in the Issaquah School District boundaries.
Serves over 50,000 individuals a year, 17,000 were children and 9,000 were seniors. Other Special Programs Include – Summer Lunch Program, School Supply Drive, Caring Through Sharing Holiday Gift Giving, and many more! www.issaquahfoodbank.org

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Early Childhood **CHILDFIND PROGRAM**

The ISD Childfind Program is designed to locate and offer assistance to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children, between the ages of birth and 21, who may have developmental delays or significant learning challenges.

The Early Childhood CHILDFIND PROGRAM Is designed to reach children from Birth to age 5 who may be eligible for special education services.



We offer Childfind Developmental Screenings monthly during the school year, from September through May.

For information on children ages 3-5* please contact:

Jackie Funk (Childfind Intake)

funkj@issaquah.wednet.edu

425-837-7197

**For students Kindergarten age and older, please contact your school directly.*



Parent Training Opportunities

The Issaquah School District Special Services Department and The Arc of King County have partnered to offer three FREE training sessions open to parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers of students with special needs.

Special Education 101: Introduction to Laws, the Special Ed Process, and parent and student rights

October 23, 2017 6:30-8pm at Maywood Middle School

Participating in IEP Meetings: Strategies for effective collaboration with IEP Team

December 4, 2017 6:30-8pm at Issaquah Middle School

Community Resources: DDA services, respite care, behavior support, and more!

February 15, 2018 6:30-8pm at Pacific Cascade Middle School



1122 228th Ave Se Sammamish, WA 98075

SKYLINE HS

Holiday Bazaar



Saturday December 2, 2017
9am to 3pm

Local Artists & Crafters
Handcrafted goods
Holiday music & more!

Presented by
www.skylineboosterclub.com



www.facebook.com/SkylineHolidayBazaar





Youth Writing Club

***Tuesdays, October 3,
November 7 and December 5
7-8:30pm***

Sammamish Library

For teens in middle and high school.

Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Join other teen writers to write, share and support
each other through the creative process.

Sponsored by the Friends of Sammamish Library.

Sammamish Library • 825 228th Avenue SE • Sammamish, WA 98075 • 425.392.3130
Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm • Friday, 10am-6pm • Saturday, 10am-5pm • Sunday, 1-5pm
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Stand Up for Students Sit Down for Breakfast



Friends of Youth Issaquah Breakfast

"Friends of Youth provides counseling support for our students in substance use disorder counseling along with mental health counseling.

The district's ability to hire sufficient staff to meet these needs is becoming increasingly more difficult.

Through our collaborative partnership, we are better able to respond to the most immediate needs our students face.

Friends of Youth provides greater access to these important services so that we can **keep our students healthy** and able to learn and

grow to their full potential. I want to personally thank the supporters and donors of Friends of Youth for helping to make our community a kinder, more supportive community for everyone."

Ron Thiele
Superintendent
Issaquah School District

When: Wednesday November 8th,
7:30am-8:30am

Where: Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Please RSVP by October 31st, 2017
www.friendsofyouth.org or jackie@friendsofyouth.org

Providing Counseling Support for Youth and Families in the Issaquah School District

FRIENDSOFYOUTH.ORG | 13118 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland, WA 98034-0308

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