



Bulldog Bytes

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Happy New Year Beaver Lake!

We hope you had a relaxing winter break. We are excited to start 2018 with Family Trivia Night! on Jan. 5th at 6:30PM at BLMS. We will have fun questions, fun prizes and some fun surprises. This event is free, but please register at beaverlakeptsa.org.

It's that time to start thinking about next year's PTSA board. We are looking for some volunteers to serve on the 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 who would like to meet a couple of times to recruit a slate of new board members. The committee will have a couple of months to get their work done. If you are interested in the Nominating Committee, being on the Board, or if you know someone who would make a great candidate, please contact Chrisann Penz chrisannpenz@yahoo.com.

There are some great Parent Education speakers coming this year. Check out parentwiser.org for all of the information.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate you, and wish you a happy new year.

Sincerely,

Chrisann Penz and MaryJo Webb

BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

"Like" us on Facebook at Beaver Lake Middle School PTSA and find us at our website...

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

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- **Fri., 1/5, 7-8:30pm:** Family Trivia Night
- **Wed., 1/10, 6:30-8pm:** PTSA General Meeting & Pastries with the Principal
- **Mon., 1/15:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
- **Tues., 1/16, 7:20-8:26am:** MLK/Diversity Assembly
- **Mon, 1/22, 1:45-2:45pm:** Site Council
- **Mon., 1/22, 2:45-5pm:** 8th Independent Health Clemans
- **Tues., 1/23, 2:45-5pm:** 8th Independent Health Ireland
- **Tues., 1/23, 7-8:30pm:** ELL Family Engagement and Access Training
- **Thur., 1/25, 2:45-9pm:** Plateau Choir Festival
- **Fri., 1/26:** Mid Tri
- **Mon., 1/29:** Teacher Work Day, No School



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Meeting

The next PTSA General Membership meeting will be held on Jan. 10th in the BLMS Library at 6:30PM.

Join us to hear about the upcoming Levy and get your questions answered. Speakers will be ISD Executive Director of Communications, L. Michelle and Volunteer for Issaquah Schools Vice President Alicia Veevaert.

Thank You!



COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, January 11th, 7-8:30pm

If you know people who have questions about the Levy, please invite them to attend the VIS Community Information Night January 11th, from 7-8:30pm at Issaquah Swedish Hospital Conference Rooms.

Ron Thiele, School Board and VIS volunteers will be there to answer questions and share information.



Our next **Staff Luncheon** is on Friday, Jan. 19. The theme is tailgating lunch food.

Please look out for the sign up if you are a regular volunteer. If you have any extra spare time, please consider becoming a volunteer.

Store purchased or home cooked food is welcome!

If you have any questions, please email aurikinnan@yahoo.com or neenarana@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog.



Calling **ALL** Beaver Lake Bulldogs past and present! This will be mascot, Buddy 2.0's, last year at BLMS.

Mr. Ford is raising \$8,000 dollars to commission a life size bronze statue of Buddy to be anchored to the concrete bench in the commons of the school. Please help him to achieve his goal & **GO BULLDOGS!**

Please click the link below to contribute. Please share the link on social media to reach all of the past alumni.

Click here: [Fundly](#) (only 87 days left to donate)



BLMS TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN

Friday January 5
Doors open 6:30pm
Trivia begins 7:00pm

WHERE

BLMS Commons

**[REGISTER HERE](#) FOR THIS
FREE EVENT!!**

**SHOW OFF
YOUR
KNOWLEDGE
AT THE
FIRST-EVER
BLMS
TRIVIA
NIGHT!**

**DRAWINGS
FOR
AWESOME
PRIZES!**

**TRIVIA AND
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY!**



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Highlights of the Month – January 2018
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THANK YOU for Your Support of Feeding Student Success!

Before the holiday we launched a new initiative - Feeding Student Success - a program to combat hunger in our schools. Thanks to YOU, we have raised \$6,000 towards our \$22,000 goal to get the program off to a good start.

"Students experiencing hunger often have trouble behaving and focusing in class, and this shows itself particularly when students struggle to stay awake. Without their basic needs being met, even students who desperately want to succeed and learn have an insurmountable barrier. By providing assistance in meeting these needs, we are not only providing food, we are also opening the door to their ability to learn and grow." Sean Martin, Principal, Liberty High School

Haven't made a donation yet, there is still time.

- A gift of \$500 provides a student with lunch for five months
- A gift of \$100 provides a student with lunch for a month
- A gift of \$50 provides a student with lunch for two weeks
- A gift of \$30 provides two cases of breakfast bars

[Click HERE to make your contribution.](#) Your gift supports our mission that all students reach the promise of their potential! **THANK YOU!**

Grant Applications Due January 10th!

Last call for Grant Applications! Grants are due next week, Wednesday, Jan. 10th!

Our website is updated with the newest Grants application. Click [HERE](#) to see the requirements and links for submitting a Grant to the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Don't miss your chance to get your idea funded by the Foundation!

Dining for Kids is TONIGHT! Join Us at Zeeks Pizza!

Join us for Lunch and/or Dinner today at Zeeks Pizza in the Issaquah Highlands.

Zeek's Pizza
2525 NE Park Drive
Issaquah, WA
425-893-8646

Zeeks is donating a portion of your bill to the Issaquah Schools Foundation where it will go directly to the programs that benefit your kids! An amazing meal out can make a difference for every student, every school! See you there!

Dining for Kids - February 7th at Agave!

Join us for Lunch and/or Dinner on **February 7th at Agave!** A portion of your bill will be donated to the Issaquah Schools Foundation where it will go directly to the programs that benefit your kids! Remember to mark your calendars - Give yourself a break from planning dinner on the first Wednesday of the month - Dining for Kids has you covered!

NAEP 2018 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER
Reading and science assessments

January 4th, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beaver Lake Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 13th, 2018. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessment because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child may take a reading or science assessment. In addition to subject area questions, NAEP survey questionnaires are voluntarily completed by students. The questionnaires provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. More information is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Does NAEP Ask?"

The assessment takes about 120 minutes for most students. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347).

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by January 15th.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Lane Helgeson at (206) 334-6847 or at helgesonl@issaquah.wednet.edu if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Beaver Lake's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,
Stacy Cho

NCES is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). The information your child provides will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your child's responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about your child. Electronic submission of your child's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.



BREAKING THE STIGMA AROUND ANXIETY



Angst—Film Documentary & Discussion

A look at anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it. Angst features interviews with kids and young adults who suffer from anxiety, and what they've learned. The film includes experts who help people **manage their anxiety**, and focus on researching its **causes and sociological effects**, while offering tools and resources that **provide hope**. The project explores a conversation about anxiety from a peer-to-peer standpoint that is intimate, honest and accessible. Q&A follows with experts who answer questions and treatment options for anxiety.

For teens, tweens AND PARENTS
(recommended for ages 12 and up)

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Angst

Film Documentary, Q&A

—
Wed, Jan 24th 7-8:30pm
Issaquah HS Theater

OR

Tue, Jan 30th 7-8:30pm
Liberty HS Theater

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Register at

<http://ParentWiser.org>

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

**Followed by expert
Dr. Laura Kastner
featured in Angst
on Feb 7th !
[Register now!](#)**



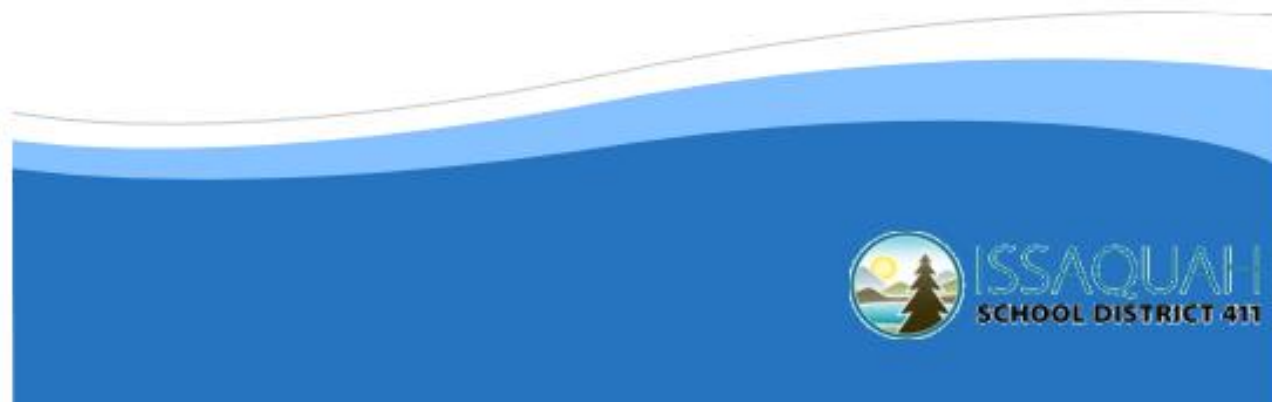
PRESCHOOL Community Peer Program

The Issaquah School District is accepting applicants for our Community Peer Openings in our 2018-2019 Early Childhood Special Education Preschool Programs.

Active Exploration & Learning within an inclusive setting benefits all children.

For general information come to our open house at the Issaquah School District Administration Building on January 16, 2018 from 6 pm to 7 pm or Contact:

- ♦ **Briarwood Elementary** 17020 SE 34th St., Renton 98059 - Joy Nehzati, 425-837-5039 Nehzati@issaquah.wednet.edu
- ♦ **Discovery Elementary** 2300 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075 - Kristen Berwald, 425-837-4037 berwaldk@issaquah.wednet.edu
- ♦ **Sunset Elementary** 4229 W. Lk. Sammamish Pkwy. SE. Bellevue, WA 98008 - Melissa Korch, 425-837-5679 korchm@issaquah.wednet.edu



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JANUARY 12TH**



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Issaquah School District Preschool Information Fair

Please Join Us for Games & Treats:

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Time: 6 pm—7 pm

Location: ISD Administration Building
565 NW Holly
Issaquah, WA 98027

The Issaquah School District is having an information fair for our Early Childhood Special Education (ECE) Preschool Programs.

Come learn about our inclusive preschool program and all it has to offer with active exploration & learning. The ISD offers Early Childhood Education (ECE) Classrooms at three different Elementary Schools. Each ECE site offers a morning or an afternoon preschool session. We have a maximum of 12 children with special needs and up to 3 Community Peers per classroom. Please come learn more at our Preschool Information Fair on Tuesday, January 16th.

Applications are available at our Information Fair or at any Elementary Main Office or by request by calling or Emailing:

Jackie Funk— Early Childhood Specialist @
(425) 837-7197
FunkJ@Issaquah.wednet.edu



2018

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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)

funki@issaquah.wednet.edu

425-837-7197

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



Come Learn About Elementary, Middle, or High School

Issaquah District parents and staff will share information and answer your questions.

You can choose to attend **ONE** of the following information sessions:

Elementary School Information - Middle School Information - High School Information

Interpretation Available in Mandarin, Spanish, and Korean.

If you need interpretation in another language, please contact:

Lorna Gilmour by Thursday, January 18 at GilmourL@issaquah.wednet.edu

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:30pm

Issaquah Valley Elementary

555 NW Holly St

Issaquah, WA



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Questions? Email us at:

HispanicISD@outlook.com

ChineseISD@outlook.com

EuropeanISD@outlook.com

KoreanISD@outlook.com

IndianISD@outlook.com

**For Our Families from Diverse
Cultures and Languages**



*2018-2019 school year registration begins on Monday, January 22nd



play * explore * learn * discover * grow



PRESCHOOL

Our preschool program includes developmentally appropriate curriculum that meets the needs of each child as they grow socially, emotionally, mentally, and physically. In our classroom we learn skills necessary for kindergarten and life through play-based and academic learning.



CLASSES

3 year old class

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 AM – 12:45 PM
\$295 per month

4-5 year old class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 AM – 12:45 PM
\$ 450 per month

OR

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
\$ 610 per month



OPEN HOUSE

Contact us to schedule a tour of the preschool!

Please join us for an open house
January 11, 2018
5:00 – 6:00 PM

We would love to meet your child and family and answer any questions you may have about preschool.

What makes Skyline Preschool special?

- ✓ small child to teacher ratio
- ✓ high school student helpers in the classroom
- ✓ family fun events every month
- ✓ local vendors visit to enhance learning opportunities

Contact us to set up a visit!

Michelle Campbell Preschool Specialist

Email: campbellm@issaquah.wednet.edu

Phone: 425-837-7802

Website: <http://bascpreschool.weebly.com>



ISSAQUAH & RENTON HIGHLANDS

- EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS ON 12/15. PRICE INCREASES \$20
- WEAR NFL BRANDED JERSEYS.
- KIDS FROM PRESCHOOL TO 8TH GRADE.
- CHECK WEBSITE FOR OTHER SPRING LOCATIONS.

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