



Bulldog Bytes

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With the first month of school finished, we trust that all families had a smooth start to the new year. It is an exciting time for both new students and returning Bulldogs!

We recognize that many parents think the role of the PTSA is significantly diminished when the kids reach middle school, but parent support is still vital. While daily and direct volunteer needs are somewhat less at this level, the needs for community support are as great as ever. Already this year we've called upon volunteers to help with many programs including Bulldog Business Days, First Day of School Schedule Handouts, volunteer assistance to the ASB annual magazine drive, Picture Retake Day, and Vision and Hearing Screening – just to name a few!

Our "Pass the Hat" fundraiser is the PTSA's only fundraiser where we simply ask our families to recognize the various areas our PTSA supports and provide direct donations that are conscientiously managed to fund critical areas of needs at our school. If you haven't already, please consider donating generously to this cause!

And speaking of generosity...One of the biggest areas where we feel we can provide great impact for the students and teachers is through our "Bucks for Bulldogs" financial grants. In a few weeks we will be accepting these grant applications from teachers and staff for programs/items that the District can no longer fund. Many teachers have taken advantage of this great program in years past. \$50,000 in grants that have been given in the past three years – a very significant impact for our students and whole BLMS community!

We invite you to find out more about our areas of involvement by attending our first General Membership meeting of the year on Monday, October 19th at 6:45 pm in the BLMS Library. We will begin with "Pastries with Mrs. Cho", where she will talk about current events and answer questions. Then we have a short but important membership meeting. We will review our budget for the year, and discuss our areas of focus. We promise, to make it interesting and to provide pertinent information that will benefit all attendees.

Thanks again to everyone for a great start to the new school year! The energy at the school feels positive, and we believe the kids will have another great year of learning and growing!

Sincerely,
Amy Teeters and Pam Gross
PTSA Co-Presidents

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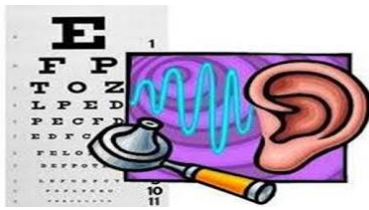
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

This year's Vision and Hearing Screening for 7th grade students will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 9:45-11:30 in the library. Since our time frame is shorter than in the past, MANY volunteers are needed to assist our school nurse, Lynda Nicholson, to complete the screening.

If you would like to help but didn't get the chance to sign up during Back To School Days, please contact either Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net or Amy Tuvey at amy2v@comcast.net.

Thanks!



- Fri., 10/9, 7-10 pm: District Wide Middle School Bash
- Mon., 10/12: No School/Teacher Work Day
- Wed., 10/14: Mid-Tri
- Sun., 10/18: ASB/Leadership Camp
- Mon., 10/19, 12-1 pm: PTSA Meeting/Pastries with the Principle
- Wed., 10/21: Vision/Hearing Screening
- Fri., 10/23: Photo Re-Take Day
- Wed., 10/28, 7-8 pm: Orchestra Concert
- Fri., 10/30, 7:45-8:45 am: Recognition Ceremony

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MAGAZINE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this year's Magazine Drive. This was my first year as Chairperson, and it was a great experience. So far, we've made a total in gross sales of over \$41,497.48 from our kids out there pounding the pavement selling and collecting orders. Without the ladies listed below coming in to count money and tally orders on both Thursdays, along with additional volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to pass out prizes on Monday.

Thank you to Kim Anderson, Amy Turvey, Carolyn Roberts, Teresa Czaja, Kim Givens, Kari Ovena, Kim Viash, Leanna Busse, Pam Flynn, Julie Yu, Angie Dutcher, Kristen Morrissey, Pam Flynn, Pat Castillo, Amy Teeters, Pam Gross, Deanna King, Sharon Hastings, Rachel Wright, Susan Brandes, & Bridget Salmick. I have a feeling I'm forgetting a few who showed up to help out of the kindness of their hearts, and that is the greatest kind of help always, so you get an extra special THANK YOU!!!! And, a special thank you to Ms. Rapoza for letting us bombard her office this Thursday, and to Suzanne, the Yes representative, who stayed late every day and up late every night to make sure our kids always got their prizes. I appreciate all of you, and hopefully, you'll join us next year to do it again.

Thanks,
Nicole Montgomery
Magazine Drive Chair

Go Bulldogs!!!!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Honor Roll Ice Cream Float Celebration is now "End of Semester Ice Cream Float Celebration"

Our first Ice Cream Float Celebration Day will be Monday, November 30. During lunch, we will be serving root beer and orange floats to every student to celebrate their success. Many volunteers will be needed.

If you didn't have a chance to sign up during back to school business days and would like to help with this fun celebration, please contact Kim Givens at givens@mac.com OR Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net.



STAFF APPRECIATION

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Oct. 16, 2015

Calling all cooks, Betty Crocker wannabe's, people who can assemble food and people who can shop for food. Our first lunch to show our appreciation of our wonderful staff is Friday, Oct. 16 with a virtual trip to Italy.

If you did not have a chance to sign up during the back to school days on the PTSA website and you would like to be added to our list of volunteers to bring food to our Staff Appreciation lunches throughout the year, please contact Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net or Lauri Kinnan at laurikinnan@yahoo.com.

Here is the link to SignUpGenius for the lunch www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0949A9AC23A20-letdinee



Book Fair 2015 is scheduled for the week of Nov. 16th.

We will be open for sales before school, during lunch, after school and maybe an evening, so we need volunteers who are available all different times of the day. Also, watch for a link for online sales so you can shop for all ages in the comfort of your home.



To volunteer, contact: Teresa Czaja (teresaskate@comcast.net) or Lynn Taylor (lynntaylor@utterlytaylor.com).



PTSA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Can you help? Though most of our chair positions are filled, there are a few still available. The good news is, of those remaining, the commitment is not your typical lead position in that you will be working with a staff member as more of a parent liaison, than an actual organizer. The positions remaining are:

- **Passive Fundraising**: This position entails collecting box tops from the main office as well as managing matching funds with companies like AmazonSmile. Total time commitment is a couple times a trimester with a check in with the PTSA and support from our Volunteer Co-Chairs. Easy job, but important.
- **Talent Show**: Schedule volunteers and assist principal Stacy Cho with event coordination. You will get to-chair with Ganga Pingili, who worked on this last year, so knows all the ins and outs of this event.
- **8th Grade Party**: Assist ASB and staff with purchasing food and scheduling volunteers for this end of the year party, under the direction of Mrs. (Michelle) Jones and Ms. Bosshart.
- **Spring Fling**: Schedule volunteers to assist ASB and staff for this 6th and 7th grade end of the year celebration, under the direction of Mrs. Wells.
- **8th Grade Promo Liaison**: Work with staff to schedule volunteers, help with program creation, set up venue, etc.

If you can help with one of these positions, please contact Susan Brandes and Bridget Selmick, Co-VPs of Volunteers, at volunteers.blms@gmail.com.

Thank you!





Thank you BLMS families and staff for helping us reach 100% PTSA membership. The students definitely appreciate your support 😊





GREETINGS FROM THE BLMS LIBRARY!

It was great to meet so many of you at Curriculum Night. This is my 5th year as librarian at Beaver Lake Middle School and I know how very fortunate I am to have such great parent support and interest in what your students are reading!

Often in the fall, parents ask me to recommend new books for their students because their son or daughter seems to be stuck reading the same books over and over. Or will only read a certain type of book. I am very happy to recommend new books (read below) but I've observed that for some students returning to familiar genres and characters is comforting in this rapidly changing time of life. Our students are in a middle school for the first time, they have new teachers, friend groups can be more fluid, schoolwork load is increasing and many students also have demanding activities outside school. A visit to Hogwarts for the umpteenth time isn't such a bad thing. It's familiar, the characters haven't changed and readers know what to expect. In time, your student will move on to other literature!

And speaking of other literature, here are a few of the "hot" titles for fall that I'm promoting. Many of these titles will be available at the Scholastic Book Fair November 16-19 right here at BLMS!

- ***The Copper Gauntlet*** by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare
- ***Dark Tide*** by Jennifer Donnelly
- ***Auggie & Me*** by R.J. Palacio
- ***I Am Princess X*** by Cherie Priest
- ***Magnus Chase*** by Rick Riordan
- ***The Marvels*** by Brian Selznick

For more book suggestions, please follow the BLMS Library for the Book of the Week post every Friday. On Twitter @BLMSLibrarian or Instagram: BLMS_Librarian. Also visit the library website at

www.tinyurl.com/BLMSLibrary

Thank you Beaver Lake Parents for supporting BLMS!

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