



# Bulldog Bytes

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Hello BLMS Community!

It is with great gratitude that I find myself writing the president note for our final Bulldog Bytes of the year. It has been a wonderful, fulfilling year for Amy and me as Co-Presidents, and we are very grateful to have had the opportunity. As I think back over the year, I am, yet again, reminded of what an amazing community we have in our staff, parents and students at BLMS. It's one that truly cares for our kids, and that is the very core of everything we do. Without such deep caring and commitment, the PTSA could not accomplish all we have every year since BLMS opened in 1994.

During this time of year, we like to reflect on what our PTSA accomplished during the year and demonstrate to our faithful members that your membership dues and Pass the Hat funds are being responsibly spent for important needs of our BLMS community. We truly hope every student and staff member has felt the positive impacts of the PTSA. We have funded great needs at the school such as LRC supplies, a new camera for the school, megaphones for Emergency Prep, the Living Voices Presentation for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, classroom Stability balls and iPads, Web training for two of our fabulous staff taking on that role, and the Discovery program/resource for our students and staff to utilize. We also partnered with the school and ASB to purchase a new Photo printer that has already been very busy. All this was possible from your generous donations. Thank you!

In addition, we provided funding and/or coordinate programs such as the fabulous Talent Show, Bulldog Bingo, Book Fair, Popcorn Fridays, Most Valuable Bulldogs, Destination Imagination, Reflections Art Program, Vision and Hearing Testing, Staff Appreciation, and Parent Education events, and more.

We have also been engaged and visible in our general community in supporting important issues and programs within the Issaquah School District. The main focus this year for Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) and Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) was supporting the 2016 School Bond which was passed in April. BLMS will be one of the schools benefiting with upgrades and updates along with the building of a fourth High School, property for the High School, a Middle School and two Elementary Schools, and many other improvements throughout the district. Thank you for all that supported this important issue.

Of course, our many accomplishments and contributions are due to the continued and passionate involvement of the many dedicated families and staff of our school, and Amy and I continue to value and appreciate everyone who contributes. Each and every one of you who has contributed in ANY way is appreciated. A special thank you goes out to everyone who chaired events or programs and those who served on the Board. These jobs are often time-consuming and exhausting (and many times "thankless"), and yet, they are so important. THANK YOU!!

As we move into the summer, our new Board will be planning for the upcoming year. I will be moving out of the President role. However, we are lucky to have Amy continuing on in the role and Pat Castillo joining her. They will be amazing Co-Presidents!!!

Finally, for the 2016-17 school year, don't forget that school starts BEFORE Labor Day on Thursday, Sept. 1st. This seems especially early, and in the weeks before, BLMS will start getting things rolling. Be sure to stay in touch through our August communications and via our website. Thanks again for another great year and cheers to a great and restful summer for all!

Amy Teeters & Pam Gross, BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents



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A most heartfelt thank you to the MANY people who contributed food and gift cards to our spectacular Staff Appreciation Week, May 2-6<sup>th</sup>. Our staff was tickled pink to receive a gift card, and they enjoyed the fondue Monday, Breakfast Wednesday and Fiesta Lunch on Friday. None of this could have been possible without the many generous donations for all of you. We can't thank you enough!

Let's give three cheers to our cooks: Lisa Baisler, Molly Baker, Diana Brown, Leslie Brown, Sonia Correya, Brooke Daggett, Dokka Litchmi, Pam Flynn, Carol Folkman, Kim Givens, Dawn Goehner, Alice Guilbert, Sharon Hastings, Gina Jacobs, Melanie Kusmik, Stephanie Mallory, Sara Manning, Gloria Marinescu, Krystl McCandlish, Nicole Montgomery, Kristen Morrissy, Janet Neese, Kim Olsen, Kari Ovena, Jahna Pahl, Soni Petterson, Lorie Piper, Neena Rana, Carolyn Roberts, Bridget Salmick, Liliana Sambotin, Birgitta Thrane, Khristie Tobler, Nichole Wengert, Rachael Wright and Martha Zahiuta. And, a special thank you to Georgia's Bakery in North Bend for their donation of 2 quiches for our Wednesday breakfast. They were a big hit!

Hip Hip Hooray for our gift card angels! Cindy Batistich, Leanna Busse, Jaycee Cooper, Dokka Litchmi, Pam Flynn, Barb Fuller, May & Paul Gauvin, Kim Givens, Dawn Goehner, Sharon Hastings, Debbie Hung, Christie Jucht, Sheryl Klarich, Lauren Koshar, Melanie Kusmik, Maureen Lipson, Chun-Pai Liu, Angeline Low, Stephanie Mallory, Gloria Marinescu, Jodi McDougal, Nicole Montgomery, Stacy O'Daffer, Kim Olsen, Ganga Pingili, Carolyn Roberts, Bethany Rogers, Marissa Schulz, Birgitta Thrane, Khristie Tobler and Nichole Wengert. And, a big thanks to Taco Time NW, who gave us a FREE bowl of chicken chili coupon for every staff member.

So many have you have supported our Staff Appreciation lunches throughout the year. Our staff always look forward to the yummy food you bring with great anticipation. Your endless generosity has been very much appreciated by Lauri and Teresa. We wish you a wonderful summer!

Lauri Kinnan and Teresa Czaja  
Co-Chairs



- Weds., June 1, 7-8 p.m.: Orchestra Concert
- Thurs., June 2: Last Day for Activity Bus
- Thurs., June 2: All Library Books Due
- Fri., June 3, 7:45-8:45 a.m.: Recognition Ceremony
- Mon., June 6, 2:15-3:15 p.m.: Site Council
- Tues., June 7, 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Choir Concert
- Weds., June 8, 7-8 p.m.: Band Concert
- Fri., June 10, 5:30-7 p.m.: Choir Banquet
- Mon., June 13: Career Fair/Spring Fling/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party
- Weds., June 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony
- Weds., June 15: Half Day for Grading, 10:25 a.m. Dismissal
- Thurs., June 16, 7:45-8:45 a.m.: End of Year Assembly
- Thurs., June 16: Last Day of School, 9:40 a.m. Dismissal

# PTSA REFLECTIONS

The PTSA Reflections theme for the 2016-2017 school year is: What is your story? Entries are due in the October, but students can now start to work on their art. There are six categories to choose from:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts



- Reflections encourages students of all ages to:
- Unleash creative talents and be inspired
  - Express themselves imaginatively in their artwork
  - Experience the fun and joy of making art
  - Tap into critical-thinking skills to create art inspired by the annual theme
  - Receive positive recognition for their original works of art

A chalkboard sign with the word "HELP" in large, colorful letters (red, blue, green, yellow) and "Needed!" in white chalk below it.

Tuesday, June 14th is our last End of Trimester Celebration where we will serve all the students a RB or Orange Float. Time frame would be 9:45 to 12:30-ish. Bring an ice cream scoop and wear something you don't mind getting a little sticky.

Can you help? Please contact Kim Givens at [givens@me.com](mailto:givens@me.com) or Teresa Czaja at [teresaskate@comcast.net](mailto:teresaskate@comcast.net).

Thank you!

