



Bulldog Bytes

Beaver Lake Middle School PTSA 2.6.33 www.blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com October 2016
25025 SE 32nd St. Issaquah WA 98029 president@beaverlakeptsa.org Volume 11, Issue 2

Dear Families,

Can you believe the first month of school is under our belts already!!!

Your PTSA continues to be hard at work with much help coming from many of you!! Already this year we've called upon volunteers to help with many programs including Bulldog Business Days, First Day of School Schedule Handouts, Picture Retake Day, and Vision and Hearing Screening – just to name a few!

A big shout out to Stacie Lacina and all the fabulous volunteers for putting many hours of hard work to make the ASB Magazine Drive a success.

To help keep these and many other programs going within the school, we continue to promote and ask our Bulldog families to support our "Pass the Hat" fundraiser. 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 to this cause!

<https://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Join/ProductsPacketPage/1>

In a few weeks, we will be accepting the Bucks for Bulldogs 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. \$60,000 in grants have been given in the past four years – a very significant impact for our students and our entire BLMS community!

The Board held its' first meeting in mid-September and we are preparing for the first **General Meeting** of the year. Mark your calendars as the meeting date changed to **Monday October 3rd, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the BLMS Library**. We will begin with "Pastries with Mrs. Cho", where she will talk about current events and answer questions. Then we will have a short but important membership meeting.

Kindest regards,
Amy Teeters
PTSA President

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

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



PTSA President

Amy Teeters

blms.president@gmail.com

Vice President

Pat Castillo

Biager1205@gmail.com

Treasurer

Krystl McCandlish

krystlm@hotmail.com

Secretary

Nichole Wengert

nwengert@msn.com

Co-VP Membership

Sucheta Beheray

suchetabeheray@yahoo.com

Manie Suksmai

suksmai@hotmail.com

Co-VP Volunteers

Susan Brandes

quincycmc@gmail.com

Bridget Salmick

bsalmick@comcast.net

Member At Large

Jessica Mills

Jdmills4@gmail.com

Communications

Andrea Piotraszewski

apiotras@gmail.com

MEMBER PERKS

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Wild Waves Fright Fest 9/30 - 10/30

Fright Fest at Wild Waves Theme Park returns for another year of haunting thrills and chills. WSPTA members receive a discount ticket price! Learn more [here](#) or purchase tickets [here](#).
username: WSPTA | password: winter2016

Baskin-Robbins Now - 11/30

Baskin-Robbins is excited to launch the Polar Pizza, a cookie or brownie crust spread with ice cream and toppings served in a perfect portable pizza box. Serves eight and no utensils or plates are required - the perfect treat for PTA events. WSPTA members receive a \$2.00 discount with [coupon](#).

HAPPY FALL BULLDOGS!



FROM YOUR PTSA



- Mon., Oct. 3rd: Vision & Hearing Screening
- Mon., Oct. 3rd, 6:45 - 8 p.m.: Pastries with the Principle & PTSA General Meeting
- Fri., Oct. 7th: Picture Re-take Day
- Mon., Oct. 10th: Teacher Work Day/No School
- Fri., Oct. 14th: Mid-Tri
- Fri., Oct. 21: Magazine Drive Mega Party
- Fri., Oct. 28: Recognition Assembly
- Mon., Oct. 31: Spirit Day/Halloween



STAFF APPRECIATION

The first staff luncheon of the school year was a huge hit! A HUGE shoutout to all of our volunteers that made the lunch possible: Ann Bouchy, Gloria Marinescu, Andrea Piotraszewski, Ingrid Amans, Paula Koransky, Lina Frankovich, Amy Teeters, Lorie Piper, Amy Sparks, Kim Moore, Jennifer McCommon, Corene Caley, Jennifer Strach, Kimberly Givens, Julie Mayo, Chun-Pei Liu, Jessica Mills, Bridget Salmick, Juli Kubicki, Sangeeta Peri, Dafna Tarlowe, May Gauvin, Missy Young and Shannon Lee!! The staff loved all of the Italian goodies that everyone brought in to enjoy.

Again, THANK YOU!

Hello from the Beaver Lake Library!

It's been an amazing start to the school year in the library. We have set a BLMS record for the most books checked out EVER. And just in the first three weeks of school! Thank you parents for sending us your amazing readers. I'm working hard to keep purchasing the latest "hot" new titles. The new Harry Potter book has been a hit and Rick Riordan's next book in the Magnus Chase series will be out soon. I'm also finding new books that might not get as much press but I can't wait to tell classes about.

Something new this year that I am sharing with your students is the new partnership between King County Library System and the Issaquah School District. Using their student ID, all students have free access to KCLS' online information and tools. This includes homework help, eBooks and premium databases (what we used to think of as encyclopedias back in the day). To access, students can go to www.KCLS.org/students and log on using ISD's number 411 followed by their student ID number. The PIN is the last four digits of the student ID number. More information about this super new partnership is posted on the BLMS library website www.tinyurl.com/BLMSLibrary.

It's going to be a great year in the Library! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Amber Peterson

BLMS Teacher-Librarian





ISSAQUAH
SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

What is the Issaquah Schools Foundation?

The Foundation is a connector, transforming the passion of parents, businesses and community members into investments that help our students succeed and make Issaquah schools among the best in the state. Foundation donors will invest over 1.2 million dollars this year in programs that benefit every child at every school in the district.

2 New Partnerships with PTA

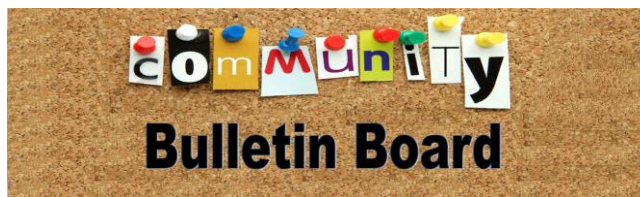
The Foundation is partnering with PTSA to bring Parent Wiser (the PTSA Council led Parent Education series) to you, and Foundation donors are also paying for a PTSA Art Docent Coordinator to ensure there is fabulous training and curriculum-aligned art lessons at every elementary school.

PROGRAM of the Month ~ **INFLUENCE THE CHOICE**

Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth's mission is to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse within the ISD service area. It is hosting a summit to bring together middle school students from across the ISD area for a day of fun, experiential learning about becoming community advocates and change makers in area of substance abuse and mental health prevention on **Saturday, October 29th, 8:30am - 4pm at PCMS**. To register, visit the Issaquah Schools Foundation website. Link to sign-up http://bit.ly/ITC_PCMS.

DINING FOR KIDS

The first Wednesday of every month, a local restaurant gives part of its proceeds for an entire day to the Issaquah Schools Foundation. This is a wonderful way our families and community can support the Issaquah Schools Foundation! Go dine on Wednesday, October 5th "ALL DAY" at **MOD Pizza**.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry kicks off this year with a region-wide food drive being held in **September and October** at grocery stores throughout the Eastside. The Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry, "Share What You Can," campaign collects food and cash donations during the month-long food drive to fill food bank shelves with non-perishable food items before the holidays. Volunteers will help by greeting patrons at participating stores, passing out "most needed item" shopping lists and thanking people for donations. Find volunteer opportunities at <http://www.eastsideforum.org/fooddrive/>

Compassion House Pie Auction and Fundraiser is coming Oct. 22! Catered dinner, pie auction, silent auction and live entertainment! Mystique Ranch 26815 SE Duthie Hills Road, Issaquah. Go to [Facebook](#) for more details.

Eastside Baby Corner's 7th annual Helping Kids Thrive Luncheon is coming! Friday, Nov. 4th at noon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue. For details about the event and how to be a table captain, visit <http://babycorner.org/helping-kids-thrive-luncheon/>

Issaquah Turkey Trot is a fun and casual 5K (3.12 miles) on Thanksgiving morning (Nov. 26th, starting time at 9 a.m.) with all proceeds going to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. Everyone of all ages are welcome to join the fun. Costumes and accessories encouraged! Register by Nov. 6th to guarantee a t-shirt. <http://www.issaquahturkeytrot.org/register.html>

Save the date! Holiday Gift Barn will be Dec. 5th and 6th! Stay tuned for more details.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

The Dental Mobile Van will be at Eastridge Church on Oct. 17th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees must register in advance with Rebecca at the Food and Clothing Bank <https://issaquahfoodbank.org/>

Free dental, vision and health care by Seattle/King County will be available Oct. 27-30 at Key Arena, Seattle Center. For more information, visit <http://seattlecenter.org/skclinic/> and <http://seattlecenter.org/2016faq/>

ENGLISH FOR WORK - AN ESL PROGRAM through Hopelink. Learn English. Prepare for Work. Free classes starting each quarter <http://adulthoodeducation.hope-link.org/what-we-do/esl/>

OSLC Safe Parking provides a safe place for Eastside families and single women who are homeless with no place to stay except their cars. Safe Parking times are 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. No campers or trailers. No single men. This is intended to be a transitional program for families to become stabilized and get into more permanent housing. Intake procedures are required and includes a criminal records check. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front Street South, Issaquah. Leave message at 425-200-0669.

Child Care resources: <http://childcare.org/family-services/>

Study Zone at Our Libraries: Tutors during the week! Tutoring begins Tuesday, Sept. 9th. The Study Zone schedule is updated frequently, and occasionally, volunteer tutors may be unavailable for a scheduled session. Please check for updates at <http://kcls.org/study-zone/> or contact your KCLS library.

Life After High School Programs Offered Through KCLS: SAT/ACT Math Preparation Tips, The World as Your Classroom, Secrets of College Admissions, Gap Year Study Abroad, College Success for Students with Disabilities, Get a job! The Intelligent Job Search, Your College Planning Checklist and more! <http://kcls.org/teen-subject/life-after-high-school-resources/>

Free computers and/or Internet Access: For details, visit <http://washingtonaccessfund.org/free-and-low-cost-computers/>

Issaquah School District students with financial hardship may qualify for a free computer. Contact your school for details.