



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families,

November is always a time of the year to be thankful for many things.

We would like to say THANK YOU to all the members who joined us for our 1st General membership meeting of the year on October 3rd. We were able to approve our Mission Statement, Goals and Standing Rules along with our 2016-17 Budget. These are all important steps in keeping our PTSA running smoothly. We also heard about some great plans being lined up for the year.

We have a full school year of activities set, and are so very thankful for all the volunteers – MANY OF YOU - who have already signed up to help out. Upcoming events for November include our Book Fair (Nov. 7-10), Reflections submissions (due Nov. 21) and our efforts to support the Issaquah Schools Foundation “All in for Kids” fund drive.

We, as a PTSA, will continue to work with BLMS to bring programs and resources that are geared to enhance our school and their programs. This month, we are excited to award our Bucks for Bulldogs grants to teachers and staff. We are honored to be able to provide so many needed items to our classrooms and school. Some of the requests this year include, Kore Stability Teen Chairs, containers for class rooms, reading books for LRCII, a Tower Garden and many more items. We are able to provide these fantastic items because of your generosity during our Pass the Hat campaign at the beginning of the year. Thank you! We would love to offer even more programs and grants. If you have not donated yet, it's not too late. PTSA is happy to receive your Pass the Hat donation any time. Thank you for any donation you can make. To donate, simply click here: [Donate Now](#)

Finally – we are so very THANKFUL for the wonderful administration, teachers and staff that help every one of our children reach their greatest potential – each and every day. Parents, remember to thank them when you see one of them or send a quick kudos note of Thanks. They have a very important job in growing our students and keeping them safe.

The best to you and your family over this upcoming month and especially over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Kindest Regards,
Amy Teeters
BLMS President

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



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8TH GRADE BABY PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK

Do you want your student to be included on the Baby Photo pages in the Yearbook?

If you so, please send in a digital photo to Mrs. Francis at: francisn@issaquah.wednet.edu by Nov. 23rd.



thank
you!

HUGE THANKS TO THE 7TH GRADE VISION & HEARING TESTING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to Kim Givens and her hard work recruiting and to: Kanika Arora, Molly Baker, April Beckmeyer, Kathy Boll, Susan Brandes, Sanja Cheeti, May Gauvin, Kim Givens, Laura Gomez, Sharon Hastings, Debbie Hung, Lauren Koshar, Chung-Pei Liu, Kristen Morrissey, Andrea Piotrazenski, Lorie Piper, Carrie Poppelaars, Kasie Pranghofer, Renate Prasad, Neena Rana, Missy Young, Ripal Shah, Karyn MacLean, & Karly Lee for helping to test students and other tasks as needed.



- Wed., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.: Fall Orchestra Concert
- Nov. 7-10: Book Fair
- Thur., Nov. 10: Spirit Day - Red/White/Blue
- Thur., Nov. 10, 7:40 a.m.: Veterans Day Assembly
- Fri., Nov. 11: Veterans Day - No School
- Wed., Nov. 16, 7 p.m.: Fall Band Concert
- Mon., Nov. 21: District Reflections Deadline
- Tues., Nov. 22, 2:15-3 p.m.: Site Council Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 23: Spirit Day - Apple Cup
- Thur., Nov. 24 - Fri., Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Holiday



MIDDLE SCHOOL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!

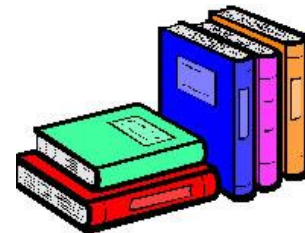
Friday, November 4th; 6:00-9:00 p.m.

All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited to play in this double-elimination tourney at the Issaquah Community Center.

Reserve a spot in the bracket by emailing Cathy Jones at cathyj@issaquahwa.gov. \$24/team of 6 (pay when you arrive).

This event is hosted by the Issaquah Youth Advisory Board. Issaquah Parks & Recreation: 425-837-3300.

Hello from the Beaver Lake Library!



What happens in the library besides checking out books?

Before school the library is open for students to read, do homework and research for assignments. I also provide limited printing for students. I really encourage them to print at home, but I do understand that everyone at some time has a "printing emergency" (ie. a printer at home with no ink) and I am happy to help.

After school BLMS hosts Homework Club in the library Monday through Thursday. Homework Club is sponsored by a grant from the Issaquah Schools Foundation. This is a supervised time for students to study, take a make-up test and get help with homework. Homework Club is open to any BLMS student on a drop-in basis and students attending can take the activity bus home.

Lunchtime in the library is very different environment than before and after school! It's a busy, **noisy** hub of activity up here! Many students do come to browse and check out books at lunch. I try to have appealing book displays that get their attention. For example, this month I've collected and displayed ALL the dog books I have from the fiction section. Books included are old favorites like, Wilson Rawls book, *Where the Red Fern Grows* and Gary Paulsen's autobiographical book, *My Life in Dog Years*, plus many new titles. Students also come to the library at lunch to play chess and *GO* (our new favorite!), explore the world with Google Earth and visit with friends. This month, small groups of students have been using the Lego Moviemaker app on the library iPads to create some fun mini movies. Some of these will be posted on the Library Website once the editing process is finished. Lunchtime can seem like a bit of a party but I wouldn't want to change a thing. Students feel welcome here and it is fun to see the positive interaction!

Thank you PTSA for all your support of our Library!

Amber Peterson
Beaver Lake Middle School Librarian





SUPPORT THE LIBRARY - SHOP THE BOOK FAIR!!

November 7 – 10, 2016

Help support the BLMS library by shopping our annual Book Fair between Monday 7th November and Thursday 10th November. All profits directly fund the purchase of books for the school library. Middle Grade and Young Adult books will be available, as well as the super fun gift items (erasers, pens, posters) that the kids love. This is the perfect time to stock up on holiday gifts for your kids.

You can come in and shop at lunchtime with your child(ren), or after school with or without company! All students and adults making a book purchase can enter our drawings to win a variety of great books.

Highlight: We will have many copies of the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down book (release date early November).

In School Shopping Times:

- Monday, Nov. 7th & Tuesday, Nov. 8th: 10.30 - 12.15, 1.45 - 4pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 9th: 11.15 - 12.45, 3 - 4.30pm
- Thursday, Nov. 10th: 10.30 - 12.15, 1.45 - 4pm

Shopping online is available Nov. 2-15. Free shipping. All books will be delivered to the school and we will send them home with your child unless you specify that you would like to pick them up from us.

www.scholastic.com/fair Enter zip 98029 to find the BLMS fair.

We still need volunteers to help run the Book Fair. Please contact Lynn Taylor if you can volunteer lynntaylor@utterlytaylor.com.

Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC



Please support the Annual **All in for Kids Fund Campaign**. **Our goal this year is to raise \$516,000!** The Foundation depends on individuals in our community for 80% of its revenue. Did you know that only 1 of 5 families with students in our district donate? Just imagine what we could do for our students if we can get more families to join. Every gift, big or small, matters every year. The average family gift of **\$33.67/month (\$404/year)** provides access for 40 students to experience the arts through the Dedicated Arts Fund. Your investment allows us to continue delivering important programs to our students at Beaver Lake Middle School. Students will be calling you on November 10th and 15th for the All in for Kids calling nights to ask for your support, but you don't have to wait until then to help.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

District Wide Programs at Beaver Lake	Funded
After School Homework/Open Library for Middle Schools	Funded Annually
Career and Technical Education Scholarships for Teachers	Funded Annually
Carnivores Field Trip/Curriculum	Funded Annually
College Bound Scholarship Coordinator	Funded Annually
Cultural Bridges	Funded Annually
Dedicated Fine Arts Fund	Funded Annually
Environmental Sustainability (Green Teams)	Funded Annually
Financial Literacy Curriculum for 8th Graders	Funded Annually
GLAD Training for ELL Teachers	Funded Annually
Healthy Youth Initiative (BEST, Influence the Choice, Basic Student Needs)	Funded Annually
National Board Certification (NBC) Scholarships for teachers	Funded Annually
New Teacher Classroom Start-Up Funds	Funded Annually
Robotics Club - Middle Schools	Funded Annually
Special Services Program Support (Special Needs)	Funded Annually
Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education (VOICE) Mentor Program	Funded Annually
WEB - Where Everyone Belongs	Funded Annually

Beaver Lake Specific Foundation Grants	Funded
PTSA Parent Education Series	2016-2017
Teacher Recruitment and Retention	2017
Incredible Intensity of Just Being Human Project (Destigmatize Mental Illness for Adolescence)	2016
New Writing Curriculum Adoption Support	2014-2016
Targeted Academic Intervention Program Support - Club 7	2013 +
Humanities Plus Supplementary Materials (Great Books, Scope and Upfront Magazines) and PD	2013
eBooks for Science Students in the Library	2012

We Need More VOICE Mentors!

One hour a week with a mentor can change a student's life forever! Some students need academic, emotional or social support; others need a friend and role model or just someone who shows up for him/her. They all benefit from our mentors. This could be the most meaningful hour of your week. At BLMS, there are 7 active matches and **at least 6 students on the waitlist** to be matched with mentors. **Don't miss the opportunity to change a life!** Sign up to mentor and to learn more at <http://voicementorprogram.org/>.

Cultural Bridges Fall Magazine Issue is now Available. This is a bilingual (Korean, Chinese, and Spanish) publication that specifically addresses local education, health, and how to navigate the Issaquah School District and cities of Issaquah, Sammamish, and Renton for non-native families.

Please contact BLMS Foundation Ambassador, **May Gauvin** at mpgauvin@comcast.net if you would like more information about the work that the Foundation does or to get involved.



BUCKS FOR BULLDOGS



Notes of thanks from BLMS staff after finding out that their Bucks for Bulldogs request was granted.

"Thanks so much! The kids will really benefit from it and I am so appreciative for all you guys do! Thanks again."

"Yeah! Thank you so much! J "

"Dear BLMS PTSA,
THANK YOU, sincerely!!
I am beyond thrilled and truly can't thank you enough!!"

"Oh my gosh, I don't even know what to say - thank you so much!! I am so appreciative of you and the rest of the PTSA - you all are so amazing. Thank you, thank you!!"

"Thank you so much! We are so grateful for the generous support from the PTSA."

"Wow, it's Christmas!! Thank you so much again!!!"

"Yay!! Thank you soooo much!!!"

"OMG that is soooooooooo amazing! Thank you so much!!!"

"Thank you so much. I appreciate the support of the PTSA in behalf of the Spanish 1 program."

"Thank you for your service and support."

"Wonderful! Thank you so very much!"

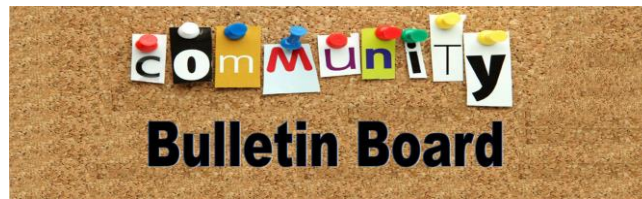
"Thank you! Mrs. Wells and I (and our students) greatly appreciate this!"

"Oh my gosh!!!! THANK YOU!! I am so excited!"

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"Woo Hoo! Thank you SO much!! I'm excited that this conference is now a possibility!!"

"Thank you for all the PTSA does for the students and staff at BLMS!"



Thurs, Oct. 27th 6:30pm • Issaquah Valley Elementary

Snacks • Free Childcare

[For flyer and more information click here](#)

[Questions? Email PTSA Council Family & Community Engagement Chairs here](#)

November 1st: Registration for donors, volunteers and families begins



[Click here for a flyer & details](#)



November 2nd • 6:30-9:30PM • Issaquah Library

Las opciones de ayuda financiera y el costo de asistir a la Universidad/Options for Finding Financial Aid for College.

[For information click here](#)

Issaquah Schools Foundation

November 2nd: Dining for Kids @ Agave

[Click here for information](#)



ISSAQUAH
SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

November 4th: Grant Applications OPEN

Grant Workshop November 5th at IMS • Application submissions due January 11, 2017

[Click here for information](#)



ParentWiser
Parent Education in Issaquah Schools

November 7th • 7pm-8:30pm

"Parenting the Developing Mind"

Parent Education Event

November 21st • 7pm

"Run, Hide Fight"

Speaker: Officer Diego Zanella, IHS SRO

[Click here for details & information](#)

November 8th: VOTE!



VOTE!



Tuesday, November 8th is the deadline to mail in ballots for the General Election.

[Click here to view the Voters' Pamphlet, available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese](#)

Wednesday: November 9th, 2016 7pm

ISD School Board Meeting



ISSAQUAH
SCHOOL DISTRICT 411

held in the ISD Administration Building Meeting Rooms

[For more information click here](#)

November 15th

IRS Form 990/990EZ/990-N (e-postcard) Due!



[Please click here for IRS form information from WA State PTA](#)

November 17th • 6:30-8:30pm

Special Education 101

in the Sunny Hills Elementary Library

Presented by the Issaquah School District Special Services Directors

Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6
Special Education
Committee



[Click here for more information](#)

November 18th • 12:00-2:30pm

Art Docent Training: Glazing 101



[Click here to register for this training](#)

November 21st @ 10am • Issaquah Library

Reflections Entries Due to Council



[For program information and guidelines click here](#)



Register by November 6th to guarantee a T-shirt

[Click here for more information](#)