



Bulldog Bytes

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Happy Holidays



From Your
BLMS PTSA
May this Holiday Season smile gently upon you and yours,
and may the New Year bring you Joy and Health.



- Fri., Dec. 2: Half Day for Grading, 10:15 Dismissal
- Wed., Dec. 7, 9-10 a.m.: Hour of Code
- Wed., Dec. 7, 7-8 p.m.: Winter Choir Concert
- Mon., Dec. 12, 2:20-4 p.m.: Geography Bee
- Tues., Dec. 20: Spirit Day. Dress Nice!
- Tues., Dec. 20, 7:40-8:40 a.m.: Assembly & Winter Concert
- Wed., Dec. 21-Mon., Jan. 2: First Winter Break. No School



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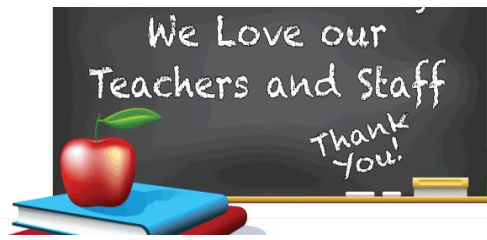
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THANK YOU CHEFS!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in food for the Staff Luncheon on November 4th. The staff raved about the delicious food that was provided!

A big round of applause goes out to: Chun-Pei Liu, Diana Brown, Sheryl Klarich, Jennifer Strach, Paula Koransky, Neena Rana, Lauri Kinnan, Kimberly Givens, Julie Mayo, Bridget Salmick, Lisa Guo, Angela Fischer, Alice Guilbert, Danielle Vermeulen, Shannon Lee, Juli Kubicki, Manisha Prasad, Jennifer McCommon, Lina Frankovich, Robin Klym, Lorie Piper, Cecilia Villalobos, and Kimberlee Hansen.



GET READY FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL BLMS TALENT SHOW!

Thursday, January 26th, 6-8:30PM

Students - it's time to show us your talent! You can perform a skit or comedy routine, recite poetry, dance, sing, mime, play an instrument, perform gymnastics, karate, magic, puppetry or share any talents you have. For those who wish to show their talents BEHIND the scenes, we need your help with MC, writing scripts and jokes for our announcer, ushering and handing out programs, or decorations for the stage.

[CLICK HERE](#) to REGISTER by January 7th



This year, we would like to share pictures or short (30 seconds or less) videos of our students doing those things they enjoy outside of school. We'd love to see them engaged in their hobbies, community service projects, athletics, recitals, etc. These will be placed in the morning and lunchtime presentations we share with our students daily.

Please send us electronic copies of your photos or short (30 seconds or less) videos of your students engaged in these activities.

Send to: helgesonl@issaquah.wednet.edu

Thanks!

Library News

Thank you fabulous Beaver Lake Middle School Community for your support of the BLMS Fall Book Fair! It was fun to hear the “buzz” from students about which books they wanted to buy. They had some great titles to choose from for sure!

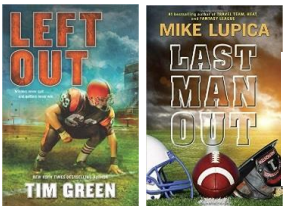
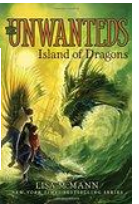
Proceeds from this year’s book fair will go toward purchasing books for the library general collection and our special collection for LRC II students. We will also use the proceeds to provide our Language Arts teachers with copies of some of this year’s most popular books for their classroom collections. Thank you again for your support!

If you are planning to do some holiday purchasing for your middle grade student, here are a few suggestions of books that are popular now at BLMS:



Under their Skin by Margaret Peterson Haddix. From *School Library Journal*: "Haddix offers a gripping blend of science fiction, suspense, and mystery, taking middle graders and teens on a fast-paced ride that will interest even the most reluctant reader." I can't keep this book on the shelf and students who return the book immediately

Island of Dragons (Book 7 of the Unwants Series) by Lisa McMann: *Island of Dragons* is the final book of this series which takes place in a dystopian world in which magic is very much in play. This series has been popular since book one!



Left Out by Tim Green and *Last Man Out* by Mike Lupica: TWO new football books by TWO of BLMS’ favorite authors. Both tell a compelling story both on and off the field.

For more book suggestions please follow the BLMS library on Twitter @BLMSLibrarian or Instagram at BLMS_Librarian.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to your family!

Amber Peterson, BLMS Librarian

Issaquah Schools Foundation November 2016 Updates

All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign: Thank you donors for going “All In” for our students! Because of your generosity, we are at 75% of our Fall fundraising goals! A big THANK YOU goes to the **BLMS WEB leaders and Kristin Beasley** for their phenomenal support at the Honk & Waves event on November 4th. To see how donor investments benefit BLMS students, please visit <http://issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/programs/programs-by-school/>.

If you haven't gone 'All In,' now's the time to help us reach our goal of \$516,000 and fund more than 40 programs that fuel success for every student at every school in our district. **Donate today,** and join the more than 2,000 individuals, families and businesses who have gone *All in for Kids!*



It's Grant Season! All teachers, administrators and parents within the Issaquah School District can apply for a grant. Grants were how the Issaquah Schools Foundation got started in 1987. It was a response to inadequate state funding and the community's desire to ensure our students received the best possible education. The goal is to offer funding opportunities to pilot innovative solutions and, where possible, to leverage those solutions across the district so every student may benefit.

There are 2 types of grants: 1) Classroom Enrichment Grants (up to \$1,000) and 2) Kateri Brow* Big Idea/Biggest Need Grants (up to \$10,000) (*named in honor of our late Superintendent). Here is the grant timeline:

- Jan 8: Grant Submission Deadline, 8 pm
- Feb 24: Classroom Enrichment Grant Winners Announced
- Mar 7: Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Presentations
- Mar 24: Kateri Brow/Biggest Need Grant Winners Announced
- May 10: Grant Recipients Presented to School Board

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS GRANT INFORMATION](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

- December 7: Dining For Kids *Chinoise Sushi*
- December 7: Friend of Youth fundraiser at Hilton Gardens, 7am
- May 11, 2017: Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- May 17, 2017: Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast at Eastridge Church, Issaquah

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



PAYING IT FORWARD!!!

The Bucks for Bulldogs grant program is a significant part of the BLMS PTSA Budget. This year, thanks to the INCREDIBLE support from our community, we were able to offer nearly \$13,000 in grants, to teachers and staff at BLMS. This is in addition to the support we provide teachers, staff and kids every day. These are dollars over and above the funding for student assistance, staff appreciation, family events and many more programs and activities.

Below is a sampling of the items/tools/programs that your students are benefitting from thanks to the Grants the teachers/staff created this year. We have an amazing community and an even more creative, supportive and caring faculty. Congratulations Beaver Lake Community – you made this happen!

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Items Requested</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Applehoff | Science | iPad & Keyboard |
| Beasley | Counseling | Document Scanner |
| Berg | ASB | Transportation |
| Brown | LRC II | Stacking Baskets |
| Brown | LRC II | Timers |
| Brown | LRC II | Laminating Film |
| Brown | LRC II | Adaptive Pencils |
| Brown | LRC II | Hook Racks |
| Brown | LRC II | Little Readers |
| Brown | LRC II | Library Books |
| Brown | LRC II | Library Books |
| Brown | LRC II | Tower Garden |
| Cho | Office | Sound System |
| Crandall | ELL | Printer & Laminator |
| Office Staff. | Office | Stand Up Desks |
| Dunn | Custodial | Microwave |
| Fischer | Spec. Ed | Learning Tools |
| Ford | PE | Ladder Golf Games |
| Ford | PE | Bag Toss Games |
| Ford | PE | Xbox 360 & Games |
| Francis | Office | Ink & Photo Paper |
| Haxton | Math | iPad & Keyboard |
| Jones | Spanish | Classroom Magazines |
| Klaasen | Office | Emergency Supplies |
| McAllen | SS | Supplemental Reading |
| Nicholson | Health Room | Thermometer |
| Palmer | Office | Microphones |
| Peterson | Library | Books |
| Rendon | Math | Math Games |
| Richards | LA/SS | Registration |
| Russell | LA/SS | Crayola Class pack |
| Santos | SS | iPads - |
| Sundt/Wells | LA | Classroom Novels |