



Bulldog Bytes

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Dear Families,

Can you believe the first month of school is under our belts already? The new bell schedules caused us to switch up old routines and make a few adjustments, but the students, teachers and staff are off to a great start for 2017-2018.

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 Day, Back to School Lunch for the teachers and staff, First Day of School Schedule Handouts and so much more! Thank you for all you do.

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 early October, 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. Well over \$60,000 in grants have been given to BLMS from the PTSA – a very significant impact for our students and our entire BLMS community!

The Board held its' first meeting September 28th, and we are preparing for the first **General Meeting** of the year. Mark your calendars as the meeting date changed to **Monday October 3rd at 9:30 a.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. Some General Meetings will be held in the mornings, and some in the evenings this year. We hope you can join us for the ones that fit your schedule.

Kindest regards,
Mary Jo Webb and Chrisann Penz
PTSA Co-Presidents

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



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Calling All VOLUNTEERS

The 8th Grade class is in need of many parent volunteers to help chaperone our 2017 Social Studies Junior Achievement program's culminating field trip to JA Business Park in Auburn. The entire 8th grade will be attending the field trip on the days of **Monday November 13th, Tuesday November 14th and Thursday November 16th, 2017**. This is an all-day field trip.

Here is the link where you can sign up to volunteer:

<https://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Volunteer/VolunteeringPacketPage/1>

All volunteers need to fill out the Volunteer Application through the Issaquah School District, available at:

<https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmpplus.net/>

Please know that you will need to complete an online volunteer training session prior to attending. The good news is you don't have to go there to train as in years past! Learn more at:

<http://jawashington.org/ja-world/ja-finance-park/volunteer-training>

Your assistance is essential to the continued success of this program, and will be greatly appreciated by both your children and their teachers.

Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Tues., 10/3, 9:30am:** PTSA General Meeting
- **Tues., 10/17:** Mid-Tri
- **Fri., 10/20:** Magazine Drive Mega Party
- **Sun., 10/22, 6-7pm:** ASB Officer Camp
- **Mon., 10/23:** Teacher Work Day, No School
- **Fri., 10/27, 8:20-9:26am:** Recognition Assembly
- **Mon., 10/30:** Photo Re-takes Day

STAFF APPRECIATION

The first staff luncheon will be on October 13. If you have signed up through PTSA or emailed us, we will send you a link to SignUpGenius about 2 weeks prior to the date. You will be able to sign up for an item to bring on October 13, and all of the instructions will be in the link.

Future dates for staff lunches are Dec 7, Jan 19, March 16, and Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help us out. If you would like to help, you can still sign up by emailing Lauri (laurikinnan@yahoo.com) or Neena (neenarana@yahoo.com).

Thanks, Lauri and Neena



Introducing Our 1st Ever....

BLMS Family Trivia Night

January 5th, 2018

More Details Coming Soon.

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

LET'S GET READING!

Support your kid's reading and the BLMS library by buying books at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. We will be hosting the book fair in the Commons from November 6-9. Send money with your child to buy books at lunch time, or stop by during lunch or after school to do some shopping. We would LOVE to see you. All proceeds go to the BLMS Library.

If you'd like to volunteer at the event, please contact Lynn Taylor at:

Lynntaylor@utterlytaylor.com

PTSA REFLECTIONS

The PTSA Reflections theme for the 2017-2018 school year is:

WITHIN REACH

There are six categories to choose from:

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



All submissions are due Tuesday, October 31st. Please refer to the general guidelines and specific rules, as these must be followed. Full program details can be found on [WA State PTA Reflections](#) page. To submit an entry, please use this [Student Entry Form](#) or pick one up in the BLMS office.

For any questions, contact Tanu Varshney tanu.mtr@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Highlights of the Month September 2017

Fueling Success for Every Student, Every School

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VOICE Mentor Program needs Mentors!

- The VOICE program is looking for Mentor volunteers at all schools. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity to spend time with a child and impact their life. Provide a positive, nurturing relationship for a student and make a difference in another person's life. Mentor one student, change two lives! Contact VOICE staff at voice@isfdn.org or call 425-391-8557 to get started.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Foundation

- Volunteers are essential to the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Whether you want to help with a project, make a weekly commitment or join our Board we can match your interests with an opportunity here. Call us at **(425) 391-8557** and let us know how you can help!

Thank you for making Tools4School a success!

- The Tools4School event was held on Sat. August 26th at Eastridge Church and helped over 900 students in need get the backpacks and supplies needed to start the school year right! The kids enjoyed a yummy BBQ, back to school haircuts and some fun with the Pacific Science Center's Blood & Guts exhibit. Thanks to all the businesses and volunteers who make this event possible. Eastridge Church, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Sammamish Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis International of Issaquah, Class Packs by Apperson, SimpleBox, Staples, Uber, Safeway/Albertson's, Friends of Youth, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6, Issaquah Rotary, Passage Point, Sammamish Rotary and Walmart.

DINING FOR KIDS

- Dining for Kids will begin again in October. Stay tuned for more information.
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SAVE THE DATE:

October 2017	Annual All in for Kids Campaign Resumes
May 10	Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
May TBD	Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast at Eastridge Church, Issaquah



Youth Writing Club

***Tuesdays, October 3,
November 7 and December 5
7-8:30pm***

Sammamish Library

For teens in middle and high school.

Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

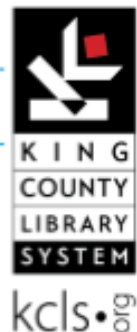
Join other teen writers to write, share and support
each other through the creative process.

Sponsored by the Friends of Sammamish Library.

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Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm • Friday, 10am-6pm • Saturday, 10am-5pm • Sunday, 1-5pm
kcls.org/sammamish • [facebook.com/SammamishLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SammamishLibrary)

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Stand Up for Students Sit Down for Breakfast



Friends of Youth Issaquah Breakfast

"Friends of Youth provides counseling support for our students in substance use disorder counseling along with mental health counseling.

The district's ability to hire sufficient staff to meet these needs is becoming increasingly more difficult.

Through our collaborative partnership, we are better able to respond to the most immediate needs our students face.

Friends of Youth provides greater access to these important services so that we can **keep our students healthy** and able to learn and

grow to their full potential. I want to personally thank the supporters and donors of Friends of Youth for helping to make our community a kinder, more supportive community for everyone."

Ron Thiele
Superintendent
Issaquah School District

When: Wednesday November 8th,
7:30am-8:30am

Where: Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Please RSVP by October 31st, 2017
www.friendsofyouth.org or jackie@friendsofyouth.org

Providing Counseling Support for Youth and Families in the Issaquah School District

FRIENDSOFYOUTH.ORG 13116 NE 132nd Street, Kentland, WA 98034-2308

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