



Bulldog Bytes

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Hi BLMS Families!

As we pass on through the middle of the school year, we would like to recognize the amazing PTSA members who volunteer at BLMS. Know your efforts are vitally important and make an impact for our students, teachers, administrators and the BLMS community at large. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer in some capacity this year, we encourage you to do so. Don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the PTSA Board (see us listed in this newsletter) or the main office at the school. There are many opportunities available, both big and small.

Want to know what is happening around PTSA? Read on for new and upcoming events.

The PTSA Nominating Committee is beginning to work on next year's slate for the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee has a structured process for selecting new board members which is outlined by the Washington State PTA. The committee's proposed slate will be presented for approval by the General Membership at our next General Membership Meeting on March 7. Please remember there is a place within our PTSA for anyone who wants to be involved at many different commitment levels! Reach out if you are interested.

Issaquah Schools Foundation is looking for mentors. A student who has a quality mentor is more likely to experience increased school attendance and academic achievement, demonstrates responsible decision-making, and develops skills to better navigate relationships at school, socially and at home. Visit the ISF website for more information, or contact our ISF Representative, Meredith Spencer, listed on the right side of this page.

Golden Acorn Awards are due February 12 – Do you know an outstanding volunteer? How about an Outstanding Educator or Outstanding Advocate? These great people should be recognized. Please contact a member of the Executive Board for more information and to nominate.

February 13 Levy Vote - The school board approved 3 renewal levy ballot measures to go before voters on February 13th after input from community members, legislators and district residents. After much discussion, the school board and ISD administration approved a plan to keep our high quality of education in Issaquah, while taking into consideration the tax impact on our community. At our January General Membership Meeting, **the BLMS PTSA Executive Board voted to ENDORSE** this levy. Don't forget to read about the levy and cast your vote!

Bulldog Bingo Night March 16 – Beaver Lake Middle School's most popular event of the year is coming soon! Bulldog Bingo Night at BLMS will be on Friday, March 16th. Be sure to mark your calendar for this annual fun and fantastic evening for families! We hope to see you there!

kindest Regards,
MaryJo Webb and **Chrisann Penz**
BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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



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STAFF APPRECIATION VOLUNTEERS

Thanks again to everyone who donated to the BLMS Staff Tailgate Luncheon!

Our next lunch will be Friday, March 30th. The theme is Asian, and this is the staff's favorite lunch of the year! We look forward to treating the staff to a wonderful Asian delight with your help!

Thanks, Neena and Lauri

February

- **Thur., 2/8, 2:45-3:45pm:** Spelling Bee
- **Fri., 2/16 - Sat., 2/17:** Jr. All State Band, Choir & Orchestra
- **Mon., 2/19:** Presidents Day, No School
- **Tue., 2/20 - Fri., 2/23:** Second Winter Break, No School
- **Wed., 2/28, 6-7pm:** Winter Orchestra Concert

ADOLESCO YOUTH EXCHANGE

Learn French in France, German in Germany or Spanish in Spain! We will match you with a student about your own age for a unique two-way exchange to France, Germany or Spain as part of our flexible and affordable nonprofit language immersion and cultural exchange program for qualifying U.S. students ages 9-18. YOU DECIDE when to exchange and for how long (up to three months).

Info meeting: Sat., Feb. 24th, from 2 - 4 PM

- Mercer Island Public Library (4400 88th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040) Conference Room
- RSVP marie@adolesco.org
- Find other [upcoming informational events](#) and [sign up for more info.](#)

Applications due **Thursday, March 15, 2018.**

ONCE A BULLDOG, ALWAYS A BULLDOG



Calling **ALL** Beaver Lake Bulldogs past and present! This will be mascot, Buddy 2.0's, last year at BLMS.

Mr. Ford is raising \$8,000 dollars to commission a life size bronze statue of Buddy to be anchored to the concrete bench in the commons of the school. Please help him to achieve his goal & GO BULLDOGS!

Please click the link below to contribute. Please share the link on social media to reach all of the past alumni.

Click here: [Fundly](#) (only 58 days left)

BINGO

Mark your Calendar!

BLMS Bingo Night!

Friday, March 16 5:45-8:00

Tickets go on sale Thursday, March 1

Don't miss out--tickets sell fast!

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!



6 Bingo Games

Prize Table

Raffle

Pizza & Drinks

Concessions

Fun for all
ages





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Highlights of the Month – February 2018

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Feeding Student Success

- Before the holidays, we launched a new initiative – **Feeding Student Success**, a program to combat hunger in our schools. Thanks to YOU, we have raised \$6,000 towards our \$22,000 goal to get the program off to a good start.
- Students experiencing hunger often have trouble behaving and focusing in class. Without their basic needs being met, even students who want to succeed have a barrier.
- You can contribute to providing food for a student [HERE](#)

DINING FOR KIDS

- **FEBRUARY Dining for Kids! Wednesday, February 7th Dining for Kids** will be at Agave in Issaquah Highlands. 1048 NE Park Dr. 425.369.8900

SAVE THE DATE

February 7	Dining for Kids at Agave, Issaquah Highlands
May 10	Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
May 22	Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast at Eastridge Church, Issaquah

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

NEED A BABYSITTER?

FEBRUARY 2ND 5-10

AT SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

**PIZZA - GAMES- FACE PAINTING
- ARTS & CRAFTS - AND MORE!**

RSVP (PREFERED BUT NOT REQUIERED) & MORE INFO:

shssophomoreclass.weebly.com/february-parents-night-out



The Issaquah Schools Foundation presents:

Dining *for kids*

WEDNESDAY
February 7th, 2018

Agave Cocina
1048 NE Park Dr
Issaquah, WA 98029
(425) 369-8900

Join us anytime on
Wednesday February 7th, 2018
and **Agave Cocina**
will donate a portion of your bill to the
Issaquah Schools Foundation.



Visit **isfdn.org** for a calendar of events and participating restaurants.

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Stress on the Rise **How to Support Your Child's Successful Development**

Why are our kids so stressed out? Understand the science of stress to help your children with coping strategies and wise decision-making. Learn how to enhance your child's resilience, social and emotional competence, and make family mental health a top priority. Research shows that students benefit from a balance of reasonable academic goals, healthy sleep, authoritative parenting, and media management.

Dr. Kastner is a psychology expert, parenting author, and featured in the new documentary film *Angst*.

Laura Kastner, Ph.D.

researcher, speaker, author

Wed, Feb 7th

7:00 - 8:30pm

Issaquah HS Theater

Register at

<http://ParentWiser.org>

Free for

**PTSA members of Issaquah schools,
non-members \$10 donation**

For parents only, of K-12

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**LOCATION:
11571 152ND AVE SE,
RENTON, WA**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR
GUESTS, FAMILIES, AND VOLUNTEERS BY
JANUARY 12TH**



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Game Coding with JavaScript

WINTER SESSION: STEM
Beaver Lake Middle School



JavaScript

In this after-school coding class, students learn the basics of JavaScript while creating classic games like asteroids, flappy bird and more. Javascript is known as the programming language of the Internet, the secret sauce to making websites interactive and it is a great starter language to learn! Prior computer programming experience using block platform or text-based languages is helpful, but not required. Our coding coaches guide students at any skill level.

Note: It is scheduled to end in time for students to take the activity bus home.

WHEN: Feb 6 - March 20
2:40 - 4:05pm, 6 classes

Grades 6-8

Tuesdays

WHERE: Portable 33

FEE: \$197/student

Sign Up Now

TechVentureKids.org

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*2018-2019 school year registration begins on Monday, January 22nd



play * explore * learn * discover * grow



PRESCHOOL

Our preschool program includes developmentally appropriate curriculum that meets the needs of each child as they grow socially, emotionally, mentally, and physically. In our classroom we learn skills necessary for kindergarten and life through play-based and academic learning.



CLASSES

3 year old class
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 AM – 12:45 PM
\$295 per month

4.5 year old class
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 AM – 12:45 PM
\$ 450 per month

OR

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
\$ 610 per month



OPEN HOUSE

Contact us to schedule a tour of the preschool!

Please join us for an open house
January 11, 2018
5:00 – 6:00 PM

We would love to meet your child and family and answer any questions you may have about preschool.

What makes Skyline Preschool special?

- ✓ small child to teacher ratio
- ✓ high school student helpers in the classroom
- ✓ family fun events every month
- ✓ local vendors visit to enhance learning opportunities

Contact us to set up a visit!

Michelle Campbell Preschool Specialist

Email: campbellm@issaquah.wednet.edu





Phone: 425-837-7802

Website: <http://bascpreschool.weebly.com>



REGISTER TODAY

for Spring 2018 Baseball & Softball

-  **T-Ball** for boys and girls ages 5 - 6
-  **Baseball** for boys and girls ages 7 - 16
-  **Softball** for girls ages 7 - 14
-  **Challenger Program** ages 6 - 18

Sammamish Little League is a non-profit organization serving more than 1,000 players. We offer Baseball for ages 5-12, Softball for ages 5-14, and Challenger Baseball for boys and girls with special needs. The league covers the south end of the Sammamish Plateau.



To register or for more details visit
www.SammamishLittleLeague.org



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SPARTAN LACROSSE CLUB SPRING SEASON

The Spring Lacrosse is upon us!! Registration for all levels is now open. Lacrosse is the fastest sport on two feet and the fastest growing sport in America. Come be apart of the Skyline lacrosse community and register today!

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Lightning program: Friday Nights/occasional Saturday games. March-May. \$225. Registration includes EVO Warp Stick

3rd-4th Grade: Two practices a week/Saturday games. March-June \$350. Registration includes EVO Warp Stick.

5th-6th Grade: Two practices a week/Saturday games. January-June \$495. *Tryouts for tournament team. Accepting a position on this team requires an additional \$250 for additional tournaments

7th-8th Grade: Three practices a week/Saturday games. January-June \$695. *Tryouts for tournament team. Accepting a position on this team requires an additional \$250 for additional tournaments

Who:	Skyline HS Boundary Boys, kindergarten through 8th Grade
What:	Skyline Spring Lacrosse 2018 Season OELL League
Where:	Practices and Home Games: Skyline Multi Use Fields/PLMS/Klahanie Field Away games-Greater Eastside
When:	>Pre-Season Practices Saturdays @ SHS: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 24 3/4:9-10a 5/6:10-11a 7/8:11-12p >5th-8th Grade Tryouts: January 29, 30, 31 (5/6-5-6:30 and 7/8-6:30-8) >Regular Season March-June
How:	Register at: skylinelax.com Roster size limited. Waitlists will be created until registration numbers support additional team(s).

Questions: Email info@skylinelax.com

Issaquah School District



STEM POSIUM

February 15, 2018

Issaquah HS, 6:00-8:00 pm

WHAT:

Teachers and students are invited to showcase how they integrate STEM skills and knowledge through classroom projects, after school clubs, and student competitions. In addition to classroom booths, STEM related industries will share their work.

- Open house format of district STEM learning
- Opportunity for teachers and students to demonstrate at the first ISD STEMposium
- Showcase of STEM learning from schools throughout the district.
- Tech pay for participating teachers
- Applications open on October 10, 2017, due November 9, 2017
- Save the date and start brainstorming ideas





artEAST

Weekly Art Courses

Youth Ceramics, ages 8-11

6pm-7:30pm

Mondays, Jan 8-Mar 26

Colored Pencil, ages 12-17

4pm-5:30pm

Thursdays, Jan 11-Mar 29

Teen Illustration, ages 13-17

4:30pm-6pm

Mondays, Jan 8-Mar 26

Youth Painting, ages 10-13

5pm-6:30pm

Wednesdays, Jan 10-Mar 28

Specialty Youth & Teen Art Courses

Photography: Capturing Emotion

ages 13-17

2pm-4pm Saturdays

4 sessions: Feb 10-Mar 3

Youth Art Fridays

ages 8-12

6pm-8:30pm Fridays

Jan 19, Feb 9 & Mar 16

Winter & Spring Break Art Camps

Mixed Media & Colored Pencil

ages 8-12, 9am-4pm Monday-Friday

Feb 19-23 and Apr 9-13

Register online at www.arteast.org

95 Front St N. Issaquah, WA 98027

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