

# Bulldog Bytes

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Welcome Back Beaver Lake Families!

Your BLMS PTSA has been working over the summer to help get the school year off to a great start. Thanks to everyone who has already joined PTSA and signed up to volunteer in some capacity. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join PTSA, and if you would like to donate to our **Pass the Hat Fundraiser**, click <u>here</u>. Our goal is 100% membership this year which means we need to spread the word to ALL Beaver Lake families. We appreciate you helping us progress toward 100% participation. We are currently at 50%. Spread the word and let's push that to 100% by the end of September!

Your generous donations to the **Pass the Hat Fundraiser** allow the PTSA to provide important school & classroom tools and programs which are NOT funded by Issaquah School District. Together we can make a big impact, and whether you can donate a large or small amount, ALL students and staff benefit. We ask that you give what you can! Last year, the PTSA granted over \$16,000 to teachers and staff for classroom iPads, hands-on learning tools, library seating, teacher training opportunities and so much more. Click here to donate today!

Our **first General Membership meeting** and an opportunity for parents to meet Principal Cho will be October 2 at 9:30 AM at BLMS in the library. Please join us and learn more about what is happening at BLMS and with the PTSA.

We love our volunteers. There are lots of opportunities to help out this year. If you would like to help out, please make sure the district volunteer form is filled out. To find the form, **click on "ISD Volunteer Application"** when you visit our <u>homepage</u>.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a great school year.

*Mary Jo Webb* and *Krystl McCandlish* Co-Presidents

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- Wed., 9/5, 10:20am-3:30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- Tues., 9/11, 7-8:30pm: Curriculum Night
- Fri., 9/21: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra to Washington State Fair Puyallup



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## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

We would love for you to help donate items for the Staff Lunches throughout the year! The first lunch is in October. We request certain items from parents for each lunch. You can buy or make the requested items. This is a very easy way to make a huge impact on the staff.

If you are interested please sign up on the PTSA website or contact us! Thank you!

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| Join the         |
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| Beaver Lake PTSA |

#### Together

When you join PTSA you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our school. We believe TOGETHER we can help our children be successful. We welcome you to get involved in PTSA and show your support!

#### Everyone

#### Who can join?

- Parents (Mom AND Dad)
- Grandparents
- Teachers/Staff
- Alumni
- Friends and Family
- Our goal is to reach 100% membership (one membership per enrolled child)

Please partner with us to reach this goal and sign your family up today!

## PTSA Supports:

Achieves

Classroom Supplies Bucks for Bulldogs Community Events Teacher Appreciation School Recognition Parent Education WEB Team Safety Equipment Reflections

### More

- Being a PTSA member means MORE... • <u>A Legislative Voice</u> (the more members the
  - louder our voice to advocate for our children and school in legislation)
  - <u>A Way To Get</u> <u>Connected</u> (PTSA provides a sense of community and keeps you notified of what is happening in the school)
  - Makes You A Positive <u>Role Model</u> (membership demonstrates to your children the importance you place on education)



#### Welcome Back to School Bulldogs!

On Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome all of our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders to our WEB orientation at Beaver Lake Middle School. WEB stands for Where Everyone Belongs. This orientation will be from 8-12 for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Our first day of school for everyone is Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday is a late start for our middle schools with the main doors opening at 9:50 AM with first period beginning at 10:20 AM. On the first day of school, all of our students will receive their schedules with their locker information printed on their schedule. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their schedules in the Commons, and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their schedules in the main gym. When the warning bell rings at 10:10 AM, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will check in at their locker and then go to their first period class. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders will remain in the gym. We want to welcome them to Middle School, and they will be escorted by their teacher to first period. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and we are so excited for the school year to begin!

Mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night, September 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM. You will have a chance to meet your child's teachers, learn about their classes, how they will be communicating with you throughout the year, and you can begin forming the partnership between school and home. You will start in your child's first period class and transition to each period throughout the night. The evening flies by, so there isn't really a chance to have individual conferences that night. Feel free to email your child's teacher to set up a time to talk when more focused attention can be given to the conversation.

Please get involved! We LOVE having you volunteer at Beaver Lake Middle School and need your help. We can't do it without you! For a list of opportunities, you can contact our PTSA volunteer coordinator, Tara Farhad volunteers@beaverlakeptsa.org.

We are looking forward to a great year! Stacy Cho

## Order your spirit wear today! https://beaverlakespiritwear.itemorder.com/sale



#### September 2018 - Welcome Back!



• **Go All In For Kids:** The Issaquah Schools Foundation invites you to go All in for Kids and donate to our annual campaign today! Your gift to the Foundation will help fund programs in each of the Issaquah School District's 24 schools in the communities of Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle, Bellevue and Renton.

Please make a donation during online school registration or click <u>HERE</u> to donate today. Programs that receive Foundation funding include:

- o STEM clubs
- o After-school homework help
- Art instruction
- o Robotics
- Social and emotional support
- Teacher professional development
- One-to-one mentoring
- Substance abuse prevention
- o Resources for families from diverse cultures
- $\circ$  Food aid
- o Band, choir and orchestra
- Food Aid Helps Students Thrive: Did you know the Foundation's Basic Student Needs program works to lower barriers to academic success? A core initiative of the program is food aid, which provides free breakfasts, snacks and lunches at many District schools. Nutritious meals and learning go hand-in-hand, and students who eat breakfast and lunch are better able to focus on their studies. Thanks to generous donors like you, the program provided more than 17,000 breakfasts, snacks and lunches during the 2017-18 school year.
- Summer Reading Club is a Best Seller: Books are flying off the shelves at our Summer Reading Club Club de lectura de verano. Coordinated by the Foundation's Cultural Bridges program, the bilingual Summer Reading Club encourages students to continue reading throughout the summer, helping them to avoid the "summer slide." Thank you to all reading buddies and volunteers for supporting our young readers during the summer months! This program was made possible thanks to a partnership with King County Library System, Issaquah School District and Issaquah Schools Foundation.
- Tools4School: On August 1 and 2, the Tools4School program distributed 667 backpacks filled with school supplies to Issaquah School District families that need financial support. We also packed an additional 140 backpacks that will be available in schools for families who arrive later in the year. Thank you for donating to Tools4School! A joint program of the Issaquah Schools Foundation and Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Tools4School will provide more than 800 backpacks to District students during the 2018-19 school year.



## **BLMS ASB FUNDRAISER**

Please help us kick off our annual ASB fundraiser on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. All students will receive fundraiser information on that date. Many of the cultural, athletic, recreational and social events at BLMS cannot happen without the support of ASB. Our assemblies, after school athletics, lunchtime activities, end of year celebrations and afterschool clubs held at BLMS rely on ASB funds. Please encourage your student to participate in this important fundraiser.

We want to make you aware of a few exciting changes in this year's fundraiser. First of all, the dates:

- Turn-in Day #1 Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Turn-in Day #2 Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

This year, we will be selling artisan popcorn and gourmet cookies. We are thrilled about these products and our new partnership with ES Fundraising. Donations will also be accepted. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you in advance for your support, as it funds SO many activities and opportunities that are crucial to a positive culture for all BLMS students.





## Are you a girl, age 10 -14, or her parent looking for #STEM hands-on learning activities that are fun this Fall?



Explore how your daughter can learn about steam engine design and the Virginia V, learn to sail, design and build underwater drones, explore Lake Union by drone, and more while having fun on the water!

Registration for the FALL After School Camp now open @: <u>www.frogprintse.org</u>, or contact us at **415 448-6091**, <u>info@frogprintse.org</u>, to find out more.

## Fall After-School Program: 9/15 – 11/3, Saturdays 9-4

By:



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Build skills that last a lifetime

## Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## **EXPERIENCE FITNESS PROJECT 2018**

A FREE fitness event sponsored by Waypoint Pediatric Therapies and Life Enrichment Options (LEO)

| Sunday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 from 11-2pm   |
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| Issaquah High School Track and Field (700 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Issaquah, WA)   |
| A day for children and young adults with physical disabilities to participate in <b>competitive and non-</b><br><b>competitive fitness events</b> including adapted equipment, races, and group classes. The <b>Experience</b><br><b>Fitness Zone</b> will have representatives from many different local recreational & fitness programs &<br>organizations promoting opportunities for children with disabilities.  |
| Events include: Run/Walk/Roll, Bike Trials with Outdoors for All, Yoga, Dance, Rock Wall,<br>Obstacle Course, Softball Throw and more! All events will include modifications to try and<br>accommodate all ability levels and assistive devices.  |
| Because we believe fitness plays a critical role in helping people with disabilities to optimize<br>their physical and emotional health. Improving fitness can directly lead to increased<br>participation in family, school, community, and peer-oriented activities. <b>Our goals:</b> 1. To<br>provide children and young adults with disabilities an opportunity to engage in both<br>competitive and non-competitive fitness-related activities. 2. To provide families with<br>information and opportunities to learn about, access, and interact with local organizations that<br>provide fitness and recreation options to young people with disabilities.  |
| Children and young adults with motor delays, and their families & friends. All ability levels are welcome including the use of adapted bikes and manual or power wheelchairs.   |
| FOR MORE INFORMATION:   www.waypointpediatric.com   Phone: (425) 270-3238   Email: allison@waypointpediatric.com   With the second |
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## **Fall Youth Sports Programs**

## Sign Up Today!







## NFL Flag Football Leagues

- Non Contact Flag Football | Once a Week Commitment
- Multiple League Locations | SAT / SUN Options
- Wear NFL Branded Jerseys | Play with your Friends
- Boys / Girls Pre K thru 8th Grade
- New Team Sign Up Option!



### 3 on 3 NBA Basketball Leagues

- Get ready for the Winter Season with 3 on 3!
- Wear NBA Branded Jerseys
- Improve your game while having fun!
- Boys / Girls Grades 3rd thru 11th
- New Team Sign Up Option!

**1 Day** a Week Commitment, Practices & Games on the same day! Live the dream by playing NFL Flag / NBA 3 on 3, Wear **NFL / NBA** branded jerseys. Safe Play, non contact sport / **\$10** Multi Child Discount.





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| Tuesday         | 6–8pm          | Saturday                       | No Study Zone |
| Wednesday       | 6-8pm          | Sunday                         | 3–5pm         |
| Thursday        | No Study Zone  |                                |               |
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