

BulldogBytes

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Happy Holidays to our Beaver Lake Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and are looking forward to the upcoming winter break. The PTSA had quite a busy and fun November thanks the support of our members, and the BLMS faculty and administration.

THANKS to all of you! One of the most rewarding events that took place in November was our Bucks for Bulldogs program and the awarding of grants to teachers and staff that puts your PTSA dollars right back into the classrooms. With our chair, Khristie Tobler, and committee members, Marci Bartholomae and Jen Belding, grants were reviewed, approved and are currently being purchased. Approved grants include whiteboards for science classes, atlases for social studies, supplies for the PAWS room, stability chairs, books, funding for PBSES teacher-to-teacher observation, and more! This program and these grants would not be possible without the generous donations to our Pass the Hat fundraiser by all of you!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2018-2019 Reflections program. We received several remarkable entries that creatively conveyed the theme "Heroes Around Me." The entries were on display in the Commons, but if you didn't have chance to see them, visit the PTSA homepage (www.beaverlakeptsa.org). A special thanks to our Reflections Chair, Tanu Varshney, for all her hard work in running the program for BLMS this year!

PTSA once again brought the Scholastic Book Fair to BLMS! The proceeds benefit the BLMS library, allowing our librarian to purchase more great books for all students to enjoy. Thank you to Lynn Taylor for chairing the event again and to the volunteers for their help in setting up, tearing down, and running the fair -- Christina Schubert, Jill Bengis, Amy Hughes, Michele Brady, Michelle Lyman, Lisa Grady, Rory Mullen, Amy Ketchum, and April Weiner.

Trivia Night was back again this year with a great response. Thanks to all the kids, parents, and staff who joined in for the riveting rounds of trivia, the fast action minute-to-win-it games and Rubik cube competitions, and awesome raffles. Thanks to our Trivia Night chair, Stefanie Magnuson and PTSA members, Jennifer McCommon, Stacy Gazjuk, Debbie Lieberman, Lara Buis, and Sara Johnson, for making this such a fun event for all. A big shout out to our always entertaining emcees, Lane Helgeson and Stacy Cho! For those that missed the fun this year, we look forward to seeing you at next year's event!

If you're interested in participating in shaping the direction of the PTSA, it's never too late to get involved! One important and timely opportunity is to be a part of the Nominating Committee for next year's PTSA Board of Directors. This is a fun and interesting way to influence the future of the Board, and it is easy to participate with little time involved – and best of all, the actual time commitment doesn't occur until after the holidays! If you have interest in this important role, please contact Mary Jo Webb or Krystl McCandlish.

We are also very excited that ParentWiser is back again this year with informative parenting lectures. The next event will take place on January 9, 2019 at 7pm at Skyline High School. Local author and therapist, Jo Langford, will be speaking about adolescent digital behaviors and the risks and benefits with Digital Safety 101. This is a free event for all ISD PTSA members. Visit www.parentwiser.org for more details and to pre-register.

It is our privilege to serve such a great community of families as your PTSA Presidents. If you have friends or neighbors who have not yet joined PTSA, please encourage them to do so. Together we can make BLMS a great place for our kids! We are grateful for your support, and we look forward to seeing you and hearing your voice at our next General Membership meeting on Jan. 10, 2019 at 6:45pm in the BLMS library.

Wishing each of you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season! Mary Jo Webb and Krystl McCandlish
PTSA Co-Presidents

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SOUPS ON!!

The next Staff Luncheon will be on Dec 14th. It is the warm and cozy lunch of the winter! Please be on the lookout for the sign up if you are a volunteer.

If you are not on the sign up and would like to donate food (store bought or homemade), contact Lauri Kinnan at laurikinnan@yahoo.com or Neena Rana at neenarana@yahoo.com. Happy Holidays!

Thanks, Neena and Lauri



- Mon., 12/3: End of Tri 1
- Wed., 12/5, 7-9pm: Winter Orchestra Concert
- Fri., 12/7, 10:55am: Half Day for Grading, 10:55am Dismissal
- Fri., 12/14, 8:10-9:10am: Winter Concert Assembly
- ❖ Thur., 12/20-Tue. 1/1: First Winter Break



These fun November events would not be possible at BLMS without the help of our star volunteers.

PTSA REFLECTIONS

Thank you to all the students who submitted their creative and inspirational entries. A special shout out goes to the many BLMS staff who help with judging and to Tanu Varshney who served as event chair.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was a great success! We really appreciate all the students, parents and teachers for supporting our fair. In total, we made over \$1800 for the library! A huge thank you goes to our Book Fair volunteers, including Christina Schubert, Jill Bengis, Amy Hughes, Michele Brady, Michelle Lyman, Lisa Grady, Rory Mullen, Amy Ketchum and April Weiner, in addition to event chair Lynn Taylor.

TRIVIA NIGHT

We had over 100 people attend this family fun evening which included trivia, activities and great prizes. Thank you to the many PTSA volunteers who made everything run smoothly, including Jennifer McCommon, Stacy Gazjuk, Debbie Lieberman, Lara Buis and Sara Johnson, in addition to BLMS staff Mr. Helgeson & Stacy Cho. Plus, a special thanks goes to Stefanie Magnuson for chairing this great event.



December 2018

Program Spotlight

We live in a STEM heavy community. The Foundation funds several programs that help students with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Two examples are:

- **Robotics Clubs** are supported at several elementary schools and every middle and high school in the District. Schools compete in local and regional competitions, with the possibility of advancing to the world competition.
- **STEMPosium** is an annual after school community event for students K-12 showcasing how to gain STEM skills and knowledge through exhibits from STEM related industries, classroom projects, afterschool clubs, and student competitions.

Dining for Kids at Chinoise Sushi Bar & Asian Grill

Wednesday, December 5: All day - Enjoy a great meal for a great cause! Dine at Chinoise Sushi Bar & Asian Grill in Issaquah Highlands on December 5 and Chinoise will donate a portion of your bill to Issaquah Schools Foundation.







Digital Safety 101

Jo Langford helps parents balance kids' digital lives with boundaries, etiquette and good judgment. He provides an overview of adolescent digital behavior with the risks and benefits of online life. Jo will discuss the social sites you need to know about --the good, the bad and the ugly, all explained! Including a primer on sexting, cyberbullying and more.

Learn to set limits, monitor behavior, and start the important conversations around kids' relationships to tech in a connected world. PLUS a healthy dose of Q&A.

Jo Langford is a dad, therapist and sex educator for kids and parents in greater Seattle. Jo has worked over 20 years at the intersection of adolescence, sexuality, technology and behavior, providing training for organizations and therapy to adolescents and families around a gambit of sexuality themes, including LGBTQ issues, internet safety, digital citizenship and comprehensive sex education.

Sponsored by



Jo Langford, M.A.

Sex Educator, Therapist, Dad

Wed, Jan 9th

7:00 - 8:30pm

Skyline HS Theater

Register at

http://ParentWiser.org

Free for

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

For PARENTS of grades 3-12

(Parent-only event due to mature themes)







for Spring 2019 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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PLAYERS NEEDED FOR JUNIORS TEAM!



AGES 8-15
SUNDAYS, DEC-FEB
2:30-4PM
ISSAQUAH
COMMUNITY CENTER



TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT 425-837-3300



Bulldog Bytes



Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-8:30pm Issaquah Library

Do you like tabletop games?

Meet local game designers, see demonstrations of games that are still being created, and get a chance to play new games that have not been published yet!

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library prior to the event if you require accommodation.

Issaquah Library • 10 W Sunset Way • Issaquah, WA 98027 • 425.392.5430

Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm • Friday, 10am-6pm • Saturday, 10am-5pm • Sunday, 1-5pm

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Sammamish Library

Holiday Programs



Ballet Stories: Nutcracker

Saturday, December 8, 1-1:30pm

Ages 4 and older with adult.
Join the children's librarian in an interactive reading of *The Nutcracker*.
A wonderful introduction to the story for children, if attending seasonal performances of this beloved holiday classic.
Come in your ballet or other Nutcracker-themed costume!

Holiday Music Concert

Saturday, December 15, 2pm

All ages welcome.
Celebrate winter with musicians from the Sammamish Symphony.
Get into the festive spirit with classical music and popular seasonal pieces.
Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Sammamish Library.

Family Classics Book Club A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 22, 10am

Adults and children ages 8 and older.
Read in advance, or come listen
to a short picture book version
of this classic story.
Discuss the author, character and
themes as an introduction for young
readers and review for adult fans.
Please register online.

Create LED Holiday Cards

Saturday, December 22, 1-2:30pm

Ages 10 and older.
Ages 7 and older with an adult.
Create your own holiday card that lights up!
Learn the basics of working with
LED lights and finish a card to
take home, in time for
Christmas, Kwanza or New Year's.
Sponsored by the Friends of
the Sammamish Library.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library prior to the event if you require accommodation. Sammamish Library • 825 228th Avenue SE • Sammamish, WA 98075 • 425.392.3130

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Early Childhood CHILDFIND PROGRAM

The ISD Childfind Program is designed to locate and offer assistance to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children, between the ages of birth and 21, who may have developmental delays or significant learning challenges.

The Early Childhood CHILDFIND PROGRAM Is designed to reach children from Birth to age 5 who may be eligible for special education services.



We offer Childfind Developmental Screenings monthly during the school year, from September through May.

For information on children ages 3-5 please contact: 425-837-7197

or

childfind@issaquah.wednet.edu

*For students Kindergarten age and older, please contact your school directly.

What Every Parent Wants to Know about the

Issaquah School District

(Part 2)





Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:30 to 8:00 pm Issaquah Valley Elementary 555 NW Holly St, Issaquah, WA 98027

The general session for parents from grades K-12 will include information about curriculum, ELL program, testing/assessments, Special Services, and parent involvement at schools.

Children's corner and snacks provided.

Interpretation will be available in Mandarin, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese. Please contact gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu for more information or if you need an interpreter in another language.

Lo que a todo padre le gustaría saber sobre el sistema educativo de el

Distrito Escolar de Issaquah (Segunda Parte)

miercoles, 5 de diciembre, 2018 6:30 a 8:00 pm Issaquah Valley Elementary

La sesión general para padres de los grados K-12 incluirá información sobre el plan de estudios, exámenes evaluaciones, servicios especiales, programa de ELL y participación de los padres en las escuelas.

Rincón infantil y bocadillos seran disponibles

Interpretación sera disponible en español.

这是给幼儿园到12年级的父母的一般会议。内容包括有关课程,测试评估,特殊服务,英语语言学习计划等信息。以及家长如何投入和参与学校的个项活动。

我们会提供儿童游戏区和点心并有普通话的口译服务。

若您有任何問題,請聯繫 Wenli Mithal <u>mithalw@issaquah.wednet.edu</u> 謝謝您。



SKYLINE DANCE TEAM Middle School Dance Program

Join the Skyline Dance Team's Middle School Dance Program! This year we are offering two options to dance with us! Attend our middle school dance workshop and performance in December, and/or sign up for our Jr. Dance Team that will practice January-March.

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.skylinedanceteam.com

DANCE WORKSHOP INFO:

Learn technique and choreography to perform on stage at the Skyline Dance Team Winter Showcase!

WORKSHOP:

December 15th, 2018 9am-12pm | Skyline High School

PERFORMANCE:

December 16th, 2018 1:00pm | Skyline High School Theater

COST: \$45.00

Registration fee includes t-shirt and two tickets to the Skyline Dance Team Winter Showcase

Sign up for our Team Program and attend the workshop for 50% OFF!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM INFO:

A dance prep program for dancers interested in auditioning for the Skyline High School Dance Team. Dancers will receive dance training from Skyline Dancers and Coaches. The team will practice once a week and perform at school and community events.

PRACTICES:

Mondays January- March 6:00-7:30pm | Pine Lake Middle School

PERFORMANCES:

Skyline Varsity Basketball Game Dance Districts Competition Skyline Dance State Send Off

COST: \$175.00

Registration fee includes uniform top.

Questions?

Skylinehsdance@gmail.com | www.skylinedanceteam.com

Spring Sports Programs Sign Up Today! Multiple Locations









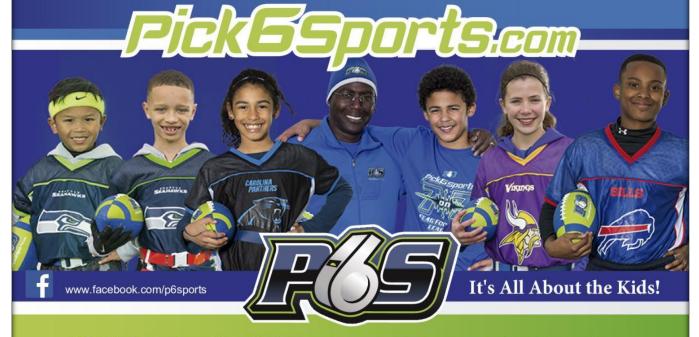
NFL Flag Football Leagues

- Register Early and Save! Starts in Mid March
- Multiple League Locations | SAT / SUN Options
- Wear NFL Branded Jerseys | Play with your Friends
- Boys / Girls Pre K thru 11th Grade
- New Team Sign Up Option!

3 on 3 NBA Basketball Leagues

- Winter and Spring Options!
- 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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Food for Children During Winter Break

Food insecurity increases during school breaks when school meal programs are unavailable. The Lunch for the Break program helps address that need. Each Lunch for the Break box contains breakfast, lunch, and snack foods and is provided at no charge for students living in the Issaquah School District.

Donate a Box

Register to pack a box and download the shopping list at issaquahfoodbank.org/ lunchforthebreak. This provides a fun opportunity to shop with your family and get them involved.

Box drop off for Winter Break: Dec. 17 from 2-7pm

No time to pack a box? You can order pre-packed boxes online and have them delivered for you or make a financial contribution to help purchase produce and extra food items! Order boxes or donate online at issaquahfoodbank.org/lunchforthebreak.

Receive a Box

Would you like a box for each of your children grades K-12? Register online at issaquahfoodbank.org/lunchforthebreak and receive more information on pick-up locations in



Questions?
E-mail lunchforthebreak@issaquahfoodbank.org
Call 425.392.4123 x16
www.issaquahfoodbank.org



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HOLIDAY GIFT BARN

Make the holidays brighter for children in our community!

Every December, we turn the Pickering Barn in Issaquah into a giant department store with brand new toys, games, clothing, and other gift items donated by the community. Families who need help providing that special gift for their kids are able to shop for free while their children are being cared for in our childcare area.

Want to donate?

You can shop with your family, join with neighbors or co-workers for a gift drive, or donate financially to help provide brand new, unwrapped gifts to over 1,400 children this holiday season. Be sure to register as a donor and find more details as well as a full donor toolkit online at www.issaquahfoodbank.org/hgb-donors. Donation drop-off will be December 3-4 from 1-7pm at the Pickering Barn in Issaquah.

Want to register your family to shop?

You can pre-register for a shopping time to select just the right gifts for your kids ages 0-18 and residing in the Issaquah School District. Registration is open November 1st through 30th at www.issaquahfoodbank.org/holidaygiftbarn or by visiting us at 179 1st Avenue SE in Issaquah.

Questions? www.issaquahfoodbank.org/holidaygiftbarn Call 425.392.4123 x16





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Very Merry Sammamish

Friday, December 7 5 - 7:30 pm

Free entertainment, activities, food and special guests

Sammamish Commons Plaza 801 228th Ave SE

Activities! **Faux Snow** Princesses Petting Zoo Face Painting Toys for Tots Drive!

Food! Daddy's Donuts Popcorn Rocky's Empanadas Entertainment! **Local Choirs** Harpist Dance Team ESF&R Reindeer Truck

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- » Circle Dates December February
- » Circle 1 11-12 year olds #61988
- Circle 2 13-14 year olds #61989



ONCE A ZGIRL, ALWAYS A ZGIRL



REGISTER

Register today with Issaquah Parks and Recreation! Registration closes in November, so sign up today before it's too late.



INVITE FRIENDS

Invite a few of your friends and teammates to join you to become a ZGiRL. If you already have some friends in mind, then you're a step ahead!



LET'S GO

Circles start in December and will be held at Issaquah

Community Center. The girls will get to meet 6 times with their Mentor!!!

To register, contact 425-837-3300 or register online and reference barcode #61988 or #61989



Questions? Contact Lisa Echert at 425-837-3308 or lisae@issaguahwa.goc

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