

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

- In so many ways it doesn't seem possible that our first year as a K-8 school has come to an end. It has been a momentous year. Our students have made leaps forward both academically and in their maturity. Our teachers have worked very hard to implement new curriculum adoptions and to respond positively to changes in their work routines. Our parent community never ceases to amaze me in your willingness to step in and help, no matter how large or small the request might be. Thanks for your help and support on this new venture. Thanks, most importantly, for giving us the opportunity to teach your children.

- We would like to give a huge thank you to our Oaks Park chaperones: Sarah Arrington, Dominique Barron, Lori Delman, Trish Hendry, Cheryl Hering, Kim Ilosvay, Alicia Liebert, Vern Marshall, Patti Neville, Mary Salholm, and Meg Stern. It was wet, windy, and cold, but these folks were troopers! Thank so much ~ we couldn't have done it without you!

Also, the kids were terrific and a fun time was had by all!

- Thank you to Spanish teacher and parent Ingrid Petersen for overseeing **Pennies for Peace**, and to Ingrid and Trish for taking the pennies to the bank that were collected for Pennies for Peace. **We collected \$1320.65!** That's a LOT of pennies!!!!

- Thanks to our 7th and 8th grade parents for making our 8th grade promotion party such a success. All of the 8th grade tears were tears of happiness, as well as sadness at leaving friends.

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- **June 9th the PPS School Board approved 5-0, with two Directors absent, that our new school name is Beverly Cleary!** Our two buildings will be referred to as Beverly Cleary Hollyrood and Beverly Cleary Fernwood until the time when we are all together in a new building!

- Last week we received from PPS Grant's Department information about our Foundation balance. There was enough money in our account to proceed with our plan to bring back our Media Specialist. In moving Margie Lawler to that position, we now have an opening at 2nd grade. Melissa and I will begin interviews for that position soon. We also have a 7th grade opening as Sarah Arrington has decided to retire from PPS.

- **We are planning to "Green Up" the Fernwood cafeteria.** One of the projects that we can undertake is to switch to "hardware" plastic trays instead of using of styrofoam. The "hardware" trays are washed after each use.

In order to pull this off, we will need at least one parent volunteer EACH day to help with the washing. We might be able to use students to help with this, depending on how much time it takes- I'm not willing to have our kids miss too much classroom time for tray washing.

If you're willing to serve in this capacity, please email me asap so that I may plan with Nutrition Services if we're able to move ahead.

Linda (kapranos@pps.k12.or.us)

Announcements

• **Summer Reading Program**

Oregon students are invited to take part in Oregon's Summer Reading Program, co-sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Librarian. As educators know, current research confirms the importance of children reading during the summer to minimize learning loss.

What's more -- reading is just plain FUN! This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library."

The certificates will be available through the Department of Education and the public libraries. Students may receive a certificate when they have read 10 books between May 15th and September 15th.

Students may receive certificates by mailing their lists of completed books (signed by a parent, guardian, or teacher) to Pat Bruebaker, Oregon Department of Education, 255 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97310. Students may also take their lists to their public libraries.

A teacher may also request the Oregon Department of Education to send certificates for a classroom or for a school. Certificates are available in English and Spanish.

The Oregon Summer Reading Program is a partnership that includes the Oregon Library Association and the Oregon Education Association in addition to the Oregon State Library and the Oregon Department of Education.

For more information about the program, please contact Julie Anderson (julie.anderson@state.or.us), 503-947-5613. For information regarding certificates, please contact Pat Bruebaker (pat.bruebaker@state.or.us), 503-947-5677.

• **Teens and Laws- Portland Police Bureau**

Curfew times: Children and youth can be stopped for curfew violations.

- Under 14, not yet in high school: Non-school days- 10:15pm-6:00am

-14 or older, in high school: Non-school days- 12:00 midnight to 6:00am

• Since **Attendance** is one of the areas that all schools are required to include in their School Improvement Plans, I want to keep you up to date on our enrollment at Hollyrood-Fernwood. Through June 10, for K-4, we had 95.5% (Average Daily Attendance) and in grades 5-8 we had 94.2% ADA. Our target for the year was 95% ADA.

• The Oregon Association of Talented and Gifted (OATAG) Conference will be held on Saturday, September 27th, at Wilson High School.

PTA NEWS

• **Room Parents for 2008-2009 needed**

If you are interested in being a room parent in the next school year, please contact Susan Crabtree (crabtreess@msn.com). We are looking for room parent representatives for all classes/grades.

• **Scrip**

We will be processing Scrip orders twice during the summer - on July 8th and August 5th. You can send your order to Nancy Drinnon at 2232 NE 30th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-5045 or drop it through her mail slot. The filled orders will be available the afternoon of the Thursday following the order date (July 10th and August 7th) at Anne Pearson's home - 2416 NE 48th Avenue or you can call either Anne or Nancy to make other pick-up arrangements. Phone numbers are: Anne (503) 288-2165 or Nancy (503) 287-5765. If you have any further questions regarding Scrip, please contact Anne at UsPearsons@msn.com or Nancy at ndrinnon1@comcast.net. Thanks for using Scrip, and have a great summer!

• **The Hollyrood-Fernwood garden committee is still looking for support in writing grants.** Join in with others and help out our school. Please contact Lynn Raube at 503-680-3390 or Lynnraube@integra.net

Hollyrood-Fernwood Calendar

Sat, Aug. 23	Community Care Day at Hollyrood & Fernwood Sites (Approximately 9-1)
Thurs, Aug. 28	Kindergarten picnic at Grant Park 5:30 pm
Wed, Sept. 3	First Day of School for 1 st to 8 th grades Kindergarten Conferences 9/3-9/5
Mon, Sept. 8	First regular kindergarten day begins
Fri, Sept. 12	PTA Ice Cream Social at Fernwood Playground 6:30pm
Thurs, Sept. 18	Back to School at Hollyrood 6-8:00pm
Tues, Sept. 23	PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 at Hollyrood PTA Meeting at Fernwood 6:30-8pm
Thurs, Sept. 25	Back to School at Fernwood 6-8:00pm

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