

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

Thanks for your help in making a smooth transition to our new school year!

Community Care Day

At the end of every summer the Portland Public School District invites the community to help clean up and beautify their local school grounds in order to make a more welcoming environment for the incoming students.

This year's Community Care Day at Beverly Cleary-Fernwood was a rousing success! It was a beautiful sunny, warm morning on August 23rd when 77 volunteers (including 32 students) enthusiastically pulled weeds, trimmed hedges, swept and picked up trash on the Fernwood campus.

Beverly Cleary-Hollyrood also received much needed sprucing up and the grounds look great all trimmed up and tidy now. We'd also like to give special thanks to **Sherwin Williams** on Broadway for the paint donations and **Abbie Rankin** for the great plant donations.

Many thanks are extended to all the hardworking volunteers who filled one large dumpster and 20 bags of yard debris. Recognition also goes to many other behind-the-scene volunteers who organized the event. As a former PTA chair of the Landscape Committee, I encourage parents, students and neighbors to become actively involved in improving the school grounds. Perhaps you would like to organize a fall bulb planting party. Or you could design and maintain a small garden "room." Minimally, there needs to be another Landscape Cleanup in the late spring prior to 8th Grade Promotion Night.- Nancy Huck (nancyhuck@comcast.net)

Congratulations

Congratulations to two Beverly Cleary students, Robert Lee and Ryan O'Doherty. This summer Robert and Ryan played on the Hollywood Little League 9/10 year old All Star team who came in 3rd in the state! All Star team members are chosen by their coaches to play on the All Star team.

Lisa O'Brien, our 6th grade LA/Lit/SS teacher, has been selected to represent the City of Portland as part of a delegation to our sister city in Zimbabwe. The education component of the delegation includes two selected teachers, Lisa and Trisha Todd from Grant High School. As part of their roles they will be meeting with teachers at St. Werburgh School and doing knowledge sharing on classroom methods, educational curricula and life skills. This trip will take place October 15-25. Lisa would like to take school supplies to the students at St. Werburgh School. We will hold a school-wide school supplies drive so that all of our Beverly Cleary students may help students on the other side of the world who have few of the advantages our students have.

Dear Parents,

I have been selected to be part of a delegation to go to our Sister City in Mutare, Zimbabwe, along with Portland Mayor Tom Potter, who will sign a mayoral proclamation in celebration of 15 years of collaboration. This trip is possible due to the fundraising efforts of the Portland non-profit, Africa AIDS Response. Part of our purpose is to deliver a delegation of teachers, students, and artists to build a global community and enrich the educational efforts in rural Zimbabwe. Two former Fernwood students will also be going on this trip.

We will facilitate an international exchange with St. Werburgh's School in rural Mutare from October 15-28, and deliver school and medical supplies, as well as monetary donations to support the school and clinic. In Mutare, 1 in 3 people have HIV/AIDS; life expectancy is 37 years. Out of a school population of 815, over 300 children are orphans. Some of these children walk over six miles just to get to school, and then walk home that same distance. A weekly wage is around \$1, and just \$20 will pay for an orphan's school tuition for one year.

This trip will enrich Portland curriculum and bring awareness of how small the world really is and the difference each of us can make. I will be sharing a supply list of wishes from the school and orphans with the teachers and administration at Beverly Cleary. If you would like to help support this effort, either monetarily or with donations of supplies, it would be greatly appreciated. We hope to set up a table of artwork created by the women of Mutare on Back to School night. Tax deductible donations made be sent directly to: **Africa AIDS**

Response, 4017 N Interstate Avenue, Portland, OR 97227-1072, or you may write the check to AAR and I will deliver it for you. If you want to learn more you can visit, www.africaaidsresponse.org, or come and visit me in room 220 B. Thanks for your consideration. – Lisa O'Brien

Beverly Cleary News

Back to School Nights- Hollyrood- September 18th 6:30-8:00 and Fernwood- September 25th, 6:00-8:00. Due to space restraints, Back to School Nights are for adults only. We don't have room for adults and children to attend! Thanks for your understanding.

Hollyrood plan is to:

6:30-6:40- Welcome

6:40-7:00- Staff Introductions & Parent Information

7:00-7:30- Classroom Visit

7:30-8:00- "Cafeteria" Room 3 for treats and conversation

Fernwood plan is to:

6:00-6:20- Introduce staff and have a few words from Melissa and Linda about our enrichment and discipline expectations, Cynthia, Lindsay (SUN), PTA, and Foundation

6:30-6:50- Parents go to their child's AM teacher

7:00-7:20- Parents go to their child's PM teacher

7:25-8:00- Parents visit Music, Library, Spanish, and PE

8:00-8:30- Cafeteria for treats and conversation

If you are interested in accompanying your child's class on field trips during the school year (including walking field trips), we MUST have a completed and approved background check on file.

Grant Cluster **TAG Parent Meeting** will be held in the Fernwood Cafeteria at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, September 21st.** School-specific breakout meetings will be held immediately following the general meeting.

Hola, hola.....

I am delighted to be working with your estudiantes fantásticos! We are definitely going to pasarlo bien! Over the course of the year, I look forward to establishing basic communicative building blocks and although I see most K-6 classes only 25 minutes a week, my goal is to help students learn high frequency phrases. This week we focused on some basic greetings – Hola, Buenos Días, Buenas Tardes, Buenas noches, ¿cómo estás? If you visit the classrooms you might hear your children singing in Spanish, see them practicing gestures that help them internalize the vocabulary and watch them create silly and fun stories in the target language. We have much to look forward to this year. Please let me know if your child lives in a Spanish-speaking household or has had immersive experiences in Spanish at ipeterse@pps.k12.or.us.

- Ingrid Petersen

Site Council

Adult Family Representatives Needed for Site Council

Beverly Cleary School (BCS) Adult Family members need to elect a couple of Adult Family Representatives (AFRs) to the school Site Council. Some BCS AFR FAQs:

What will Site Council do this year?

The purpose of the Site Council is to increase BCS student achievement. Site Council has chosen 3 priorities for the 2008-09 school year:

1. Enhance common teacher learning and planning for integrated instruction;
2. Develop a student growth model; and
3. Promote school culture, including strong intra-school communication.

Other duties are a part of the Site Council work, but we are focusing on these priorities.

Who serves on Site Council?

Site Council has a balanced membership of about ten school administrators, teachers, classified staff, adult family representatives and a community member.

How often does Site Council meet?

Site Council meets during the school year for a couple hours about once each month.

Should I nominate myself or someone else for Site Council?

Site Council is looking for adult family representatives who have experience with or skills that would support our work priorities for the year. We hope to maintain a balance between the two sites, e.g., have a rep with a student at the Hollyrood site and a rep with a student at the Fernwood site (if you have a student at both sites, that makes it easy). We meet after school one weekday each month (more or less) for a couple of hours. Some work outside of meetings is to be expected.

How do I nominate someone (including myself)?

Site Council Bylaws require us to have the AFRs elected by September 30. However, to maintain our Site Council balance with school staff, we may not be able to appoint the AFRs before the teacher and staff elections, which need to be held by October 15 (nor know how many AFRs we need). Long way of saying: please submit a brief statement of nomination (moderately sized paragraph) at either site office no later than Tuesday, September 16. (Quick turnaround, to be sure) Please identify which site your student attends and why you are a good choice for Site Council. The nominating blurbs and a ballot will be published in the BCS newsletter on Friday, September 19. Then all adult family members who care to vote should submit their ballots at either site's office by Tuesday, September 30. We will then tally up the votes, but won't be able to say for sure how many AFRs will be on Site Council until we know how many staff reps will be on Site Council. Phew.

Who should I check in with about any of this??

Feel free to contact any of the current Site Council members with questions. Current co-chair contact information: Rob Gibson, rgibsonc@pps.k12.or.us and Carol Schrader, carolls@hevanet.com.

Announcements

One of our parents who's been helping with safety patrol told me (Linda) this morning that two cars have run red lights at 33rd/US Grant while she's been there crossing our students. These were adult drivers, not teenagers going to Grant. Please make sure that, even if you're late, you keep an eye out for students crossing the streets. Thanks.

Beverly Cleary School needs two additional parent representatives to join our Site Council. If you are interested, please write a paragraph explaining why you would like to serve in this position and turn this in to Linda at Fernwood. A ballot will be attached to our next Family Newsletter so that our families may vote in two new reps.

The Portland School Board has appointed Martín González as the Board's newest member, after a unanimous vote by the board on Aug. 28. González fills a vacancy left by Dan Ryan earlier this year.

González is a parent, volunteer, activist and community supporter, and works as an outreach coordinator for TriMet. He was formerly executive director of the Portland Schools Alliance.

González will serve the remainder of Dan Ryan's term ending in June 2009. If he wishes to run for a full four-year term, he will have to file by March 2009 to be on the May ballot.

At the beginning of the year administrators' meeting, we received information about the new **Oregon Ethics law.** In a nutshell, public employees cannot use their positions to gain a personal financial benefit because they are public employees. Public employees cannot accept gifts that exceed \$50 annually from any source that has a legislative or administrative interest in the employee's governmental employer. If someone would like to give a gift that exceeds \$50 in worth, the gift should be directed to Beverly Cleary School, rather than to an individual employee. I have a copy of the law, for anyone who would like to see the whole thing.

Beverly Cleary teacher and parents Hillary Evart (Haven and Jolie's mom) and Ingrid Petersen (Max and Isabel's mom) have run over 300 miles since May in preparation for the San Francisco Nike marathon in October. Their training and marathon supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Check out their websites to learn more information: www.Runwithingrid.com and www.Hilaryevart.com

Young Lungs at Work!

A gentle reminder for parents that our school (both campuses) has a "No Idling" policy. For the purposes of keeping the air our kids are breathing (at a higher intake rate than adults) free from toxic emissions, please do not leave your car idling in front of the school. You will save gas too, which we can all appreciate! Thank you.

Fernwood Falcons Chess Club

Hear ye! Hear ye! By order of Her majesty the Queen, all are called to join in the Game of Kings beginning Wednesday, September 24. Gather in the royal SUN room of castle Fernwood for the festivities which are to begin at 7:45 before the commencement of other scholarly endeavors such as reading, writing and arithmetic.

Young squires through seasoned Knights in the eighth year of formal training are welcome. New this year, we hope to hold a series of tournaments with other castles that are part of the Grant High legion of schools. More details will follow soon.

For further information, contact the Queen's humble servant Will Taylor - caluza@earthlink.net

Tutoring

At one time, PPS allowed students to be pulled from class during the school day in order to receive privately paid tutoring. **Because of serious concerns about instructional time, disruption of the school day, civic use of buildings, wellness, and equity, we no longer allow private tutoring during the school day on school grounds.** This guidance applies to both general and special education students. This limitation does not apply to volunteers who work through the school to provide additional support for individual students. Volunteers must work at the direction of the school administrator or specific teacher, and cannot insist on working with just one particular student. Please remember that teachers may not accept compensation for privately tutoring any student enrolled in that teacher's school, except under the very limited circumstances set forth in Board Policy 5.20.072.

Multnomah County Library offers three services to students and schools. These are:

1. Online research databases
2. Think Before You Click: This presentation on Internet safety for grades 4-12 covers topics such as online privacy, Google, Wikipedia, and appropriate online behavior.
3. Live Homework Help: This free service for grades 4 and up allows students with Mult. County Library cards to connect to qualified tutors for one-on-one, live tutoring sessions. Live Homework Help is available seven days a week from 2-10pm and can be found on the library's website: www.multcolib.org.

PPS's Risk Management Department has advised all PPS staff members about the personal risks involved with transporting students in our own vehicles. This should be done only under life-threatening circumstances or in accordance with the Field Trip Administrative Directive 6.50.011 for prior authorized field trip transportation.

Senate Bill 37 Child Abuse Training for School Employees, Parents, and Students- In 207, Senate Bill 379 was entered into law. Prior to Senate Bill 379, PPS was only required to train school district employees in child abuse reporting procedures. **Senate Bill 379 requires school districts to train employees annually, not only in child abuse reporting procedures but also in the identification of and prevention of child abuse.** Furthermore, Senate Bill 379 requires PPS to make training on the identification and prevention of child abuse **available to parents and guardians** of students attending a Portland Public School. Representatives from multiple education service districts, school districts and child welfare organizations have worked together to create an internet-based training tool that is grounded in best practice to meet the school district employee and parent/legal guardian training requirements of Senate Bill 379. The training of students still needs to be fulfilled by the District's health education curriculum. You can access this training at <http://inside.studentservices.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/11738>.

Rick Riordan, author of the current bestselling young adult series *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* will be at A Children's Place Bookstore at 7:00pm on Monday, September, 15th, to present his new book, *The 39 Clues*. This is a ticketed event: the \$12.99 fee includes a copy of *The 39 Clues*, and admission for three people to attend. Tickets are available at the store. **A Children's Place** is located at 4807 NE Fremont (503-284-8294). For more information on Rick Riordan and his new book, visit <http://the39clues.scholastic.com/>. Rick writes for upper elementary and middle school age readers, who love suspenseful, action filled adventures.

Celebrate the Bike Commute Challenge with legendary Joe "Metal Cowboy" Kurmaskie (parent of Beverly Cleary students Quinn and Enzo Kurmaskie) as he regales you with bicycle tales and stories in his irresistible style. Kurmaskie is the author of *Momentum Is Your Friend: The Metal Cowboy and His Pint-Sized Posse Take on America*, *Metal Cowboy: Tales from the Road Less Pedaled* and *Riding Outside the Lines: International Incidents and Other Misadventures with the Metal Cowboy*. **Sunday, September 21, 2-3:30 pm at the Hollywood Library branch.**

Wish List

We desperately need office help for Rosanne in the Fernwood office from 8:30-9:15!!!

PTA NEWS

First, a special "Thank You" to all the volunteers, parents as well as students, who came to help us stuff the First Day packets for all our students last Tuesday. We could not have done it without you!!

Greetings to new Beverly Cleary School families and a "Welcome back" to returning families! **Please join us for our annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 12, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Fernwood site.** This is a fun evening to get reacquainted with friends and families of Beverly Cleary School while eating ice cream and playing on the playground. Your PTA Board will be doing all the work scooping ice cream and cleaning up. Board members will be available to answer questions about membership, scrip sales and other PTA sponsored events.

The first General Meeting of the PTA this year will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 6:30PM in the Cafetorium. All parents, teachers, staff, and interested community members are welcome. Child care will be available.

At this, our first General Meeting of the academic school year, we will briefly discuss and vote on changing the name of our organization from "Hollywood-Fernwood PTA" to "Beverly Cleary School PTA" (Yes, we actually have to approve this change by a vote of the General Membership.) We will also present and put to a vote our budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The PTA will hold five General Membership Meetings, on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008	Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Wednesday, November 19	Thursday, March 12
	Wednesday, May 13

All of these meetings will begin at 6:30PM in the Cafetorium.

We are fundraising with **Chinook Book** to help us raise money for our PTA so we can provide funds for the daily operation of our school. The school gets 50% of every book sold--that's \$10 per book!

What is Chinook Book? It's a one-of-a-kind resource – a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration. You can save hundreds of dollars while exploring the community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. The brown envelope/order form that was included in the first-day packet is your way to purchase the Chinook Book. The fundraiser ends October 1st and you will receive your Chinook books after you turn in your order form.

Thanks for your participation and support. For the last few years, this has been a successful fundraiser for the PTA--let's make it happen again! If you have any questions, contact Jennie Taylor (503-288-2145 or pdxtaylors@comcast.net).

PTA Get Out the Vote!

By Amy Baskin, Beverly Cleary School PTA, Legislative Chair
Hello and welcome to Beverly Cleary School! Are you new in town? Have you recently moved? Do you need to register to vote before the upcoming general election? We can help. Our PTA will be conducting a non-partisan on-site voter registration campaign at school functions, including Back-to-School Nights. If you would like to help with voter registration, please let me know. You may also download a mail-in registration form at <http://www.oregonvotes.org/votreg/vreg.htm>. Please note that in order to vote in this year's general election, **all voter registration must be CLEARLY postmarked by October 13th this year** (in Oregon, voters must be officially registered twenty-one days before this November 4th Election Day.)

SPOOKARAMA IS COMING...THURSDAY OCT. 23rd!

Plans are already underway for this year's Spookarama, scheduled for Thursday October 23rd from 5:30-8pm. For those of you new to Beverly Cleary School, Spookarama is our annual Halloween Carnival. Since students don't wear costumes to school on Halloween, this is their chance to dress up! There will be games & activities, pizza and salad from Bellagio's, beverages, a rockin' cakewalk, and more! Tickets are reasonably priced (ie 25c per game is common). While not designed to be a major fundraiser for our school, it raises about \$2000 and a great time is had by all!

It's not too early to think about how you can help...both before and at the event. Opportunities include:

- Help us and have fun by serving on the planning committee.
- We need parents willing to help with decorating, games, ticket sales, cakewalk, sign making, food, and student volunteers.
- Plan for a volunteer shift. Shifts will be available during the day on Oct. 23rd (decorating) and from 3-8:30pm that evening. Huge signup sheets will be posted in both campus lobbies in early October. We'll need lots of items for cakewalk prizes. Consider buying cakes, pies, cupcakes, etc NOW and freezing them until the event!

Please be thinking about how you can help. This event depends heavily on volunteers....last year we had over 80 parent volunteers and about 50 student volunteers! BCS students in grades 5th -8th can volunteer to help and get two community service hours!

The event this year is being co-chaired by Kirsten Chambers and Kelly Rice. This year, instead of having a bunch of parent planning meetings, we will do the majority of our prep via email and phone calls. If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining our planning committee, please attend the information meeting at the Hollyrood Campus on **Friday Sept 19th at 8:45am** (right after drop off). We are looking forward to another great Spookarama...come and get more information on September 19th or contact one of us to help us plan this great event: Kirsten Chambers (503-287 5668 or chad.kirsten@comcast.net) and Kelly Rice (503-288 8059 or kellyrice61@msn.com).

FOUNDATION NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We'd like to give a special welcome to all of the new families joining the school this year! The Foundation intends to use the newsletter, the website, emails, and direct content when necessary to keep you up to date and up to speed on our activities this year. I invite you to contact me at theleeks@yahoo.com whenever you have questions, or join us at our first meeting scheduled for **Monday, September 22nd**, at the "new" Laurelwood on Sandy Blvd. At this meeting, we'll be discussing our plans for this year so that we can work together with the PTA and other fundraising needs in a coordinated manner. Each group has certain goals and objectives that they can achieve, and by coordinating our activities we can ensure that the maximum benefit to our school is realized from the individual activities each group is embarking upon this year.

The Auction Committee has started its planning for our primary annual fundraiser. **Save the date for Friday, March 13th.** Beth Wilmart and Christine Putnam are coordinating the work that is going on right now. Please stay tuned for more information from them. They will also be attending events like Back to School in late September so they are casting their messages and needs far and wide!

Our current active fundraiser is **Earning for Learning**. All purchases made at Lloyd Center through October 31st are eligible to be counted by stopping by the Customer Service Desk and getting a stamp for the receipt. You will be asked which school should be associated to the receipt total, and can respond with pride "Beverly Cleary School." They will also attribute Fernwood and Hollyrood names with Beverly Cleary School. First place results in a \$4000 contribution to the Foundation! Our school has placed first or second the last 3 years - help us continue to reap the benefits of this program by also asking your friends, family and neighbors to register their purchases to our school when they shop at Lloyd Center!

In upcoming weeks, we will be rolling out more details to tap the **Corporate Matching Programs** available at many employers in Portland. We plan to create a team to help with the research and to provide a bank of information available to all Beverly Cleary families on how to take advantage of these programs. By contributing to the Beverly Cleary Foundation through these existing programs, every dollar gets increased at no additional cost to you other than some time to complete some forms and a phone call or two.

This is an easy way to create a year-over-year increase in the contribution levels to the Foundation efforts to provide funding for programs and staff that Linda and the team can take advantage of next year. We are also exploring a consumer electronics recycling program that pays up to \$300 per item and a perpetual online garage sale program so that you can easily discard your treasures and have some or all of the proceeds directed to the Foundation.

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

I also need your ideas and help! I'm looking forward to a successful year, and look forward to meeting and talking with all of you in the upcoming weeks! As you see me or other members of the Foundation team at these events, please stop by and introduce yourselves!

Bob Leek
Foundation Chair
theleeks@yahoo.com

SUN NEWS

Get ready for another amazing SUN year! Registration for Fall is due Sept 18th and we will send finalized schedules home the week of Sept 22nd (check backpacks!). SUN classes will start the week of Sept 29th. If you haven't received a SUN Catalog, please feel free to stop by the SUN Room 2 and pick one up anytime.

Beverly Cleary SUN School will offer two great opportunities for adults this fall, located conveniently at the Fernwood campus, 1915 N.E. 33rd Ave.

The first is **Spanish for Beginners II** (Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m., Sept 29 – Dec 8). This Spanish class will be taught by Nina Frayne, a native speaker with over 15 years experience teaching Spanish to Americans. This class is perfect for beginners with some experience and will continue in the Winter and Spring as a progression from this beginning term. The cost is \$40.00.

The second offering is **AM Adult Yoga**, 9 week Intro to Vinyasa Style Yoga (Tuesdays 9-10 a.m., Sept 30 - Dec 9). Vinyasa Style Yoga is a flowing style of yoga where the postures are linked together creating continuous movement. Breathing techniques are also used with each movement to focus the mind, relax and find lightness in each pose. This class is suitable for all levels. The cost is \$40.00.

We are also always looking for support from the local community. You might volunteer to teach a class once a week, based on your professional or personal expertise. You might step up and donate school supplies, snacks or computers to students in need. There are so many ways to get involved, just give us a call or send an email!

For more information or to register for a class, call Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 or email cheselius@portlandimpact.org

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Fri, Sept. 12	PTA Ice Cream Social at Fernwood Playground 6:30pm
Mon, Sept. 15	Site Council Meeting 3:30-5:30 at Fernwood
Thurs, Sept. 18	Back to School at Hollyrood 6:30-8pm SUN Registration Due
Fri, Sept. 19	Picture Day at Fernwood
Mon, Sept. 22	Foundation Meeting at the new Laurelwood 7pm upstairs
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 6:00-8:00pm
Mon, Sept. 29	SUN Classes Start
Tues, Oct. 7	Picture Day at Hollyrood
Fri, Oct. 10	Statewide Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL
Fri, Oct. 24	Professional Development Day – No School for students
Thurs, Oct. 23	Spook-a-Rama @ Fernwood gym & cafe

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Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

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September 12, 2008

Dear Beverly Cleary Families:

It is the policy of the Board of Education to allow organizations that provide educational, athletic or training services or opportunities for children to send information home to students on a schedule established by the school. The Board adopted this policy and the Superintendent has developed an accompanying administrative directive because there is a vast array of excellent community opportunities available to supplement your child's education, and we want you to be aware of these opportunities.

However, once we decide to allow this type of information to be distributed, state and federal law prohibit Portland Public Schools from restricting certain information based on the viewpoint of the group distributing information. This means that from time to time you may receive materials from a group that holds values that may offend some of our families. You will want to review this material closely to determine if it presents an opportunity in which you want your child to participate.

The organizations providing this information are not endorsed or sponsored by Portland Public Schools. District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation (BP 1.80.020). Not all outside organizations comply with the District's non-discrimination policy. Again, families are strongly encouraged to review all materials closely (3.30.038-AD).

Beverly Cleary School has made the decision to distribute materials every Friday.

From time to time, items may be placed on the Community Information Display Area, where items will be available to students and families. Organizations that choose this mode of distribution will have the opportunity to display their items in this designated area for **one month**.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or the administrative directive (3.30.038-AD), it is available on the web at www.pps.k12.or.us (click Board of Education, then Policies). You may also contact our office at 503-916-6480.

Sincerely,

Linda Kapranos, Principal