

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Words of Thanks

- **Julie Jetton** had an opportunity this weekend to get some darkroom enlargers and other equipment donated to the school. She knew we have a darkroom but had no idea what kind of shape it is in. She realizes we don't have a photography program now but who knows about the future? It was too good of an opportunity to pass up. We can thank **Newspace Center for Photography** for the equipment and Julie for thinking of us!

- Dear Parents, thank you so much for your support and generosity for our **Sister City in Zimbabwe**. **We have raised over \$1300** from parents and staff purchasing embroidered squares, putting a check in my box at school, or handing me a cash donation in the hallway. Several parents have sent money directly to Africa AIDS Response with kind notes, and staff and parents have brought supplies that I will be taking with me. Thank you all for your efforts!!

The final preparations for the trip are coming to a close so I will be collecting school supplies until Thursday, October 9th. I cannot accept any other supplies after that date as we will be packing and weighing bags on Sunday, October 12th. I will also accept any monetary donations until the 9th if you give them to me personally. Monetary donations may be sent directly to Africa AIDS Response at 4017 N Interstate Ave. Portland, OR 97227-1072 even after we leave.

Again, thank you for everything you have done to help this cause; the needs are unimaginable. I will take as many pictures as I can and share their gratitude with all of you, along with some Portland spirit. We have so much for which to be thankful.

Sincerely,
Lisa O'Brien

Beverly Cleary News

- I would like you to join me in welcoming **Chrysann Lowe** to Beverly Cleary School. Chrysann is our new teacher in the 6th-8th grade Life Skills classroom. **Stacy McMahon**, the former teacher, has taken a personal leave.
- Our 6th graders will leave for **Outdoor School** on Sunday, October 12th. Students need to be at school by 2:15pm on the 12th. I'm very happy to let you know that **Joyce Iliff** will accompany Lisa O'Brien's class. Joyce Iliff has returned to Beverly Cleary School on a part-time basis to work with students on basic skills. We're so happy to have Joyce back as a part of our staff this year.
- Students in grades 2-8 MAY wear **Halloween** costumes to school on October 31st. Students may not wear masks or bring weapons as part of their costumes. Our Kindergarten and 1st graders WILL NOT wear costumes.
- We had individual student photographs taken this month. Retakes will be at Beverly Cleary Hollyrood 11/13 and retakes at Beverly Cleary Fernwood 10/22. When our photographers return in the spring, they will take class pictures.
- **State Report Card** - The State Report Card requires three or four years' worth of data for a school in its current configuration before ODE will issue a rating. We will still get a report card; we just won't get a rating.
- **Grant Cluster TAG Parent Meeting** will be held in the **Fernwood Cafeteria at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 21st**. School-specific breakout meetings will be held immediately following the general meeting.
- I've been contacted by a parent who's been surprised about the number of dogs there are on the playground at the end of the school day. I looked at PPS Administrative Directive guidelines that cover this. AD 3.80.011 covers animals in classrooms as well as on school grounds and states:
(1) Owners shall be solely responsible for the care/safety of their animals and for injuries sustained to the animal or to any people due to the presence of the animals at the school.

(2) All animals brought for exhibit must be restrained by their owner/handler.

(3) Owners walking pets on school grounds must follow city or county ordinances regarding leashing and sanitation.

(a) Refer to the Portland Parks and Recreation website for locations of dog parks and rules regarding leashed and unleashed animals.

(b) The enforcement agency for city ordinances pertaining to animals in the city is the Multnomah County Animal Control Services.

(4) Principals have the authority to exclude persons and their animals during school hours from play fields when he/she determines that there are associated health and/or safety concerns. No animals will be allowed free range in the facility or grounds.

• LOCAL FOOD IN OUR CAFETERIA

Local Lunches are the next step in ongoing efforts to bring more local foods to students eating in our cafeterias. Our district-wide Farm-to-School program began in 2006 with the introduction of Harvest of the Month.

What is a Local Lunch?

Once a month we will serve a meal that is made entirely from local products. Our local region includes Oregon, Washington and Northern California. Check your menu calendar for dates.

What are the benefits of Local Lunch?

1. Economic: Our purchases directly support local farmers, bakers, packers, truck drivers, and others within our regional food economy.
2. Known source: We know where our food comes from, who raised it, and how it traveled to our doors.
3. High quality food and delicious lunches: Foods are fresh or minimally processed and high in nutrients to fuel students' minds throughout the school day.
4. Environmental: Food from local sources travels less distance reducing the impact on the environment.
5. It's a step in the right direction: We are working toward the day when every lunch served includes food from our region. We're redesigning the menu one meal at a time.

Want to see more of these great changes in the future? Encourage your child(ren) to eat school lunch on Local Lunch days! Show your support for change in the cafeteria. Together, we can create lifelong healthy eaters and support the regional food economy.

Kristy Obbink, Director, Nutrition Services, 503.916.3393,
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Beverly Cleary TAG News

Gifted Student Conferences

WAETAG- October 23-25 Lynnwood, WA

NAGC- October 30-November 2 Tampa, FL

October 21- Grant Cluster TAG Parent Meeting at Beverly Cleary School, Fernwood Café 6:30-7:30pm

November 7: Draft TAG Instructional Plans sent home

Talented and Gifted Identification Schedule for 2008-2009

November 26, 2008: Deadline for *Parent TAG Identification Process Forms* to be submitted to schools. Exceptions may be directed to the PPS TAG Office

December 3, 2008: Deadline for *TAG Coordinators/Principals* to submit Parent/Teacher TAG Identification Process Forms to TAG Office

TAG Testing: Grant Cluster testing will take place during December 2008 and January 2009

Schools have three weeks after receiving test results to meet with their TAG Leadership Team and make their recommendations to the TAG Office.

TAG Office sends "yes, no, potential" letters to families after receiving ID forms from schools.

Elementary students K-8, identified during the year will have Instructional Plans written within 30 calendar days.

April 30, 2009 Grade Advancement applications and Paperwork due to the TAG Office.

From: [You Know Your Child Is Gifted When.....A Beginner's Guide to Life on the Bright Side](#) by Judy Galbraith, M.A.

According to the U.S. Office of Gifted and Talented, these are the characteristics of the "typical gifted preschooler" ages 2-5:

- Uses advanced vocabulary for age
- Uses spontaneous verbal elaboration with new experiences
- Has the ability to make interesting or unusual shapes or patterns through various media: blocks, play dough, crayons
- Has the ability to assemble puzzles designed for older children
- Uses a sense of humor in general conversation
- Understands abstract concepts such as death and time
- Masters new skills with little repetition
- Demonstrates advanced physical skills
- Demonstrates advanced reasoning skills through explanation of occurrences

In Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom, Susan Winebrenner writes, "I believe that any student who possesses most or all of the following characteristics is most probably gifted," and then provides this intriguing list:

- learns new material faster, and at an earlier age, than age peers
- remembers what has been learned forever, making review unnecessary
- is able to deal with concepts that are too complex and abstract for age peers
- has a passionate interest in one or more topics, and would spend all available time learning more about that topic if he could
- does not need to watch the teacher to hear what is being said; can operate on multiple brain channels simultaneously and process more than one task at a time

From Oregon Revised Statutes relating to Talented and Gifted Programs:

343.395 Definitions for ORS 343.391 to 343.413

(7) "Talented and gifted children" means those children who require special educational programs or services, or both, beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society and who demonstrate outstanding ability. (More information can be accessed through links to ODE from the TAG web page: <http://www.tag.k12.our.us>)

For Parents:

- Good Genre Reads for TAG Students age appropriate by grade reading level: A bibliography from Multnomah County Library resources. Genres include: Adventure, Animal Stories, Fantasy/Science Fiction, Historical Fiction, Mystery, and Realistic Fiction. (Reading levels are taken from Accelerated Reader http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_advanced.asp). The first number indicates grade level, the second the number of months after entering that grade.

- Good Reads: Ages 5-8 (http://www.tag.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/11107/f/GoodReads_for_5-8.doc)

- Good Reads: Ages 8-11 (http://www.tag.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/11041/f/GoodReads_for_8-11.doc)

- Good Reads: Ages 11-14 (http://www.tag.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/11042/f/GoodReads_for_11-14.doc)

Writing Resources for Upper Elementary and Middle Schools

For Students:

Young Willamette Writers

<http://www.willamettewriters.com/YWW/yww.htm>

Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Old Church at SW 11th and Clay from 7-8 p.m.

Who: Students from 5th through 10th grades who love to write. Our meetings are divided between mini-workshops led by the co-chairs of the group, and special presentations by writers, editors, publishers and other writing professionals. Students usually get a chance to read their work at the end of meetings. YWWs meet in the Victorian parlor off to the side of the reception room. Parents are welcome to stay with their students or to attend the main WW meeting at no charge.

For Parents and Teachers: News sources

Looking for trustworthy news sources from different perspectives? Multnomah County Library guides deliver. Get news on global conflicts, as well as local, state, and national and international news on all topics. Take a virtual tour around the world, or just around Oregon!

Current news

Global Conflicts:

<http://www.multcolib.org/guides/conflict/news.html>

Local: <http://www.multcolib.org/ref/mags.html#portland>

State: <http://www.multcolib.org/ref/mags.html#oregon>

National and International:

<http://www.multcolib.org/ref/mags.html#national>

Read the Multnomah Co. Library's monthly E-newsletter

<http://www.multcolib.org/newsletter/>

"The Willamette Writer"

Willamette Writers is the largest writers' organization in Oregon and one of the largest writers' organizations in the United States. Dues are \$36 a year.

<http://www.willamettewriters.com/1/paeth.php>). Meetings are free to members and students; guests of members pay \$5, non-members \$10. Parents are welcome to attend the adult session at the same time, free if they accompany a student.

Writer's Digest www.writersdigest.com is a great resource for writers, young and older.

Are you considering publishing student work?

Inkwater Press www.inkwaterpress.com publishes local writers, including classrooms and students. Inkwater is the publishing division of First Books. Jeremy Solomon is founder and president of First Books and Inkwater Press. A former literary agent, he represented and sold over 100 books to major publishers such as Random House, Simon & Schuster and HarperCollins. **Ask him to speak to your writers.**

Community of Writers-COW www.communityofwriters.com

Community of Writers, a teacher support program dedicated to improving student writing achievement by improving the quality of writing instruction, hosted WORDSTOCK this past weekend.

Announcements

• **Site Council News**

Our new Site Council Family Representative is **Dana Barbarick**.

The Beverly Cleary School Site Council 2008-09 Work Plan

The purpose of the Beverly Cleary Site Council is to increase student achievement

Site Council Priorities

Common teacher learning and planning for integrated instruction

Student achievement growth model

Intentional development of school culture

Common teacher learning and planning

Get input from teachers about their goals in this area.

Research models that would support the teachers' goals.

Develop a model for achieving goals at Cleary.

Pursue grants to fund the Cleary Model.

Begin model implementation on or before August 2009.

Student achievement growth model/curriculum development

- Get feedback from school community, staff and family reps- about what makes sense for the growth model and related curriculum development.
- Research models that would support community model.
- Develop model for achieving goals at Cleary.
- Pursue grants to fund the Cleary Model.
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School Culture Development

- Review written text (from Chris Tebben) about school culture, etc.
- Have community based investigative inquiry about what the school community likes about the Cleary school culture and what the school community thinks needs to change about the school culture.
- Give attention to how we communicate with each other as a school and how that might be strengthened, e.g. a communication plan.

- **Senate Bill 379** changes the requirements for child abuse training for school employees. Previously required to train employees in child abuse reporting procedures, the new law mandates that employees receive training in identification and prevention of child abuse as well as reporting. 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>.

Beverly Cleary PTA NEWS

• **Scrip News**

Scrip sales this week were \$3,810, with a net profit for the PTA of \$171.95. That brings the profit total for the school year to \$814.86 in the four weeks that Scrip has been available. We're getting orders from about 20 families per week; imagine what our profit could be if that number doubled or tripled every week. As you make your shopping list this week, please think about how you can use Scrip to do your shopping and benefit the PTA at the same time. Many grocery stores, restaurants and variety stores participate in the Scrip program - and remember - they make the donation to the PTA for you when you use Scrip to buy your groceries and other household necessities. Please take a look at the attached form and see how you can use Scrip and help your PTA at the same time. If you have any questions regarding Scrip, please contact Anne Pearson at UsPearsons@msn.com or Nancy Drinnon at ndrinnon1@comcast.net for information.

• **Fernwood Garden News**

We have been working hard planning for the 2008-2009 school year. We are establishing partnerships in the community to provide sharing and learning opportunities. What you should know:

The Fernwood Garden Committee will be hosting a free **Metro Naturescape workshop** from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Saturday, November 1st. The workshop will be located at Wilshire United Methodist - 3917 NE Shaver, Portland. To register please go to www.beverlyclearyschool.org.

Naturescaping is beauty and function. It is the practice of designing (or redesigning) a landscape so that it reduces water use, storm water runoff, and pollution without sacrificing splendor. Plus, it saves you time, money, and energy – all while providing a beautiful habitat for birds, wildlife, and you. The practice focuses primarily on native plants, helping you to choose the best ones for your particular setting and needs. Native plants are recommended because they are adapted to our soil and climate so they need relatively little or no watering, fertilizing, or care once established. They are also less susceptible to common garden pests and diseases, and they attract a variety of native birds and butterflies by providing food and shelter.

We are in the process of enrolling Beverly Cleary to be **4-H Wildlife Member School**. We will be among 65 other Oregon schools who are members. We soon will have parents and staff become trained 4-H Wildlife Stewards Member volunteers.

What it means to be a Member:

- Work in partnership with 4-H Wildlife Stewards to plan, develop, maintain and sustain wildlife habitat sites on school grounds that benefit the entire community by enhancing educational opportunities for students and by saving a place for wildlife in our neighborhoods;
- Are places where students can develop both their appreciation of nature and the outdoors and their knowledge about water cycles, food chains, and biodiversity;
- Are a place for students to observe, study, and take action to protect their own environment; and
- Provide a place for wildlife – from butterflies to songbirds – and a place where students can observe, study, and take action to protect their own environment.
- 4-H Wildlife Stewards Habitat projects help students and teachers to meet Oregon's science education benchmarks by offering learning opportunities right outside the schoolroom door.

If you would like to learn more, please visit <http://www.4hwildlifestewards.org/index.htm>

The Garden Committee is looking for people with Grant writing skills. If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Raube at lynnraube@integra.net

• News from Spookarama

Only two weeks to go until Spookarama 2008! **Thursday, October 23rd 5:30-8:00pm**

If you know of any 5th to 8th grade student volunteers who would like to earn two community service hours by helping at Spookarama, please have them send an email to spookarama@gmail.com or contact our student volunteer coordinators, Corrie with the SUN program (room 2 at Fernwood Campus) or Joni Hartman at 503-287-2473. There are two time slots available for students: 4:45-6:45pm or 6:30-8:30pm, and they will be helping with setup or cleanup. Students will not be allowed to work more than one shift, but they do get a free pizza dinner for their efforts.

On Monday, large parent volunteer signup posters will be placed in both BCS campus lobbies. Please sign up for one or more volunteer shifts. Room parents will be helping to assure that these important slots get filled and that reminder phone calls are made!

We will be collecting store bought bakery items for the Cakewalk. Please bring in your cakes, pies, cupcakes, etc on

Wednesday 10/22 and Thursday 10/23 and place them in the marked box in the Hollyrood campus lobby. Alternatively, bring your bakery items to the Fernwood campus east gym on Thursday 10/23 between 3:00pm and 5:00pm.

Based on a request from last year, we have included information on ticket prices and food prices. We're hoping this information can help you and your children to budget/plan ahead of time! Tickets will be sold at school the week of the event (playground at Fernwood campus and front entrance at Hollyrood campus). **PLEASE BE AWARE THERE WERE VERY LONG TICKET LINES THE NIGHT OF SPOOKARAMA LAST YEAR...BEAT THE CROWDS, AVOID THE LINES, AND BUY YOUR TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME!**

Tickets cost 25c each. Most games are 25c each. Cakewalk is 50c for two tries at a bakery prize. Karaoke is \$1. Glow in the dark necklaces will cost \$2 each.

Food (only tickets and not cash will be accepted):

Pizza Meal Deal (pizza slice, cookie, and juice) = \$4

Pizza slice = \$2.50, Side Caesar salad = \$1.50, Cookie = \$1, Juice box = \$1

For those BCS students/families in need of financial assistance to attend, we are pleased to offer some scholarship money towards tickets this year. If you are interested, please contact the BCS counselor, Cynthia Thomas (cthomas@pps.k12.or.us) for more information. Lastly, for the safety of all, children will NOT be allowed to play on the poorly lit and unmonitored blacktop, playground, or field during the event.

Thank you so much for helping to make this event a success!! Kirsten Chambers (503) 287 5668 chad.kirsten@comcast.net, Kelly Rice (503) 288-8059, kellyrice61@msn.com
2008 Spookarama Co-Chairs

• Beverly Cleary Annual Magazine Fundraiser

45 % of all money raised goes directly to Beverly Cleary School. This week your son or daughter was given a magazine fundraiser packet full of information and forms to sell magazine subscriptions. Order forms can be turned into the Fernwood cafeteria and the Hollyrood main hallway, Wednesday, October 15th and Wednesday October 22nd before school. Many prizes will be given out--even an iPod. Thanks for supporting your school.

FOUNDATION News

Auction: Class Art Projects Meeting

Interested parties please come to an informative meeting regarding the class art projects for the auction. If you are interested in participating, please check in with your room parents. Each class must have at least one representative attending the meeting. If you don't know who your room parents are or have general questions...please contact Amy Hekker 503-282-0072 or aahekker@aol.com.

Hosted by Amy Hekker and Rachael Ramos
Monday, October 20th, 6:30 to 8:00
 Fernwood Campus Cafeteria (Childcare will not be provided)

Auction: Class Packages Meeting

Interested parties who would like to know everything there is to know about the class packages for the auction! If you are interested in participating, please check in with your room parents. Each class must have at least one representative attending the meeting. If you don't know who your room parents are or have general questions...please contact Amy Hekker 503-282-0072 or aahekker@aol.com.

Hosted by Amy Hekker and Kim Schrage
Monday, November 3rd, 6:30 to 8:00
 Fernwood Campus Cafeteria (Childcare will not be provided)
Monday, November 20th, 6:30-8:00pm
 Fernwood Campus Cafeteria (Childcare will not be provided)

SUN News

Do you like helping students grades 6th – 8th? Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? If so, check out the Academic Kick It Club at Beverly Cleary SUN School. This activity connects positive and enthusiastic adults with our Beverly Cleary students in a combined academic and recreational activity. Students will spend one to two hours per day studying, as well as time playing games, reading for pleasure, or playing in the gym. Tutors will be required a minimum of two days per week, Monday through Thursday, 3:00–6:00 p.m. Hours are flexible.

So many homework assignments now rely on access to computers--from Internet research on solar energy to typing papers on colonial governors--and we believe that finding computers for some students would help their academic performance immensely. Please consider donating a computer or \$5 gift cards for QFC to encourage our wonderful students to make academic progress. It may make a difference in their success through middle school, high school, and as they prepare for college.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 (cheselius@portlandimpact.org)

Beverly Cleary Calendar

- Fri, Oct. 10 Statewide Inservice Day – SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Oct. 12-17 6th Grade leaves for Outdoor School
- Tues, Oct. 14 2:15 Ralph Nelson with 3rd Grade – Café
- Wed, Oct. 15 10:00 Water Conservation assembly in Café – Grades 3-5 only
- Thurs, Oct. 16 9:45 & 10:05 STOPPS Bus Drill
- Fri, Oct. 17 9:00-2:00 4th Grade Field Trip to Bonneville Dam
6th Grade returns from Outdoor School

- Tues, Oct. 21 2:15 Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 in Café
Grant Cluster TAG Meeting 6:30pm @ Fernwood café
- Wed, Oct. 22 Picture Retake Day @ Fernwood
- Thurs, Oct. 23 Spook-a-Rama 5:30-8:00pm @ Fernwood gym & café
- Fri, Oct. 24 Professional Development Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Tues, Oct. 28 PTA Coffee Chat at Fernwood 8:45am
Kindergarten to Lee Farms 9:00-12:15
Caron's 1st Grade to Tryon Creek 9:30-1:00
2:15 Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 – Café
- Wed, Oct. 29 2:00-3:00 Wacky Wednesday Grades 2-4
- Fri, Oct. 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**
K-1 No Costumes
2-8 May wear costumes – no masks
Morris & Hart 1st Grade to Tryon Creek
1:30-3:00 Fun Friday at Fernwood
Grades 5-8
- Mon, Nov. 3 Site Council Meeting 3:30-5:30 at Fernwood
- Thurs, Nov. 6 PTA Clothes Center Volunteer Day at Marshall H.S.
- Mon, Nov. 10 Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Tues, Nov. 11 VETERANS' DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thurs, Nov. 13 Picture Retake Day at Hollyrood
- Mon, Nov. 17 BOOK FAIR BEGINS – Both sites
- Tues, Nov. 18 8:30am Coffee Chat at Hollyrood
9:30-2:30 4th Grade Field Trip to Whitaker Pond
2:15 Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 – Café
- Wed, Nov. 19 6:30pm PTA Meeting at Fernwood
- Nov. 24 – 28 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Mon, Nov. 24 8:00 AM -8:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tues, Nov. 25 8:00 AM -8:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wed, Nov. 26 SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thurs, Nov. 27 NO SCHOOL – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Fri, Nov. 28 NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY
- Tues, Dec 16 SUN Showcase Rehearsal, 3:00-5:30pm.@ Fernwood Cafeteria
- Wed, Dec 17 SUN Showcase, 6:00-8:00 pm @ Fernwood Cafeteria

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 Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs, and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.
Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P
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