

# Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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## Words of Thanks

- A Big Thank You from PTA.....**Spookarama was a huge success this year!** The PTA would like to specifically thank **Kelly Rice, Kirsten Chambers, Corrie Heselius, Anael Jeannis-Otis, Chevy Nash, Rachel Ramos, Joni Hartman, Cynthia Mosby, Nancy Drinnon, and Nadia & Jonathon Vogt** for their help in making this our biggest and best event ever! And thank you to the entire BCS community for your support, volunteerism, attendance, and enthusiasm.
- Thanks for **Karmen von Arx** and her crew of volunteers for putting on our first Fun Friday event on October 31st. It was an overwhelming success!

## Congratulations

- Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their thorough investigation and presentations on our presidential election. It was evident that they took this assignment seriously. The presentations were outstanding!
- **Professional Development:** On the **October 24<sup>th</sup> PPS Professional Develop Day** our teachers attended specific content sessions in the morning and then we continued our staff work on assessments and differentiating our instruction in the afternoon.

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- **SAFETY ALERT!!! Children are riding their bikes on the sidewalk** in front of the Hollyrood Campus in the morning with many near misses of other walking students and younger siblings. **This is a hazardous situation** that could be remedied if students with bikes walked their bike to the rack.
- **No car idling please!** The fumes are not safe for all of the children/parents that need to walk by your vehicle. **Beverly Cleary School is a no-idling area.**
- **Please do not leave your car in the drop off zone in front of the Hollyrood Campus.** The drop off zone is only for a quick drop off so that other parents can quickly get their children to school. When cars are left in the drop off zone, our school bus driver has a very difficult time trying to make

the corner to the bus area and by law could report vehicles left in this zone.

- **The Book Fair is Coming Soon!** The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library at the Hollyrood and Fernwood sites during conference week. Mark your calendar now to come in and find some great deals on some of the newest picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books. Proceeds from the fair go directly to purchasing new books for the libraries. **The book fair will be open during the following times:**

Thursday & Friday, 11/20 & 11/21 2:45-4:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, 11/24 & 11/25 8:30 am -7:00 pm

See you at the Book Fair!

Margie Lawler, Beverly Cleary School Librarian

- **Please remember that students may not be in the halls at Fernwood until 8:30 am and if they enter at 8:30 they may go only to the cafeteria. Students are allowed to go their lockers and classrooms at 8:40 am.**
- School offices at both sites open at 8:00 am and close at 4:30 pm.
- **School Health Service Documents:** School Health Service documents are now available on one webpage. Go to: <http://inside.healthservices.pps.k12.or.us/> for information on:
  - **New procedures for managing head lice** including talking points for presentation to school staff, summary of head lice procedure changes, and information for parents.
  - **Posters and brochures** on School-based Health Clinics in **multiple languages**
  - **New immunization requirements**
  - **Communicable disease investigation protocols**
  - Information published by **Student Services** including **mental health resources, Teen Pocket Directory, and connecting families** to community resources Health policies.

- **PPS wants your input on child care**--Parents and guardians are invited to take an **online survey** through November about before and after-school child care programs offered through PPS. Results will be shared with principals and child care providers to help improve these valuable programs. To take the survey, go to [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us) and scroll down to the link.

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### Announcements

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven't already signed up with your child's teacher(s), please be sure to set up your conference times soon.
- **Please help us celebrate Veterans' Day.** The Hollywood Boosters invite families from Beverly Cleary School to join us on **Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 9:45 am** for the annual Ross Hollywood/Hollywood Boosters Veterans Day Parade. The **parade begins at NE 39th & Hancock Street** and ends with a flag ceremony at NE 48th & Sandy Blvd.

This year's Grand Marshall is Robert Haltiner, Purple Heart recipient from the Order of the Purple Heart. There will be bands, military vehicles, horses, and best of all, Bob Miller from KPAM radio will be broadcasting from the Hollywood Theatre. Next to the theatre, Fleur de Lis Bakery will be serving breakfast items with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Operation Santa Claus. This is a wonderful family event in your own neighborhood. Please join us.

### Wish List

The Fernwood office staff would like to request a donation of a good used laptop for their use.

### TAG News

- **Oregon Writing Festival:** The date for the Oregon Writing Festival is **May 2, 2009**. We plan to send at least one team of interested writers.

### 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 are due to the TAG Office.

### Beverly Cleary School PTA News

- **Our next PTA General Meeting will take place Wednesday, November 19th in the Cafetorium at the Fernwood site.** We will begin the meeting at **6:30 pm**. Our Special Guest is Principal Linda Kapranos, who will hold an open Q&A session. All parents, teachers, staff, and interested community members are welcome. Child care will be available.

The Beverly Cleary School staff has drafted a school vision statement. The vision statement is followed by a staff action statement -- a list of ways the staff intends to demonstrate the vision. Site Council and PTA are working together to give adult family members an opportunity to respond to the proposed BCS vision statement with our own action statement. Please join us at the General PTA Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> for a group exercise to capture the ways in which we, as parents and other adult family members, want to act on the school's vision.

- **The PTA Reading Challenge** is an incentive-based reading program designed to celebrate and encourage reading. Students at Beverly Cleary School can join any time!

There are two broad reading challenge programs at school, one for k-4<sup>th</sup> grades and one for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The k-4<sup>th</sup> grade program is based on counting pages that the student reads. To participate just drop your tally sheets into the box in the school library. There are tally sheets on the school's website for downloading if you forget to pick up a copy in the library. The 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade program is based on "challenges" that are completed at the student's leisure. They read what the "challenge" indicated and they get a prize when they complete it. The challenge sheets are located on line or in the library. We have four new challenges this month, so check them out! Brennan Noailles completed two challenges so far this year! Great job, Brennan!

In the month of October we had 65 Reading Challenge Participants for the k-4<sup>th</sup> grade program! We are excited to have Luciana Aldisert reach the "30,000 page" benchmark this month. Noah Baskins, Kamlyn Yosick, Ian Panoscha, and Carling Bock all received a Reading Challenge trophy for reading over 20,000 pages! Congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments!

We would like to welcome many new Reading Challenge readers this year. Matisse Nash, Ella Schroeder, Aidan Eckhardt, Danny Olson, Ruby Copper-Karl, Soren Fesler, Luke Johnson, Simon Lackowski, Max Ognall, Reagan Robinson, Elias Shiffman, Connor Kolze, Justice Bourquein, Maggie Hekker, Sylvia Horvath, Olivia Panarella, Paloma Pitman, Tiaman Ragnarsson, Cecilia O'Connor, Gabe Edgar, and Lily Buckenmeyer.

- **Scrip sales were off the charts this week! We had 28 families purchase \$29,805 for a net profit of \$1205 to the PTA, bringing our total profit for the year to \$2638.** No, that's not a typo . . . \$29,805 is the correct figure. Thanks to a fabulous parent who ordered \$25,000 worth of Fred Meyer gift cards for her business to give as gifts during the holidays, we made almost as much profit this week as we have during the rest of the school year. So, if you own a business or work for a company that gives gifts to employees, vendors or clients over the holidays, PLEASE consider using Scrip to purchase those gifts. Scrip gift cards are available for a wide variety of grocery stores, restaurants and other merchants, come in a variety of denominations and make the perfect gift - who doesn't love getting a gift card? And, even better, you don't have to go out and do any shopping - just fill out a Scrip order form on Tuesday morning and get your gift cards back on Thursday afternoon. You can simplify your holiday shopping and benefit the PTA as well. You can find our scrip order form on [beverlyclearyschool.org](http://beverlyclearyschool.org).

Next week only, because of the Veteran's Day holiday, Scrip orders are due on Wednesday, November 12th. Filled orders will be returned to you on Friday afternoon, November 14th. The following week, Scrip orders will be due on Tuesday, November 18 and returned to you on the afternoon of Thursday, November 20th. There will be no Scrip orders taken during Thanksgiving week because of the holiday. If you have any questions regarding Scrip sales, please contact Anne Pearson at [UsPearsons@msn.com](mailto:UsPearsons@msn.com) or Nancy Drinnon at [ndrinnon1@comcast.com](mailto:ndrinnon1@comcast.com)

- **There's a new way to help your PTA raise classroom funds.** On the lower left side of the home page of [beverlyclearyschool.org](http://beverlyclearyschool.org), you'll find a link to Amazon.com. Any purchases made through this link will bring your BCS PTA a 4% commission, which will get higher as the program grows. Please keep this in mind as you plan your holiday shopping!
- **Our school directory is a wonderful resource** for communication and connection within our school community. We've are happy to report production is finally underway! You can expect to receive yours within two weeks. Each family will receive one copy. Please remember the directory is not for commercial use. Thanks for your patience and for turning in the directory forms at the beginning of the year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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- **After months of planning, we have a target date for breaking ground on Beverly Cleary School Learning Garden.** The Garden will be for neighbors, school children, their parents and teachers to learn about science and nature in an outdoor classroom. In January we will be removing asphalt and installing irrigation. The completed project will encompass raised beds, irrigation, gravel pathways, fence and gate, benches and tool shed with a green roof. A concept layout and inspirational photos of the garden will be posted in the Fernwood office. We are working with the staff to understand their needs and to insure the gardens success.

The BCS community and neighbors have many families and businesses that may be able to donate. Please let us know if you can partner with us to source materials and talent to create a Beverly Cleary School garden! We need:

- Untreated Cedar 2 x 4
- Sand and gravel for pathways
- Someone to construct raised beds
- Plumbing supplies for irrigation and assistance with installation
- Someone to donate time to design and construct a tool shed with a green roof
- Benches
- Fence and gate
- Permeable pavers
- Trees
- HELP WITH GRANT WRITING

We have two projects that we are planning for in the New Year: an arboretum tree planting and, in May, a Beverly Cleary School Learning Garden event to celebrate our hard work. We will send more details soon. Please contact us by e-mailing Lynn at [lynnraube@intergra.net](mailto:lynnraube@intergra.net)

- **The Power of Parents: Teens and Drugs and Alcohol 11/18/08, 7:00-8:30 pm Grant High School, Room 232**

76% of American youth ages 8-17 say their parents are the biggest influence in their decisions about alcohol use. Come to a special drug and alcohol awareness program for parents and find out how to maximize your influence.

Speakers include Joseph Malone (Grant principal), Linda Chase (Center for Family and Adolescent Research), Emily Moser (Oregon Partnership) and Betty Friedman (LCSW and Grant parent). Find out about the latest research, learn effective strategies to talk with your teen, network with other parents, and learn about the resources available through Grant, PPS, and the community at large. Have your questions about teens and drugs and alcohol answered. We need your voice to help shape the dialogue. (Sponsored by the Grant LSAC/PTA)

## **FOUNDATION News**

Greetings all! I want to start with some great news!!! Through your efforts, **Beverly Cleary School finished in FIRST PLACE** with the **Lloyd Center Mall Earning for Learning** fundraising program. Purchases made through October 31st that were turned into customer service qualified toward our

total. The **top prize of \$4,000** will be deposited in our account and provides a jump start of our fall fundraising campaign. Our school has finished in first place 3 out of the last 4 years, and finished second the other year. It is only through the combined efforts of the Foundation, communication and reminders that we send via email, the newsletter, and the website, and you taking the time to not just shop at Lloyd Center, but to also turn the receipts in, that we were able to achieve this success. Thanks to each and every one of you that participated!

We have increased our presence on the Beverly Cleary School website. Please visit <http://www.beverlyclearyschool.org/bcs-foundation> regularly to see what our plans are and how you can participate. There are several non-Auction related opportunities that could use your help. In addition, we'll be providing transparency of our progress towards our fund raising goal this year. Check out the thermometer on the site!

In addition to the planning work for the Auction, we have begun planning for a fun evening activity to be held in January. We'll be communicating more details for this event, tentatively titled **A Comedy Night**, in the next couple of weeks. We expect this event to be a fun and new alternative as a way to contribute to our fundraising efforts. If you are interested in helping with the planning and execution, I would be happy to help spread the work out. I would anticipate a 4 to 8 hour commitment for each participant, along with helping on the night of the event. Contact me at [k8foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:k8foundation@yahoo.com) (my new email address) if you are interested!

Our **next Foundation meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 20th, at 7:30 pm**. More details and the agenda for that meeting will be posted on the website and included in future communications. I would appreciate participation and attendance by anyone interested in learning about opportunities to help the Foundation achieve our goals this year! Feel free to join us, contact me directly, or stop me or swing by on Monday or Wednesday mornings in the cafeteria at the Fernwood Campus as I drop off, Sophia, my daughter, on those days!

Bob Leek, Foundation Chair ([k8foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:k8foundation@yahoo.com))

### **Beverly Cleary School SUN News**

With the holiday season approaching, we are looking for support from our local community. We rely largely on donations and volunteers to support academically at-risk youth and there are many ways to get involved. Please consider donating tax deductible gifts from our Holiday Wishlist:

**Printer cartridges:** Students in our academic support programs use our printers for essays and projects. Please consider donating the following cartridges: HP Color LaserJet Q6000A Series: Black, Magenta, Yellow & Cyan; Samsung ML-2010 Series E; HP Photosmart 7660 # 57 & #56,58,59

**Rewards for students who make academic and behavioral progress:** donate \$5 QFC gift cards for students who reach

academic goals, tickets to Blazers games, etc.

**New and used computers & printers:** donate computers for kids and families without home access!

**Volunteer to help students in reading, writing and/or math after school.**

**Cash donations to support scholarship students**

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### **Beverly Cleary School Calendar**

<b>Mon, Nov. 10</b>	<b>Teacher Planning Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
<b>Tues, Nov. 11</b>	<b>VETERANS' DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wed, Nov. 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Field trip 9-11 James & the Giant Peach
<b>Thurs, Nov. 13</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day at Hollyrood</b>
Fri, Nov. 14	Reading Challenge lunch at Hollyrood
Mon, Nov. 17	BOOK FAIR BEGINS – Both sites
Tues, Nov. 18	8:30 am Coffee Chat at Hollyrood 9:30-2:30 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Whitaker Pond/3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Field trip 8:45 James & the Giant Peach 2:15 Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 – Café
Wed, Nov. 19	6:30pm PTA Meeting @ Fernwood
Thurs, Nov. 20	PTA Clothes Center – BCS Volunteer Day at Marshall H.S. Foundation Meeting 7:30pm
<b>11/24-12/1</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Mon, Nov. 24	8:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues, Nov. 25	8:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wed, Nov. 26	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs, Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Fri, Nov. 28	NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY
Mon, Dec. 1	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Professional Development Day
Tues, Dec 16	PTA Coffee Chat 8:45am @ Fernwood SUN Showcase Rehearsal, 3:00-5:30pm.@ Fernwood Café
Wed, Dec 17	SUN Showcase, 6:00-8:00 pm @ Fernwood Café
Dec. 22-Jan. 4	Winter Break
Mon, Jan. 5	Back to School

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