

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Words of Thanks

- Thank you to **Ms. Hart's classroom parents** for supplying the Hollyrood Campus staff a wonderful lunch November 12th and to the **third grade parents** for supplying a super lunch for the large Fernwood staff! We are a very lucky staff indeed to have such wonderful and appreciative parents of our students.

- Fourth Grade would like to give a special thanks to **Andrew Briggs** for the wonderful salt map project of Oregon.

Beverly Cleary School News

• **The Book Fair is Here!**

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:**

Friday, November 21 st	2:45-4:00
Monday November 24 th	8:30-7:00
Tuesday November 25 th	8:30-7:00

See you at the Book Fair!

Margie Lawler, Beverly Cleary School Librarian

Announcements

• **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME**

If your household has experienced a change in income, your child(ren) may now qualify for free or reduced priced school meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, if your income goes down, if you lose your job, if you start getting food stamps or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). You may submit an application for the first time, or you may reapply if previously denied and your income has changed.

School meals are nutritious and offer unlimited fruits and vegetables with every lunch. If your children are not currently eating school meals, it would be an honor to serve them.

For more information and to download an application, go to: <http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10057> or call Cindy Baumbach at 503.916.3247

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- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, November 24th and 25th**. If you haven't already signed up with your child's teacher(s), please be sure to set up your conference times soon.

• **Entertainment Alert**

BCS's own **Trenton Bryant-Trerise** is appearing in the Northwest Classical Theatre Company production of **SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE SPECKLED BAND**. Will the dastardly villain steal the stepdaughter's inheritance, or will Holmes, Watson, and Billy (Trenton) discover the truth in time? The play runs from Nov 21st to Dec 28th, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7, Sundays at 2, at the Shoebox Theater, 2110 SE 10th (between Grant and Lincoln), \$18/\$15 for students; information at nwctc.org. Hope to see you there!

- **Calling all K-8th graders to the Annual Dance Day with the Grant Gendrills.** Learn a routine in a relaxed atmosphere and perform it for family and friends. **Dance Day is Saturday, December 13th from 9 am until 3 pm at the Grant High School big gym.** Cost is \$25.00/student. Flyers/registration forms in the school office. Pre-registration encouraged.

• **There's a new way to raise classroom funds.**

On the left side of beverlyclearyschool.org, there are links to Amazon.com and Powell's Books. Any purchases made through these links now bring your BCS PTA a 6% commission, which will get higher as the program grows. Please keep this in mind as you plan your holiday shopping and be sure to let your extended family know as well!

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 PTA News

• **Helping students find community service options**

A Community Service Opportunities bulletin board has been installed upstairs in the Fernwood building, in the SE corner, by the water fountain and elevator. Thank you to 7th grade room parent **Ann Fishburn** for acquiring the bulletin board! PTA hopes this can be a site for upper grade students to find information about community service options. 5th-8th grade students all need community service hours each trimester. You may already have noticed some of these students gaining service hours by helping at Spookarama and as school crossing guards. School staff and parents may post appropriate service opportunities for these students on the bulletin board. In-school options may include: library help, copying, making posters, help with set-up/clean-up/staffing for special events, school yard/garden work, reading or other help with younger students, etc. Community-based service opportunities may include assistance to Friends of Trees, Food Bank, Loaves & Fishes, Neighborhood Associations and other such organizations. Please make sure there are contact names & numbers, dates, locations, etc. on flyers. If you have any questions, please contact PTA 6th-8th grade Volunteer Coordinator Lori Faha at 503-493-3619. Thank you!

• **Scrip News**

Scrip gift card sales have been brisk leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday. This week, we had 18 families order \$3949 in Scrip gift cards for a PTA profit of \$167.47. That brings our **profit total for the school year to \$3093.79**.

There will be no Scrip gift card orders taken next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. That means there are only three more Tuesdays left between now and winter break to order Scrip gift cards to help with your holiday shopping. A few \$2 Baskin Robbins gift cards for your favorite baby sitter, \$10 Powell's or Barnes & Noble for the neighbor who feeds your cat while you're away, \$25 iTunes for a niece or nephew. There are so many ways that you can make your holiday shopping easier by purchasing gift cards from the Scrip order form and benefit the PTA at the same time. Take a look at the order form and see how you can use gift cards over the holidays.

If you are the owner of a business, or responsible for buying client, vendor or employee gifts, Scrip gift cards are a GREAT way to make your shopping easier and help our school at the same time. If you see a merchant on the order form that you are interested in, but would like to order a quantity of gift cards in a different denomination, check with us. The Scrip Center can sometimes get gift cards in different amounts, especially from merchants that are locally owned.

If you have any questions about Scrip gift cards, please contact Anne Pearson at UsPearsons@msn.com or Nancy Drinnon at ndrinnon1@comcast.net

Happy Thanksgiving and thanks for using Scrip!

• **Beverly Cleary School Garden Committee**

In partnership with Friends of Trees Join the Neighborhood Tree Planting! Why get a tree? What will I get?

Trees contribute to neighborhood livability. They reduce city noise and glare, and also calm and slow traffic. Houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20% higher than houses in neighborhoods without. Trees reduce the energy needed to heat and cool our homes by 15-35%. Friends of Trees prices are usually 80% less expensive than those of a contractor planting equal sized trees. Trees help reduce greenhouse gas concentrations by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Trees improve watershed health by reducing storm water runoff. You will get a city-approved tree for your planting strip for as little as \$69.99 per tree! All participants are asked to help plant trees on planting day, but can also participate in some other capacity instead. Trees will be between 1.25 and 2 inches in diameter (6-14 feet tall!) On planting day, trained volunteers will assist with hole digging

and tree planting. You will be supplied with stakes, ties, and labels, as well as follow-up monitoring of your tree.

Sign up deadline: 12/15/08
Order deadline: 2/2/2009
Planting day: 2/21/2009

Online submissions are preferred, www.FriendsofTrees.org
For further information e-mail neighborhood coordinator Lynn Raube at lynnraube@integra.net

FOUNDATION NEWS

• **Foundation Auction Update**

The BCS Foundation Auction – Denim & Diamonds – will be held Friday, March 13th at the Bossanova Ballroom. We have lots of fun things planned and plenty of wonderful items and experiences to bid on.

Speaking of experiences... We could use some help rounding up unique and fun experiences to auction off. From past years, we've learned that the following items sell really well:

Vacation Homes - If you, your family, neighbors, or friends have vacation homes or time shares available to share with others, please contact us with the information as soon as possible. We can build a great package around a vacation home rental.

Tickets, seats and luxury boxes - If you have season tickets to teams or your company has special access privileges to venues such as PGE Park, the Rose Garden or even out of town venues and would be willing to donate a game or event to the auction, please contact us.

Activity leading experience – Do you have skills in any area of leading an activity, such as nature hikes, bird watching, cooking, knitting, kayaking, wine knowledge, biking, golfing, or sailing? These activity oriented experiences are very popular and we ask you to contact us soon.

Celebrity events – Are you connected to a local or national celebrity? Can you arrange for a private audience, autographed items, or some other activity that would please a fan? Let us know!

Hosting parties - If you have a knack as a host, or a local home that would be a great venue for a party, or if you have a group of friends that would be interested in hosting a party, please contact us soon.

In addition to these experiences, we can always use mileage points for airfare, gift certificates for restaurants, activities, hotels, events, and all the things that make a getaway or night on the town special. Let us know what connections you have! Contact Beth Wilmart at bwilmart@gmail.com (503.333.4284) or pick up a procurement form at either school office.

SUN NEWS

• **Holiday Wish List**

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 Wish List:

-- **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 #56, #57, #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**

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

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

11/24-12/1	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
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	SCHOOL CLOSED
	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Fri, Nov. 28	SCHOOL CLOSED - HOLIDAY
Mon, Dec. 1	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Teacher Planning 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
Dec. 22-Jan.4	Winter Break
Mon, Jan. 5	Back to School
Mon, Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri, Jan. 30	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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