

# Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

*Academic Excellence in a Caring Community*

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## Words of Thanks

- Thank you to **Robin Shue's kindergarten room parents** and to the **4<sup>th</sup> Grade parents** for supplying lunch on December 10<sup>th</sup> in appreciation of the Beverly Cleary staff. It was very much appreciated!
- Thank you to **Vanessa Nutt**, 8th grade student **Eric Ostberg's mother**, for delivering food baskets to our families and then taking the remaining food items to the food bank.

## Announcements

### • **HIGH SCHOOL FORECASTING FOR 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS**

High School forecasting begins in January. All students who reside within the Grant High School boundaries, will forecast for Grant. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who currently is a transfer student at Beverly Cleary, or who resides outside of the Grant High School area, will also need to apply for a transfer if they want to continue on to Grant.

Applications for high school transfers for PPS will be available on-line beginning **January 23, 2009**, with the closing date of **February 27, 2009**.

Evening information sessions are scheduled for each high school. Grant High School will hold a session on **February 10**, at 7 pm, in the Grant Auditorium. Benson High School will have three sessions: **January 27, February 11, and February 27**, from 6-7:30 pm in the Benson Auditorium. Information about other Portland High Schools sessions will be available in January.

Grant High School counselors will meet with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers to explain the class forecasting process. Parents will be notified when these dates are finalized so that they can attend, if interested. In addition, Grant is offering "shadowing" opportunities for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to spend a day with a freshman student.

### • **NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR 7TH GRADERS**

Oregon Law has added a new immunization requirement for the 2008-2009 school year. All 7th grade children will now be required to have an additional dose of Tdap vaccine. Tdap offers adolescents

and adults protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). Through a special project with the Oregon Department of Human Services Immunization Program, and the MESD Dept. of Health and Social Services Immunization Program, any 6th or 7th grade student and school personnel are eligible to receive a Tdap vaccination at no charge for this school year only. School Nurses in Portland Public Schools will be organizing special Tdap clinics for students and/or staff in the near future.

The following school clinics have been scheduled to date:  
Mt. Tabor 1/12; Lane MS 1/14; Ockley Green 1/29; James John 2/5.

Seventh grade students must be immunized for Tdap by February 18th or they will be excluded from school. For more information contact your School Nurse or Jan Sanderson, RN at 503-257-1769.

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## 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

**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 paper work are due to the TAG Office.

## Beverly Cleary School PTA News

- The PTA recognizes **Angela McMahon** and **Jill Lee** for the enormous amount of work they put into this year's Beverly Cleary School Directory, which went home with students a couple of weeks ago. They have done the school community a valuable service by publishing this document. Thank you, Angela and Jill!
- PTA also extends a belated "Thank You" to **Linda Lewis** and **Trish Nimelman** for auditing PTA's Financial Records this Fall.
- PTA recognizes **Peet's Coffee at 15th and NE Broadway** for donating coffee to the Principal's Coffee Chat which convened in the Fernwood Cafeteria this Tuesday. Each month they provide the coffee, cups, and all condiments for this gathering. Thank you, Peet's!
- **Lost & Found at Hollyrood**  
All items in the Lost & Found at Hollyrood will be donated to the PTA Clothes Closet after January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and check in the front entry to see if your child has left any coats, etc.
- Please mark your calendars for the next **PTA General Meeting**, which will be held on **January 13th at 6:30pm** in the Fernwood Cafeteria.

## Beverly Cleary School SUN News

Beverly Cleary SUN School will offer three great opportunities for adults this winter, located conveniently at the Fernwood campus.

- **Revisit your childhood with the Beverly Cleary School Parent & Staff Dodgeball Team!!!** Starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, adults from the Beverly Cleary School community are invited to play on a new dodgeball team in the Recess Time League. All games are in the Fernwood gyms on Thursday nights. The season ends March 19<sup>th</sup>, with a tournament on March 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit Corrie in SUN Room 2, or email [cheselius@portlandimpact.org](mailto:cheselius@portlandimpact.org). Visit [www.recesstimesports.com](http://www.recesstimesports.com) for more information.
- **Spanish II** (Mondays 6:15-7:15 pm, Jan 26-March 16). This Spanish class will be taught by Nina Frayne, a native speaker with over 15 years experience teaching Spanish to Americans. The cost is \$40.

- **AM Adult Yoga**, 8 week Intro to Vinyasa Style Yoga (Tuesdays 9-10 am, Jan 20-March 10). 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.

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](mailto:cheselius@portlandimpact.org)

### • **SUN WISH LIST**

We are always 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 SUN 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 # 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.

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

## Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Dec. 22-Jan.4	Winter Break
Mon, Jan. 5	Back to School
	Winter SUN Catalog sent home with students
Tues, Jan. 13	PTA General Meeting 6:30pm @ Fernwood
Mon, Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues, Jan. 20	Winter SUN Classes begin
Fri, Jan. 30	Professional Development Day
	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wed, Feb. 18	Immunization Exclusion Day
March 23-27	Spring Vacation Week

### **Portland Public Schools Nondiscrimination Statement**

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#### **Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P**

District Title VI & Title IX Contact: Carolyn M. Leonard, Compliance (503-916-3183)

District 504 Contact: Carolyn M. Leonard, Compliance (503-916-3183)

American Disabilities Act Contact: Maureen Sloane, HR Legal Counsel (503-916-3025)

### **Request for Hard Copy of Newsletter**

Please send home a copy of the newsletter with my child \_\_\_\_\_ in Room # \_\_\_\_\_ at Fernwood or Hollyrood Campus, grade \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent Signature: