

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

- Thank you to **Carolyn Morris's first grade parents and Susan Crabtree** for supplying lunch on December 10th in appreciation of the Beverly Cleary staff at the Hollyrood Campus. It was very much appreciated!

Beverly Cleary School News

- Annie, Melissa, and I are beginning to really think about our program planning for the 2009-10 school year. Please reply to the following and let me know how you would prioritize:

1. Lower class size with fewer "specialist-taught" enrichment
2. Higher class size with more "specialist-taught enrichment

- 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.**

- **PPS Facilities Dept. has completed an extensive report** "Short-Term Building Stabilization Projects and Program Investment Plan Including Recommendation for Interim Funding for 2009 and 2010 Summer Construction Seasons."

Pertinent information - Beverly Cleary School:

Energy management/temperature control projects:

- Replacing steam traps at both Hollyrood and Fernwood
- Covered Play Space at Fernwood
- Basic Science Lab, Fernwood
- Exterior building signage, Fernwood

Of those, it looks like the projects that the district proposes to start as soon as this summer include:

- Energy/temperature control work at Fernwood and Hollyrood
- Installing exterior key card access to Fernwood
- Addressing accessibility issues at Fernwood
- Information about Safer Routes

I have a copy of the full report if any of you would like to see it. Linda

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 paperwork due to the TAG Office.

Announcements

- Beginning in January we want to send home hard copies of these family newsletters only to those who don't receive them online. At the end of this newsletter you will find a tear-off sheet to return letting us know your preferred way to get our newsletter. **If we don't get a response from families that they need a hard copy, we will NOT send one!**

• HIGH SCHOOL FORECASTING FOR 8th GRADERS

High School forecasting begins in January. All students who reside within the Grant High School boundaries will forecast for Grant. Any 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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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Beverly Cleary School PTA News

• **JANUARY 20th - EAT PIZZA & RAISE DOUGH FOR BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL**

Save-the-date: Tuesday, January 20th is Inauguration Day, and this year's first Pizzicato Dough 4 Dollars Day. On this day, Pizzicato on 42nd Ave and Fremont is generously donating 20% of its sales on to Beverly Cleary School. You can help earn money for our school just by ordering a pizza!

Here's how: Pre-order your meal by Friday, January 16 - Forms will be sent home with your child. Just return the form and a check made out to BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL PTA to the Pizzicato pizza box in either school's office. Then pick

up your pizza dinner at child pick-up time on Tuesday, January 20th.

OR

Go to Pizzicato directly to pick up dinner. If you're not up for pizza that night, buy a gift certificate to use later and that 20% still goes toward our PTA funds.

OR

Plan a Pizza Party! If you're planning a work lunch or meeting on January 20th, call Pizzicato 48 hours in advance and they will deliver to you if the total is over \$50.

Tell friends, family and neighbors - **ALL SALES AT PIZZICATO on 42nd and Fremont on January 20th will help support our school.**

• **Lost & Found at both Hollyrood and Fernwood**
All items in the Lost & Found at both sites will be donated to the PTA Clothes Closet after January 16th. Please stop by and check in the front entries of both sites 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. Child care will be provided courtesy of the PTA.

• **Beverly Cleary School Yearbooks**

Look for the yearbook flyer soon to arrive in your child's backpack! The yearbooks will be for sale soon at \$20 each. Please make checks out to Beverly Cleary School. **January 31st is the deadline for yearbook orders!** Get your order in soon!

Beverly Cleary School Foundation News

Get your party shoes on! "**Denim and Diamonds**," the upcoming Beverly Cleary School annual auction, is just around the corner now that the New Year is here. **The biggest annual fundraiser our school has is scheduled for March 13th at the Bossanova Ballroom.** All proceeds from the auction go directly to funding staff at our school for classes like band, music and movement and PE. The BCS foundation is the only way to pay for staff. PTA cannot do it, only the Foundation can. Support our school! Check out our link at <http://auction.beverlyclearyschool.org> to see all the great class art projects being worked on. We can also always use volunteers now and the day of the event. Contact Christine Putnam at gcut@yahoo.com or Beth Wilmart at bwilmart@gmail.com for more information.

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Monday, January 12	Site Council Meeting 3:30-5:00 pm @ Fernwood
Tuesday, January 13	PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm @ Fernwood
Wednesday, January 14	Prospective Parent Tour @ Hollyrood 1:30 pm
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, January 20	Winter SUN Classes begin
Friday, January 23	High School Transfers begin Hearing, Vision & Dental Screening
Tuesday, January 27	PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 am @ Hollyrood
Friday, January 30	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday, February 4	Transfers begin for Elementary
Thursday, February 12	Prospective Parent Tour @ Hollyrood 1:30 pm
Monday, February 16	Kindergarten Round-Up at Hollyrood, 6:30-8:00pm Presidents' Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, February 18	Immunization Exclusion Day
Tuesday, February 24	PTA Coffee Chat 8:45 am @ Fernwood
Friday, February 27	High School Transfer Deadline
Friday, March 13	Elementary School Transfer Deadline Beverly Cleary School Foundation Auction
March 23-27	Spring Vacation Week

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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: