

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Words of Thanks & Congratulations

- Thank you to 4th grader **Cal Fenner**, without prompting, for spending one full lunch recess picking up trash on the field. Cal, you are a quiet leader and someone who exhibits a caring nature.
- Thanks to **Jeff Smith** with the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation for arranging to get our new bike racks at the Fernwood Campus. I neglected to mention Jeff by name in my last thank you.
- Congratulations to **Ruby Joseph**, 6th grader at Beverly Cleary! Ruby has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Ruby will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C. March 24-30, 2009 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Ruby will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Ruby was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

Please see our school website's front page for information on the Community Meeting and the selection process for a new principal.

Beverly Cleary School News

- **GUIDING GOOD CHOICES--for parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders.** The **Prevention Services Department of PPS** is offering a free, four session facilitated discussion regarding establishing healthy standards for pre-teens and teens around Risky Behavior.

Dates: **Tuesdays, February 17 and 24 & March 3 and 10**

Times: **7-8:30 pm**

Location: **Beaumont Middle School Library**

(Your child attends the March 3 session with you where they practice refusal skills.)

RSVP your name, phone number, and child's name to Cynthia Thomas (cthomas@pps.k12.or.us)

• **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCIENCE FAIR**

March 18 Science Fair - It's been moved from March 19!!

This year, Beverly Cleary second through eighth grade students will participate in a school sponsored science fair. Our Science Fair will take place on the evening of **Wednesday, March 18, 2009**. Second and third grade students will do activities with inventions and our upper grades will create science inquiry projects. Parents and family members are cordially invited to view these wonderful projects which will be on display in the gymnasium that evening. Below is a list of important dates that every 4th-8th grade student (and their family) should be aware of. It is a good idea to be sure these time lines are recorded in your student's planner as well.

Science Fair Schedule

Students are expected to turn in rough drafts of these steps on the following dates:

Date	Section Due
Feb. 6	Scientific Question
Feb. 13	Hypothesis with Background Information
Feb. 27	Procedure
March 9	Data is recorded
March 11	Posters assembled in class and finished by Friday, March 13

- **Yearbooks are going fast – First come, first served**
Please turn in your picture order to either school office soon!

Get your pictures in the yearbook! If you have great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Even though we have a great staff of 7th and 8th grade students, for this book to be successful, we need a community effort. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will enjoy. We are actively seeking photos of field trips, Spook-a-rama and special event days; however, any photos of school events that you would like to upload would be appreciated.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>

If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter

username:1169588 and password: falcons

Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.

Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.

Click "Save Details."

It's that easy! Submit your photos today.

Thanks for you help.

Sincerely,

Hillary Currier, Debi Alberts and the 2009 Yearbook Staff

P.S. The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

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

**Lower class size with fewer “specialist-taught” enrichment
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.

- **Sixth-eighth graders** - Can you play an instrument or sing? Do gymnastics or dance? Or do you have some odd talent like burping the national anthem, silly pet tricks, or juggling? Show off your (hidden?) talent at the **February 27 Hidden Talent Show!** Now's the time to be planning your act - solo or with friends. Past years' hidden talent acts include: Drums, hip-hop dance, sax, singing, keyboard, violin, guinea pig tricks, electric guitar duet, ballet, plus those wild gymnastics guys and wild hot dog eating guys! If you're in the show, you get out of class a little early to set up on performance day! You're only a kid

once, might as well enjoy it - don't be a boring adult yet - think of something creative to do. Plus you get odd prizes for participating. Pick up an entry form in the BC Fernwood office and return it by Friday February 13.

- The sixth grade students and their families would like to welcome you to their production of "**The Attack of the Pom Pom Zombies.**" **The show will be presented at Grant High School on February 19-20 at 7:30 pm.** Doors will open at 7:00. Advance tickets will be on sale in the Fernwood cafeteria from 8:30-8:45 on Feb. 9-19th. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and \$2 for children five and under. This sci-fi spoof will be enjoyable for the whole family! Please join us!

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.

- Opportunities for Teachers and/or Students: **7th Grade students, parents, educators: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program application period is now open.** Check their website for application and more info www.jkcf.org Spanish info also available upon request. **Deadline is Monday, April 27, 2009.**

- **April 30, 2009: Grade Advancement** applications and paperwork due to the TAG Office.

Announcements

- **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.

Applications are available at schools or on the PPS web site. For more information go to: <http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10057> or Call: Cindy Baumbach @ 503.916.3247

Beverly Cleary School PTA News

• **March is Women's History Month at Beverly Cleary School!**

To celebrate the fabulous women who have positively impacted our country and world, Beverly Cleary School is participating in the National Women's History Month in March. As part of this celebration, we are planning to assemble a "cast of actresses" to play the roles of famous women in history, and visit the classrooms around campus to talk about their historical impact. How can you help? Volunteer to play a famous woman in history. Teachers will sign up to have these "characters" visit their classrooms to give a brief overview of their lives and accomplishments, and answer a few questions. If you are interested in supporting this program and fulfilling your acting dreams, please contact Beth Shiffman sambeth@easystreet.net or 503-335-3650.

• **Hello Garden Folk!**

Just wanted to give you a brief update on what is going on with the garden plans. We have been invited by Metro to submit our grant, and so are continuing the process of getting bids and more specific plans laid. Towards that end, we have developed a larger parent group that will help with those details and with getting some parts of the project begun this year. The hope is to get concrete removed and planters put in here in the next few months, for which we will have a work day for the school community. More will be coming on that soon. There also are movements afoot to write additional smaller grants and start securing donations for the garden project. If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please let Lynn or me know. Once some of these things are more clearly outlined, we will get in touch to get some feedback and brainstorm with you as to how to introduce the changes to the campus, to the kids, and get their buy in. Thanks much! Katy Mayo-Hudson

• **Remember Reading Challenge!**

Hey parents, remember to turn in the Reading Challenge sheets on Monday, February 16th.

They can be dropped at each school library. If the Hollywood library is locked, you can slip the sheet under the door and we will collect them.

Thank you and remember the blank tally sheets are available on the website.

Beverly Cleary School Foundation News

• **Denim and Diamonds - Our Annual Auction**

Our annual school auction is coming up next month on **March 13** at the **Bossanova Ballroom**. We hope to see all of you there with your paddles raised and your dancing shoes on! Come early and enjoy the silent auction with music by BCS parents in the Tabor Jazz Trio.

• **Sign-up events**

Be on the look out soon at each school site for the fun sign-up events planned. Enjoy the outdoors at the popular **Mother-Son Campout at Oxbow Park**, or bring your daughters along for the **Father-Daughter(s) Dance**. Men, get ready for the **Men's Poker Night**, or ladies, plan a girl's night out at the **Ladies Cocktail Party**. There will be lots of fun activities for people of all ages. The sign-up events will be posted by the last week of February.

• **Donations**

We've had great response from our school community and local businesses, but there is still time to donate to the auction. Just drop your completed form and donation off at either school office and we'll do the rest. If you have questions, contact Beth Wilmart at bwilmart@gmail.com or 503-333-4284.

Finally, check out our link at <http://auction.beverlyclearyschool.org/>. For any further questions or offerings, please contact Beth (above) or Christine Putnam at gcput@yahoo.com.

SUN News

• **Spring Break Drama at Beverly Cleary!**

Kids will have a blast rehearsing and performing a play this spring break. If your family is not traveling this year, the spring break play camp brought to you by Young Players and the SUN school gives kids a way to have an adventure right at home! Just \$137 for the entire week (Monday, March 23rd through Friday, March 27, 9:00-3:00 pm) and the kids put on a play at the end. Blue flyers have been sent home, but to pick up an extra, visit Corrie in the SUN Room 2 at the Fernwood Campus. Hurry, camp is limited to 25 students!

• **AM Adult Yoga**

Every Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 am at the Fernwood Campus enjoy Vinyasa Style Yoga which 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. The class is suitable for all levels. The cost is \$40.

For more information or to register for a class, call Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 or email cheselius@impactnw.org.

Beverly Cleary Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 10	1 st grade to Winningstad “When Animals Were People” 8:34-11:42 am
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Reading Challenge lunch @ Hollyrood
Thursday, Feb. 12	Kindergarten Round-Up@ Hollyrood, 6:30-8:00 pm
Monday, Feb. 16	Presidents’ Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, Feb. 18	Immunization Exclusion Day
	Prospective Parent Tour at Hollyrood 1:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 20	K-2 Assembly 1:00 pm Dances & Cultures of Ghana
Tuesday, Feb. 24	PTA Coffee Chat 8:45 am@ Fernwood
Friday, Feb. 27	High School Transfer Deadline
	Talent Show @ Fernwood 2:00-3:00 pm
Monday, March 2	Women’s History Presentations @ Hollyrood
	Site Council meeting 3:30-4:30 @ Fernwood
Friday, March 6	Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students
Thursday, March 12	General PTA Meeting @ Fernwood, 6:30-8:00 pm
Friday, March 13	Elementary School Transfer Deadline
	K-2 Assembly @ Fernwood 1:00 pm Hip Hop
	Beverly Cleary Foundation Auction, Bossanova Ballroom
Wednesday, March 18	Science Fair @ Fernwood 6:00-7:30 pm
Friday, March 20	Fun Friday @ Fernwood 1:30-3:00 pm
March 23-27	Spring Vacation Week
Monday, March 30	PTA Clothing Center
	Hollyrood Campus Volunteer Day
Tuesday, March 31	PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 am @ Hollyrood

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