

# Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

*Academic Excellence in a Caring Community*

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## Words of Thanks & Congratulations

Thanks to **Madeline Kokes** and her team of volunteers who accompanied our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Falcon Badge kids to Hollywood Bowl last Friday. Our Falcon Badge program is our self-manager system. We had 71 out of 88 Falcon Badgers go on the field trip.

## Beverly Cleary School News

### • School Superintendent wants your budget input

Portland Public Schools is expecting significant budget cuts for next year. Superintendent Carole Smith would like your insights.

On Thursday, Feb. 26 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St., the superintendent will give an update on the budget and ask for your questions and money-saving ideas.

This meeting is a good chance to hear the latest budget news in the wake of the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> state revenue forecast that is bringing PPS a big step closer to understanding its financial picture for the rest of this year and for next year.

It is also a good opportunity to voice your priorities before the superintendent prepares her budget proposal and presents it to the School Board March 16. How much do you value smaller class sizes? What elements of your child's education do you hope can be preserved?

Translation will be available in Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, Chinese and Russian. Child care will not be provided.

The School Board will also hold at least one public hearing on the budget in March or April. The board must approve a budget by May 15.

For more information, contact the district's Communications Office, 503-916-3304. To offer suggestions or ask questions, e-mail the PPS Budget Director at [budgetoffice@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:budgetoffice@pps.k12.or.us)

• Our Student Leadership Team is in charge of this year's **Pennies for Peace** collection. A member of our team will visit each classroom the weeks of April 6th-9th and April 13th-17th. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.

• **GUIDING GOOD CHOICES--for parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:cthomas@pps.k12.or.us))

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.

## TAG News

### • IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCIENCE FAIR

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

This year's 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 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Section Due</b>
Feb. 27	Procedure
March 9	Data is recorded
March 11	Posters assembled in class and finished by Friday, March 13

### • **Beverly Cleary Yearbook Order Extension**

#### **We have decided to extend the deadline for Yearbook Orders from Friday, February 13 to Friday, February 27.**

Get your orders in fast to guarantee a book!

If you did not receive an order form, please check with the front office, at either site, because there are extra forms.

#### **Here is how you can submit photos online:**

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

If this 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 your help.

Sincerely,

Hillary Carrier, Debi Alberts and the 2009 Yearbook Staff

• **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: **7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## PTA News

• **The PTA would be grateful for your input on a fundraising survey.** It will take just a few minutes of your time and your comments are greatly appreciated.

This survey has been prepared for our school's parents and teachers in an effort to help prioritize goals and fundraising efforts for next year. We would like to maximize our impact and have focused goals for the upcoming year.

Currently the Beverly Cleary School PTA dedicates its efforts toward governmental legislation, classroom support, advocacy and communication with administration, volunteer coordination, fundraising, and supports parent initiatives for after school programs. The PTA communicates with and supports the Foundation in its fund-raising efforts, but only Foundation funds may be used to pay for additional staff.

Results will be used to help determine our 2009-10 budget and will be discussed at the PTA General Meeting on April 2nd.

The survey can be accessed here:

<http://tinyurl.com/bcsfundraisingsurvey>

### • **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](mailto:sambeth@easystreet.net) or 503-335-3650.

• **April 2nd - Save the Date!**

**New Portland School Board members will be elected this spring.** Come meet Portland School Board Candidates and hear what they have to say! At our next PTA General Meeting in the Fernwood Cafetorium on Thursday April 2nd at 6:30 pm, we will host a Candidates Forum. Hear what each candidate intends to do for our schools, and bring your own questions. Please note that the General Meeting date has been changed. It was scheduled for March 12th but has been moved to April 2nd to accommodate the candidates.

All parents, teachers, staff, and interested community members are welcome. Child care will be provided courtesy of the PTA.

Please take a few moments to review the minutes of our last General Meeting in January. They are on the school web site at: [http://www.beverlyclearyschool.org/pta/meeting\\_minutes](http://www.beverlyclearyschool.org/pta/meeting_minutes).

Sincerely,  
Your PTA Board of Directors

## **Beverly Cleary School Foundation News**

**Be sure to check your student's backpack over the next few days. The Denim and Diamonds Auction invites and RSVP cards are coming home over the next few days.** Look closely at your RSVP card and you will see there are a limited number of tables that can be reserved. We have eight tables for ten which can be reserved for \$350. We will reserve these on a first come, first served basis and they WILL GO FAST! So, get your reservation with payment in. This is especially true if you plan to enjoy and share one of our delicious desserts from the dessert auction. Desserts like Perry's Marionberry Pies, a Banana Bavarian Cake from Rose's Deli or a Portland Style Cheesecake with s'mores, berry or tropical topping. Delicious! Return your RSVP and your payment to the school office.

The auction committee is so excited about all the great offerings. There are some amazing art projects. Have you seen the leaf-rimmed fire pit? Check the art projects out on the auction website: <http://auction.beverlyclearyschool.org/> and click on the link for art projects.

We also have some wonderful and unique experiences to offer.

Check out these great packages:

### **Week in Telluride, CO**

Steps from the Coonskin lift and San Miguel River, this spacious, bright condominium can accommodate an intimate party of two persons, or a family group up to six. There is a queen bed in the first bedroom, two twins in the second, which can be converted to a king, and a queen sofa sleeper in the living room. For those who appreciate the finest amenities, this residence has it all: luxurious linens, gourmet kitchen with

granite counters, washer/dryer, stone tile floors with in-floor heat, Ralph Lauren designer furnishings, steam shower, individual ski locker and available heated underground parking. The lovely central common great room with a massive gas fireplace is a perfect gathering spot for après-ski, as is the large deck outside with eight person hot tub! Not available for Blues or Jazz Festivals weeks.

### **Private plane flight for 2 with lunch**

Fly away to Sunriver or Pacific City with a stop for lunch. David Shaff is a certified pilot with his own plane and 350 hours flight time experience. Two people maximum, subject to weather and pilot's availability.

### **Volunteer opportunities**

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up of the auction and for volunteers to help out during the night of the auction. If you are interested in volunteering or have any other questions, please contact Christine Putnam at [gcput@yahoo.com](mailto:gcput@yahoo.com)

## **Announcements**

• **Second and fifth grade families:** Please remember to fill out and return your free Safer Routes to School Order Form. The order form provides fun free resources for getting around Portland. In addition, the order form serves as a fundraiser for our school. For each returned order form our school receives \$5.00. Thanks!

### • **Parent Leadership Conference**

Now, more than ever, we need parent, family and community involvement with our students and in our schools! No matter what your current level of involvement is, the upcoming 9th annual Parent Leadership Conference will help you develop your ability to support your student and our schools.

We need to support and learn from one another in our individual and communal efforts to create sustainable energy for the work ahead. The Parent Leadership Conference will give us an opportunity to do just that as we look toward an uncertain future for Portland's public schools.

### **Please Register Now!**

Please attend the Parent Leadership Conference, and encourage a friend to come with you! If you haven't registered yet, please do so now at [www.cppsportland.org/plc](http://www.cppsportland.org/plc). Help us spread the word by talking about the conference with your friends and school communities. You can visit our website to print out a flyer and help us promote the conference.

Remember, the Parent Leadership Conference is open to everyone who is interested in increasing parent and community involvement in our public schools. It will be held on Saturday, February 28, at daVinci Middle School.

Several workshops will be conducted in Spanish and one in Somali, with translation services available upon request in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese and Mandarin. PPS Superintendent Carole Smith is a keynote speaker, along with a representative from the Mayor's Office.

The event is entirely free and includes childcare, a light breakfast, and lunch. The doors will open at 9:00 am, with the conference beginning at 9:30.

Families can register for the conference and learn more about it at [www.cppsportland.org/plc](http://www.cppsportland.org/plc). For more information, please contact me, the conference coordinator, at [Debbie@cppsportland.org](mailto:Debbie@cppsportland.org). We look forward to seeing you on February 28!

Sincerely,  
Debbie Gordon  
CPPS Parent Leadership Conference Coordinator

• **If your household has experienced a change in income, your children 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 info:  
<http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10057>  
or call Cindy Baumbach @ 503.916.3247

## 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 grades K-5th a way to have an adventure right at home! Just \$137 for the entire week (Monday, March 23rd thru Friday, March 27th, 9:00-3:00 p.m.) and the kids put on a play at the end. Registration flyers are available in the SUN Room 2 at the Fernwood Campus. Hurry, camp is limited to 25 students! For more information or to register for a class, call Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 or email [cheselius@impactnw.org](mailto:cheselius@impactnw.org).

## Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Tues, Feb. 24 PTA Coffee Chat 8:45 am @ Fernwood  
Fri, Feb. 27 High School Transfer Deadline  
Talent Show @ Fernwood 2:00-3:00 pm  
Mon, March 2 Women's History Presentations  
Site Council 3:30-4:30 @ Fernwood  
**Fri, March 6 Teacher Planning Day**  
**No School for Students**  
Fri, March 13 Elementary School Transfer Deadline  
K-2 Assembly @ Fernwood 1:00 pm  
Hip Hop  
**Beverly Cleary Foundation Auction**  
**Bossanova Ballroom**  
Tues, March 17 SUN Winter Showcase Rehearsal, 3 -  
5:30 pm @ Cafeteria  
Wed, March 18 Science Fair @ Fernwood 6:00-7:30 pm  
Thur, March 19 SUN Winter Showcase, 6 - 8 pm @  
Cafeteria  
Fri, March 20 Fun Friday @ Fernwood 1:30-3:00 pm  
**March 23-27 Spring Vacation Week**  
Mon, March 30 PTA Clothing Center  
Hollyrood Campus Volunteer Day  
Tues, March 31 PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 am @ Hollyrood  
Tues, April 7 Run for the Arts  
**Fri, April 10 Professional Development Day**  
**CANCELLED – SCHOOL OPEN**  
Tues, April 14 Run for the Arts Make-Up Day

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

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs, and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

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

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