

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

- Thanks to the parents who helped Lisa O'Brien and her kids put on "The Attack of the Pom-Pom Zombies!"
- Thanks to Barb Hughes and Chris Taylor for taking on our Hidden Talent Show for another year. Lots of talent, hidden and not!

Congratulations

- It's been a great couple of weeks to pop our buttons with pride about our kids! We've had our 3rd grade students present with Mr. Ralph Nelson, our 6th graders presented the play "Attack of the Pom-Pom Zombies," our 7th and 8th graders performed at the Grant Cluster Band Concert, our 5th-8th grade performers in the Hidden Talent Show, and our 4th graders are getting ready to present their "Oregon" play, again with Mr. Ralph Nelson. Thanks to all of the families who work hard to help put on these presentations, and an additional thanks to those who come to our performances and support our students.

Beverly Cleary School News

- Families, please try not to interrupt classes to ask for homework for your child. If your child is out ill - and MANY kids have been in the last few weeks! - call the school office and ask Rosanne to submit a homework request for homework. It will take our teachers a day or two to get the homework to the office. Thanks for your consideration.
- 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 to 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

- **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 an 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.

PTA News

- **There is no PTA Meeting next week. We have re-scheduled the March 12th General Meeting to April 2nd. Please update your calendar at home and work.**

Dear PTA Members:

Thank you for your dedication to the school and our children this year. Your contributions, whether they are personal or financial, make Beverly Cleary School a special place in the Portland school community. You have surely heard the news that the Oregon Legislature is considering significant cuts to next year's K-12 schools budget. While there are many efforts underway to limit the effects on Portland Schools, at this point we still don't know whether cuts will result in fewer school days, larger class sizes, or a reduction in enrichment opportunities. Suffice it to say that without financial assistance from the Portland Schools Foundation, we cannot realistically expect staffing to stay at its current levels. Donating to our school's foundation is the only effective way for parents and community members to directly impact staffing levels at Beverly Cleary School. Please attend the Beverly Cleary Foundation Auction on Friday, March 13th. If you cannot attend, The PTA Board of Directors asks that you consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Beverly Cleary School Foundation.

If you choose to make a donation, please make your check to Beverly Cleary School Foundation and bring it to either school office, or simply mail it to Beverly Cleary School Foundation at 3560 NE Hollyrood Ct., Portland, OR 97212.

Sincerely,
Your PTA Board of Directors

- **Save-the-date: Tuesday, March 17th is Pizzicato Dough 4 Dollars Day.**

Pizzicato on 42nd Ave and Fremont is generously donating 20% of its sales to Beverly Cleary on this day. You can help earn money for our school just by ordering a pizza!

Here's how:

-Pre-order your meal by Thursday, March 12

Forms will be sent home with your child. Just return the form and a check made out to BEVERLY CLEARLY PTA to the Pizzicato pizza box in either school's office. Then pick up your pizza dinner at child pick-up time on Tuesday, March 17.

OR

-Go to Pizzicato directly to pick up dinner on March 17.

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 March 17th, 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 March 17th will help support our school.

SUN News

- **I am proud to announce Art Buddies - Community Maps Art Exhibit at:**

Fleur de Lis Bakery & Cafe
3930 NE Hancock St.
Portland, OR 97212

**Opening Reception:
Tuesday, March 10th
4:00-6:00 pm**

The artwork will be on display from March 10th-March 23rd.

Cafe Hours are:

Saturday & Sunday - 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday thru Friday 7:00 am-6:00 pm

All friends, family, and community members are welcome and encouraged to come support our SUN students. I would also like to give a special thanks to Sabina Haque and all the PSU students involved in making Art Buddies such an amazing class and Greg Mistell, owner of Fleur de Lis Bakery & Cafe for donating the space to exhibit our student's artwork.

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

There is space still available in the spring break drama camp at Beverly Cleary! Kids will have a blast in camp where they learn acting skills and put on a play at the end. It is just \$137 per student for the entire week. March 23-27, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the SUN Room 2. Please contact Corrie Heselius for more information. Hurry, camp is limited to 25 students!

Beverly Cleary Calendar

Fri, March 13	Elementary School Transfer Deadline Beverly Cleary Foundation Auction Bossanova Ballroom 6:00 pm-12:00 am
Tues, March 17	SUN Winter Showcase Rehearsal, 3:00-5:30 pm @ Cafeteria Pizzicato Dough 4 Dollars Day
Wed, March 18	Science Fair @ Fernwood 6:00-7:30 pm
Thurs, March 19	SUN Winter Showcase, 6:00-8:00 pm @ Cafeteria
Fri, March 20	Fun Friday @ Fernwood 1:30-3:00 pm
March 23-27	Spring Vacation Week
March 23-27	Young Players Spring Break Drama Camp
Mon, March 30	PTA Clothing Center Hollywood Campus Volunteer Day Run for the Arts sponsor sheets need to be signed by parent and returned to the school.
Tues, March 31	PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 am @ Hollywood
Thurs, April 2	General PTA Meeting 6:30 pm Cafeteria
April 6-10	Spring SUN Classes Begin
Mon, April 6	Site Council 3:30-5:30 pm
Tues, April 7	Run for the Arts Day at Grant Track
Wed, April 8	Spring Picture Day
Fri, April 10	Professional Development Day CANCELLED – SCHOOL OPEN
Tues, April 14	Run for the Arts Make-Up Day at Grant Track
Fri, April 24	Run for the Arts funds and sponsor sheet must be turned in to the school.

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