

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

- Thanks to our 4th grade teachers **Dawn Ross** and **Gabrielle Tanner** for all of the time they spent preparing their kids for their "My Oregon Report" performance. It was magnificent! Our kids were shining stars and looked as if they were having lots of fun.

- Thanks to our PTA for providing lunch for our Hollyhood and Fernwood staff on March 11th. It was delicious - what a treat!

- **Denim and Diamonds!** What can I say??? What a fun party! Thanks to **Christine Putnam** and **Beth Wilmart** for their leadership in pulling this off and to all those who supported their efforts. We are very lucky to have all of you!

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• **Run for the Arts – April 7!**

Young Audiences is a non-profit arts educational organization that is dedicated to helping us enrich the curricula we offer to your child. Beverly Cleary School is participating in Young Audiences Run for the Arts, a project that will help us raise funding for artists performances, classroom workshops, residencies and even field trips for the next school year. **Last year our school raised \$18,901!** We hope you will encourage your child to join in and have fun. Also, we invite you to help our school have a successful run by volunteering time to help the school with this project.

Please read the sponsor sheet that your child has brought home and please help your child follow these timelines:

1st Deadline: Monday, March 30

Sponsor sheets must be turned in to the homeroom teacher. Parents, please be sure to sign the agreement.

Date for the Run, Tuesday, April 7

9:00-9:40 1st & 3rd grades

9:45-10:25 Kindergarten & 4th grades

10:30-11:10 2nd grade

12:40-1:20 5th and 6th grades

1:25-2:05 7th grade

2:10-2:50 8th grade

Alternate Rain Date: Tuesday, April 14

Following the Run, the sponsor sheets will be returned to the students for the collection periods.

2nd Deadline: Friday, April 24

This is the end of the collection period.

Funds and sponsor sheets must be turned into the school.

• **Help choose a child care provider for next year**

Parents and staff from Beverly Cleary are exploring child care options for the fall. If you want to be involved, you have two ways to learn more about the three childcare providers we are considering: Vermont Hills, Camp Fire and the YMCA:

1. Attend site visits at Laurelhurst, Buckman and Sunnyside to see these programs in action. Visits are scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, starting at 3:30 (meet at Fernwood). We have 5 parent slots open for these visits. First come, first served! Contact Nancy Hauth at 503-916-3230 or nhauth@pps.k12.or.us. We ask that if you sign up to attend site visits, you also commit to come to the evening meeting on 4/15 so you can provide feedback to the group.

2. Attend an evening meeting at BCS/Fernwood on Wednesday, April 15 beginning at 5:15 pm. The Y will supervise your children until the meeting is over and provide pizza to the kids. This will be the final meeting to determine your provider.

Questions? Contact Nancy Hauth, child care coordinator: nhauth@pps.k12.or.us or 503-916-3230.

- **Intel Employees** are encouraged to help their schools this year and report their hours at work. This could make a big difference in our fundraising, strengthen our school's ability to weather these troubling economic times, and help our school better carry out its mission. Intel employees are encouraged to know the volunteer opportunities at our school. Just go to <http://www.intel.com/community/oregon/involved.htm> and click on Intel Volunteer Request Form. Thank you!

- 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.

- Beginning in fall of 2009, the Office of Teaching and Learning and the Office of Information Technology are partnering together to embark on a major technology upgrade plan for all instructional classrooms in PPS. For more information on the upgrade plan, click here: <http://cms13.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10537>

Teachers, parents, students, and community members, we want your help! Provide your feedback to determine what standard equipment the tech bundle should include. Please watch the PPS 21st Century Classroom Technology Video prior to answering the appropriate survey: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/techsurvey/PS21st_Century_Classroom_Technology_Video.html

Get more information about classroom technology by clicking here: <http://cms13.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10538>

Parent Survey
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228S35MMRPZ>

The survey can also be accessed via the main PPS webpage at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us> (<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/>) by clicking on the 21st Century Technology Survey button on the top-right of the page.

TAG News

- Exciting news! **Saturday Academy** is proud to announce our first annual **TAG camp**. The day camp will be held on the Reed College Campus the week of June 22 - 26. The camp is for TAG students entering 4th or 5th grade in the 2009-2010 school year. Applications: www.saturdayacademy.org <<http://www.saturdayacademy.org/>>. **Tuition for TAG Challenge Camp is \$545; limited tuition assistance is available for families with household incomes lower than \$50,000/annually.** Call Gail Pyle with questions, 503-200-5858.

ODE TAG Newsletter archive:
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2319> Sign-up for ODE Content Newsletters:
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1843>

- **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.

- All Portland Public School teachers are being trained on **“Differentiation Strategies”** this year. The next training will focus on the strategy of “Compacting Curriculum.” Curriculum Compacting is based on pre-assessments. Teachers use these pre-assessments as part of the process to determine challenging opportunities for students who have already mastered the content. Teachers may also offer alternative opportunities to students who do not show complete mastery of content or basic skills initially, but learn more quickly than others. This strategy is a way for teachers to accommodate for the rate at which students learn (or already know) expected curriculum, thereby increasing motivation.

- **PSU Robotics Event for grades 7-10: April 4, 2009**
Hands-On and Interactive: An event for TAG students in grades 7 to 10. Students and an accompanying parent are invited to the Portland State University campus for a day of hands-on learning about robotics from Oregon’s robotics academic and community leaders.

The Oregon University System and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth are working together to bring an exciting opportunity to academically exceptional youth. On April 4, 2009, these students and an accompanying parent are invited to the Portland State University campus for a day of hands-on learning about robotics from Oregon’s robotics academic and community leaders.

This all day event will feature hands-on sessions on a variety of robotics topics, including:

Swarm robots – How can we create robots that simulate the behavior of cockroaches?

Robotics teamwork – Small groups of students will each build part of a robot, and then put the parts together to get a working robot.

Robotics sensors – What are sensors? How and why do robots use them?

Robots that exhibit artificial intelligence
Humanoid Robots that simulate human facial features while talking

Robots designed for Mars exploration.
Adult session -- Family STEM Learning (Science Technology Engineering Math) by keynote speaker Dr. Lynn Dierking and more ...

Program cost is \$80 per person. Breakfast pastries, beverages, and lunch are included. Registration and breakfast open at 8:00 a.m. The program starts at 9:00 and concludes at 4:00.

To register, please visit <https://ctyjhu.org/cnonlineapp/introOnlineConfApp.cfm> -- or download the form at <http://cty.jhu.edu/family/docs/08-09RegFormRevised.pdf> -- Membership in the Center for Talented Youth is not required, but please do include your CTY ID if you have one. Please register by 2:00 Pacific Time Monday, March 30, 2009.

You are registered once you have received a written confirmation form. Registered families will receive a packet in advance with maps, schedule, and travel information before the event.

Questions? Please contact CTY Family Academic programs at 410-735-6115 (Eastern) or ctyfam@jhu.edu or visit www.cty.jhu.edu/family/science.html and scroll down.

Beverly Cleary School Foundation News

We would like to give a giant thank you to all the friends and family who came out in support of our school at Denim and Diamonds. The auction was a smashing success, netting over \$66,000, slightly more than last year. Everyone had a great time and the auction committee would like to thank the countless volunteers who helped organize the evening.

There are still slots available in some of the fun sign-up events. Check in the lobby at Hollywood and by the office at Fernwood to see what fun events are scheduled. The 5th grade game night is right around the corner, so get your name on the list. You can also see all the events by looking at our auction website. The link is auction.beverlyclearyschool.org. Then click on sign-ups. If you can't make it up to the school during open hours or have questions, please contact Christine Putnam at gcput@yahoo.com or call 503-206-4552

Beverly Cleary School SUN News

• Spring Break Drama at Beverly Cleary School!

There is space still available in the Spring Break Drama Camp at BCS! 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 School PTA News

• TEACHERS' WISH LIST - Be a hero!

Last November, the PTA Grant Committee awarded \$10,000 to fund teacher and staff requests. We're happy to announce that we just awarded another \$3,300 this month. This round included \$1,740 for books, \$1,470 for science supplies and this week's science fair, \$540 for math supplies, and \$200 for office supplies. Unfortunately, our PTA fundraising is lower than what we projected and as a result, we left many requests unfunded.

Can you help out? Teachers are looking for help with donations. Be a hero!

Still on teachers' wish lists include:

- Art books and art supplies for Mrs. Caron
- Additional math supplies for Mrs. Caron
- Art books and art supplies for Ms. Hart
- Additional math supplies for Ms. Hart
- Magazine subscriptions for Ms. Hewig
- Globe for the Fernwood campus library
- Art drying rack for Mrs. Morris
- Magazine subscriptions for Mrs. O'Brien
- TV/VCR/DVD player for Mrs. Ross

Please remember that Beverly Cleary Foundation helps fund staff positions, but PTA helps fund much-needed supplies! PTA funds classroom grants through your:

- Scrip purchases
- Magazine subscriptions
- Pizzicato orders
- Gift card orders
- Purchases you make through the Beverly Cleary website by clicking on our vendor links
- And other PTA fundraisers

Your support is greatly appreciated!

• School Board Candidate Forum - Save the Date!

Come hear school board candidates talk about their vision of the future for Portland Public Schools.

When: Thursday April 2 from 6:30-8:30

Where: Fernwood Cafetorium during the PTA General Meeting

Put on your civic thinking cap and come with a list of questions!

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

March 23-27

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Mon, March 30

Tues, March 31

Thurs, April 2

April 6-10

Mon, April 6

Tues, April 7

Wed, April 8

Fri, April 10

Tues, April 14

Fri, April 24

Mon, April 27

Tues, April 28

Spring Vacation Week

Young Players Spring Break Drama Camp

PTA Clothing Center -- Hollyrood Campus Volunteer Day

Run for the Arts sponsor sheets need to be signed by parent and returned to the school.

PTA Coffee Chat 8:30 am @ Hollyrood

General PTA Meeting 6:30 pm Cafeteria

Spring SUN Classes Begin

Site Council meeting 3:30-5:30 pm

Run for the Arts Day at Grant Track

Spring Picture Day

Professional Development Day CANCELLED – SCHOOL OPEN

Run for the Arts Make-Up Day at Grant Track

Run for the Arts funds and sponsor sheet must be turned in to the school.

PTA Clothing Center -- Fernwood Campus Volunteer Day

PTA Coffee Chat @ Fernwood 8:45 am

Native American Art Empowers “Invisible People” Red Lodge Transition Services Native American Prisoner Art Show

Schedule of Events (will be updated throughout the show)

Northeast Community Center

1630 NE 38th Ave.

Portland, OR 97232

The 2009 Native American Prison Art show is opening in Portland on April 1, 2009 and runs through April 30, 2009. Each **Sunday** from 1-4 pm there will be Native American speakers, drumming and Red Lodge community members there to share information about Red Lodge. Over 50 artists, whose work will be displayed, are incarcerated in Oregon prisons. They have donated their artwork in support of the Women’s Transition House Fund. Nine Oregon prisons have participated in this project. Specialty crafted artifacts made within the prisons will be offered for educational and display purposes. Approximately 100 pieces of original art will be displayed for over a five-week period. Reproductions of the art work will be offered at affordable prices. **Admission is free of charge.** This is a great family opportunity to experience Native American culture. Questions: Please contact Carma Corcoran at 503-422-3970 or doncarma@aol.com

Schedule of Events

April 5	Native American survivors of incarceration, 1:30 pm
April 12	Ed Edmo Native American Story Teller, 1:30 pm
April 16	Third Thursday – Hollywood at Night, 6-9 pm
April 19	Robert Miller Native American Law Professor and author, 1:30 pm
April 26	Elizabeth Woody Native American Poet, 1:30 pm

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