

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Words of Thanks

Another thank you to our Auction Committee for their spectacular efforts this year!

Congratulations

- Congratulations to 6th grader **Jake Faha**. Jake was a semi-finalist in the 2009 Letters about Literature contest. There were 1,137 children and teens from Oregon who entered this contest. Jake received an award certificate and a bookstore gift card. Way to go, Jake! Thanks to our 6th grade LA/Lit/SS teacher, **Lisa O'Brien**, for encouraging her students to enter this contest.

- At the end of each trimester I like to acknowledge our 5th-8th grade students who make Honor Roll by having a grade point average of 3.5 and above. At the end of this newsletter please see the current list of Honor Roll students.

38.5% of our 5th graders were on our Honor Roll.
32.7% of our 6th graders were on our Honor Roll.
31.7% of our 7th graders were on our Honor Roll.
44.4% of our 8th graders were on our Honor Roll.
37.7% of our 5th-8th graders were on our Honor Roll.

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- We've had quite a few students sick over the past six weeks. When your kids are sick, they need to stay home in order to get better and lessen the chance of spreading germs. At the same time, please make sure that your children come to school when they're NOT sick, as students with high rates of absenteeism hurt us when we are staffing for the next school year.

- **Safer Routes to School is currently looking for volunteers to lead walking and biking efforts at Beverly Cleary School.** We provide free resources and trainings.

Stop + Walk: The Stop + Walk campaign aims to decrease traffic congestion around schools by asking parents who drive to pick-up or drop-off students, park a couple of blocks away from school and let their students walk the rest of the way.

Walking School Bus: A walking school bus is a group of students who walk to school accompanied by an adult. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as structured as multiple routes with pick-up schedules.

Bike Train: A bike train is a group of students who bike to school accompanied by an adult. There is a specific route chosen to ensure student safety.

If you would like to take on a campaign at Beverly Cleary or would like more information, please contact:

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City of Portland Office of Transportation
1120 S.W. 5th Avenue, Suite 800 / Portland, Oregon 97204
Phone: 503.823.1189 / www.saferoutesportland.org

• **Run for the Arts!**

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.

Date for the Run, Tuesday, April 7
(Alternate Rain Date: Tuesday, April 14)

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

9:45-10:25 Kindergarten

10:30-11:10 2nd and 4th grades

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

1:25-2:05 7th grade

2:10-2:50 8th grade

Following the Run, the sponsor sheets will be returned to the students for the collection periods. Friday, April 24 is the end of the collection period. Funds and Sponsor Sheets must be turned into the school.

- 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.

Announcements

- **Free children's health insurance available**

Kaiser Permanente, in partnership with schools and the Multnomah Education Service District, is offering free health insurance to children attending a public school in grades K-6. There is no cost to sign up, but families must pay a small co-pay for office visits and prescriptions. To qualify, children must be from families that earn 250 percent or less of the federal poverty level; for a family of four, this is about \$4,600 per month, or \$53,000 per year. Only children in grades K-6 may enroll, but siblings can be included if they are age 3 or older (through 12th grade). As long as children remain in school, they are covered through age 19. For more information or to enroll, contact MESD at 503-257-1732 or speterso@mesd.k12.or.us.

- **PPS FILM FESTIVAL SEEKS STUDENT VIDEOS**

Students of all ages are invited to submit short films — 10 minutes or less — to the PPS Film Festival. Festival organizers will choose as many as 10 films to be screened in May at the Portland Art Museum's Whitsell Auditorium.

Matt Gilley, Teacher, West Sylvan
503.916.5690 mgilley@pps.k12.or.us

- **Drop Everything and Read!**

April 12, Beverly Cleary's birthday, is National D.E.A.R. Day. You are encouraged to find 30 minutes to Drop Everything and Read on this day. Get everybody reading, silently or aloud! Encouraging families to spend time together reading is the focus of National D.E.A.R. Day.

You can access activities and resources by visiting the website, <http://www.dropeverythingandread.com>. There you will also find a Beverly Cleary interview (click on the "Beverly Cleary" tab), in which she answers questions and reads from her books.

National D.E.A.R. Day is supported by the National PTA and National Education Association, among many other organizations.

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.

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

Beverly Cleary School Garden News

- **Fernwood Tree Planting**

On Friday, March 20th we celebrated the First Day of Spring by planting trees at Fernwood Campus. Karl Dawson from Portland Public Parks and Recreation coordinated the tree planting. It was a great success! On the Thursday prior to the planting the two 8th grade classes were trained on the specifics of planting trees and pre-dug holes. On Friday, the 8th graders then led 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in planting 16 trees on the field. The trees were all donated by the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. The placement and variety of the trees were determined with the support of Michelle Mathis from GreenWorks. The planting was approved by PPS and Linda Kapranos. The neighbors were very excited! We thank Portland Public Parks and Recreations for supporting the re-greening of Beverly Cleary School. Photographs of the planting will be posted on the Garden bulletin board at Fernwood.

- **Hollyrood Garden**

The Hardy Plant Society donated \$500 towards native plants to Hollyrood Campus Garden. Thanks to Barbara Linssen who wrote the grant. Abby Rankin will be managing and coordinating a Fall 2009 planting.

- **Beverly Cleary School Learning Garden**

On Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th - The Beverly Cleary Garden Committee plans on a two full day work party to remove asphalt, install irrigation, eight raised beds, edging and gravel paths. We need volunteers to help! We will have sign-ups posted at Hollyrood and Fernwood campuses. We will have two sets of 10 volunteers each day. You can view the landscape layout and sketch posted on the Beverly Cleary School bulletin board.

Thank you for the generous donations towards the Beverly Cleary School Learning Garden! Beverly Cleary School Garden Committee received a \$1,000 Space Grant from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. The grant was written by Kathie Eastman Tell.

Altura Furniture
East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
GreenWorks and Michelle Mathis
Hardy Plant Society of Portland
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Lakeside Industries
Natural Yards
Nike
Nimelman Family
Pacific Sports Turf
Portland Parks and Recreation
ProGrass Landscape and Design
Rankin Family
Raube Family

Beverly Cleary School Foundation News

- From the auction committee: Again a BIG thank you to all who volunteered, attended and in any way supported **Denim and Diamonds Auction** this year. We raised **\$66,000**, about \$4000 more than last year. Your support truly made a difference and we really appreciate it!
- The sign up events are still going strong. This Friday is the 5th Grade Game Night and Saturday is Soccer Camp with Bernie Fagan at PGE Park. Soccer camp is open to kids ages 5-13. Look for the sign-up posters at both school sites. It's not too late to still sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Christine Putnam at gcput@yahoo.com or 503-206-4552.

Beverly Cleary School Honor Roll Students

5th grade

4.0-
Olivia Bozarth
Sophia Hatzikos
Anna Hekker
Eliana Meyer
Isabel Moore
Sophia Panarella
Jessie Ray

3.857-
Max Tapogna

3.83-
Alex Dana
Brennan Noailles

3.66-
Erinn Blessinger
Shanti Dubey
Quinn Kurmaskie
Emma Palin

3.57-
Jarod Herrera

3.5-
Lily Bourquein
Lily Epstein
Cameron Greenwald
Greta Hieggelke
Harrison Schrage

6th grade

4.0-
Emily Highkin
Ruby Joseph
Meagan Lewis
April Lonchar
Sara Sargent

3.857-
Linda Salholm

3.83-
Colin Jones
Henry Rocker

3.66-
Sam Davis
Jake Faha
Cameron Hill
Hannah Nissen

3.5-
Riley Delahanty
Robbie Goldie
Cannon McMahon
Julius Shellmire
Lillian Wigen

7th grade

4.0-
Helena Klein
Maggie Stern

3.857-
Amy Drinnon
Emma Flynn

3.83-
Jonathan Carney
Trevor von Arx

3.66-
Cheyenne Canfield
Madelyn Miller
Zoey Neville

3.57-
Emily Barbarick
Megan Barbarick
Toby Frimoth
Cole Jetton
Riley McDorman

3.5-
Ethan Eisemann
Wendy Smith

8th grade

4.0-
Drew Edmonds
Emily Friedenberg
Cameron Kokes
Adam Lawler
Hudson Rennaker
Portia Seater
Austin Shaff

3.857-
Lucy Brockman
Max Glicker
Zachary Taylor
Dylan Tingley

3.83-
Lena Childress

3.71-
Anna Carlin
Juliana Hairston
Crystal Hering
Liam Moran
Avery Morris
Lindsay Rice
Emily Volpert
Austin von Arx

3.66-
Larissa Berney
Keegan Kyle
Jake Stein-Ross
Jacob Tietsort

3.6-
John Champion

3.57-
Celeste Chow
Sydney Folwell
Kailee Johnson
Anna Learn
Hannah Nielsen
Mackenzie Stratton
Carson Trexler
Riley Walters
Alex Zaghoul

3.5-
Caitlin Hartmann

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

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
Thurs, April 16	Sixth grade to StarBase
Fri, April 17	Imago K-2 Assembly @ Fernwood 1:00 pm
Tues, April 21	Career Fair @ Fernwood for 8 th grade only 8:30-12:00 pm
Wed, April 22	Middle School Band Festival
Thurs, April 23	Third grade field trip
	Sixth grade to StarBase
Fri, April 24	Run for the Arts funds and sponsor sheet must be turned in to the school.
	Third grade to Symphony
	Fourth grade field trip
April 25-26	Beverly Cleary School Garden Work Days!
Mon, April 27	PTA Clothing Center Volunteer Day – Fernwood
Tues, April 28	PTA Coffee Chat @ Fernwood 8:45 am
Thurs, April 30	Sixth grade to StarBase
	Seventh grade girls to Equity Conference
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
Wed, May 13	General PTA Meeting at Fernwood 6:30-8:00 pm
Wed, June 10	Last Day of School for Students!
	(Changed from June 9 due to snow day)

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Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

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