

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Words of Thanks

- Thanks to **Bonnie Gee Yosick** and **Abbie Rankin** for volunteering to serve as coordinators for Community Care Day on August 29.
- Thanks to **Debi Alberts** and **Hillary Currier** for stepping up and taking over coordinating our yearbook this year.
- Thanks to **Mike Ayer** for his work to prepare our 5th-8th grade Band students for their May 28th concert. Both bands sounded great and looked very professional. A special thanks to Mike for allowing and preparing 8th graders **Olivia Franke** and **Carson Trexler** to serve as student conductors.

Congratulations

- 2008-2009 Beverly Cleary School Honor Roll Students

5th graders-

Olivia Abbott
Erinn Blessinger
Lily Bourquein
Olivia Bozarth
Alex Dana
Luke Davis
Shanti Dubey
Lily Epstein
Cameron Greenwald
Sophia Hatzikos
Anna Hekker
Dana Herrera
Greta Hieggelke
Quinn Kurmaskie
Eliana Meyer
Isabel Moore
Brennan Noailles
Emma Palin
Sophia Panarella
Sadie Pedersen
Daniel Pies
Jessie Ray
Haven Riffel
Harrison Schrage
Max Tapogna

6th graders-

Sam Davis
Riley Delahanty
Jake Faha
Robbie Goldie
Emily Highkin
Cameron Hill
Colin Jones
Ruby Joseph
Meagan Lewis
April Lonchar
Cannon McMahon
Spencer Nelson
Hannah Nissen
Henry Rocker
Sara Sargent
Linda Salholm
Julius Shellmire
Lillian Wigen

7th graders-

Guerdon Alberts
Emily Barbarick
Megan Barbarick
Cheyenne Canfield
Jonathan Carney
Amy Drinnon
Ethan Eisemann
Emma Flynn
Toby Frimoth
Cole Jetton
Helena Klein
Riley McDorman
Madeline Miller
Zoey Neville
Wendy Smith
Maggie Stern
Trevor von Arx
Madeline Yeager

8th graders-

Larissa Berney
Lucy Brockman
Anna Carlin
John Champion
Lena Childress
Celeste Chow
Drew Edmonds
Sydney Folwell
Emily Friedenberg
Max Glicker
Juliana Hairston
Paige Hart
Caitlin Hartmann
Crystal Hering
Kailee Johnson
Cameron Kokes
Keegan Kyle
Adam Lawler
Anna Learn
Emma Luthy
Madeline McNerthney
Jeremy Metas
Liam Moran
Avery Morris
Caylee Newsom
Hannah Nielson
Hudson Rennaker
Lindsay Rice
Jake Sause
Portia Seater
Austin Shaff
Jake Stein-Ross
Mackenzie Stratton
Luke Taylor
Zack Taylor
Jacob Tietsort
Dylan Tingley
Carson Trexler
Emily Volpert
Austin von Arx
Riley Walters
Matilda Wildey
Alexander Zaghoul

• Each year, the **Friendship Masonic Lodge** holds an awards ceremony to recognize student citizens. **This is the 26th year that they have held this ceremony.** We select our grade level winner by having staff members nominate students and then vote on those who've been nominated. **I am so pleased to announce our Citizenship Award winners for 2008-09:**

1st grade - Lillian Thomas and Addison Perry

2nd grade - Lilly Smith and Chauncey Sams

3rd grade - Rosevelie Sams and Eli Roberts

4th grade - Lucy Aldisert and Zack Barbarick

5th grade - Olivia Abbott and Daniel Pies

6th grade - Savannah Charlish and Jake Faha

7th grade - Coyla Munson and Ben Huffine

8th grade - Mackenzie Stratton and Keegan Kyle

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• **Staffing Update**

1st grade - Nicole Hunt- Nicole is currently teaching at Martin Luther King, Jr. ECEC. She has worked with Annie in the Summer Academy.

2nd grade - Jenna Conklin- Jenna is currently teaching at Buckman Elementary. She worked with Melissa at Buckman.

• **Please check our website over the summer.** As soon as school supply lists are finalized they will be posted.

• **We will NOT hold a clap-out at Hollyrood this spring.** I know that this has been a tradition for many years, and it served a very specific purpose as we sent kids off to Laurelhurst. We really want to focus on being one school, even though we're on two sites, and not emphasize being different.

• Please continue to collect spoons and forks to add to our collection at Fernwood! We need 400 spoons and forks to begin using flatware! Donations may be dropped off at either school office.

• **Community Care Day**

Mark your calendars! **Community Care Day** will take place on **Saturday, August 29, 2009**. Community Care Day is Portland Public Schools' annual event where volunteers in local communities come together to clean and clear school grounds before the start of the school year. Portland Public Schools is very excited to be partnering with **Hands On Greater Portland** to coordinate this important event.

• **Year End Cafeteria Account Balances**

Any remaining account balances (positive or negative) on students' meal accounts at the end of the year will be automatically held for students at their current school or transferred to students' new schools within the district. If your student is leaving the district, then you may call Kay Richards, Cafeteria Lead at Fernwood (503) 916-6480 or Kathi Lauinger, Cafeteria Lead at Hollyrood (503) 916-6766 to arrange for a refund.

TAG News

Creative Language Arts Resource—Storyline Online

The Screen Actors Guild Foundation sponsors [Storyline Online](#), an online streaming video program featuring SAG members like James Earl Jones and Elijah Woods reading children's books aloud. Each book also includes accompanying activities and lesson ideas.

Another Creative Language Arts Resource—Primary Summer Reading

Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009, a new *free* 6-week online summer reading event, has been created to help grade 1-3 students offset summer reading loss/setback and show up next year ready to read. Learn more at www.letterpals.org. Teachers can sign up their classrooms now. Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009 will start on June 22. [Summerfest 2009](#) features the [Pet Shop Pen Pals](#), a group of pets who love to write letters to students and tell them about all of their adventures.

University of Oregon Summer Enrichment Program for TAG Students

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is a campus-based residential program offering a wide range of exciting academic course options and social activities for gifted students currently in grades 6-10. Visit <http://www.uoyouth.org/> for this year's specific schedule and application information.

Do Students Have to Play Dumb to Be Cool?

[This article](#) from London addresses the issue of intelligence and popularity. Sociologists have observed the tendency for girls to act less intelligent than they actually are in order to fit in, and this article looks at how boys sometimes also face a similar peer pressure.

Announcements

• **New PPS Web site better connects schools, community**

The new PPS web site is now online at www.pps.k12.or.us. It brings a cleaner, crisper look and easier navigation and will culminate this coming school year in new school Web pages that will improve our ability to interact with families and the community. PPS has been fortunate to have many talented

school staff and family volunteers who have worked on their school's current Web pages. A few schools have created their own Web sites not on the district server. The new system means all schools will have access to updated tools from photo galleries and video to a calendar and teachers' pages where teachers can post class projects and showcase students' work. And all school sites will be on the district server so that users searching the site can easily connect to all of our schools.

To see a mock-up of a new school Web page, go to www.pps.k12.or.us/depts/communications/K_8_Mockup/

The new site is rolling out over time. Right now you will find new home and news pages and also new tabbed pages for Students, Families and Community that group information for these audiences in one easy-to-find place with links for additional resources. In the fall, schools will begin work on their new pages. Every school – from neighborhood schools to education options – will ultimately have new Web pages. Peninsula K8 in North Portland has already become the first school pilot and will work over the summer on their new pages.

The IT project team will meet with each school to learn its needs. Each school will choose a staff member as content manager. That person will be responsible for getting trained and keeping the school's site updated.

We hope you will check out the new site and offer feedback by clicking the feedback button on the home page.

• **SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT SURVEY (ENDS JUNE 19)**

Portland Public Schools is conducting a program review of services provided by our Special Education Department. As part of the review, we are collecting thoughts and opinions from parents and legal custodians of students receiving Special Education services.

Data from the survey and other information (interviews with special education and school staff, principals and parent groups as well as student and program data) will be used in a meeting of stakeholders who will recommend changes and next steps.

We'd deeply appreciate you taking a minute or two and completing our survey. It's very short and to the point. You are not required to share any personal information.

The survey has been translated into several languages so all families will have an opportunity to provide their thoughts and opinions on services their students are currently receiving.

Again, we encourage you to participate. It's important that we have a strong response. To start the survey, follow this link: <http://www.sped.pps.k12.or.us/>

Please contact Deb Carroll, Project Manager, Office of Teaching and Learning, if you have questions or need assistance 503-916-3458, dcarroll@pps.k12.or.us

• **WELLNESS COMMITTEE LOOKS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The Portland School District is committed to creating a healthy school environment that promotes lifelong healthy eating and physical activity patterns.

To help us reach our vision, the Superintendent appoints representatives from district teachers, students (high school juniors or seniors), staff, and parents and individuals from Portland-area businesses, health care, and community partners to serve on the Wellness Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee meets at least once every three months and serves a two-year term. Their role includes:

1. Assist in the implementation of the Wellness Policy and Administrative Directives by providing recommendations based on best practices and research-based efforts on issues related to student wellness.
2. Advise the District on issues concerning nutrition, nutrition education, physical education and physical activity programs and practices.
3. Make written recommendations through the submission of an annual report and provide updates to the Board as may be requested by the Superintendent.
4. Provide input to the District to assist with the District's efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of wellness implementation
5. Promote and represent the wellness initiatives of the District not those of any individual or organization.

The District is currently looking for 10 new members. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to this committee or wish to nominate an individual to be appointed, please e-mail Kristy Obbink R.D. at kobbink@pps.k12.or.us.

Beverly Cleary School PTA News

• **Beverly Cleary School-Wide Garage Sale**

Put your clutter to work for Beverly Cleary School! On Friday, June 12th from 9 am – 5 pm, we will be holding a School-Wide Garage Sale at the Fernwood building, and we need your extra belongings to make this sale a huge success.

We can help you avoid the hassle of holding your own sale, and let you clear the extra clutter from your house and garage at the same time. Do you have outgrown bicycles? Extra kids toys and books? Housewares? Simply bring all those boxes of unwanted items over to the Beverly Cleary School-Wide Garage Sale and turn your extra items into cash for our school. Ask neighbors, friends or extended family if they have extra items that they would like to donate to our sale.

Donations may be dropped off at the Fernwood Cafeteria between 9 am and 8 pm on Thursday, June 11th. Please be sure that all items are in clean, saleable condition.

If you have any questions (or want to sign up to help on Thursday or Friday), contact Stephanie More at 503-284-0139 or molip@msn.com. Thank you for helping to make our School-Wide Garage Sale a success!

• **Volunteer Opportunities For Next School Year!**

The Beverly Cleary PTA is seeking to fill committee positions for next year! Please sign up! We need chairpersons, co-chairs, and committee helpers!

Examples of committees/programs that can use your help:

1. **Room Parents** (help your child's teacher! Coordinate classroom volunteers and special activities - Needed every year for every classroom.)
2. **T-shirt Sales** (coordinate design & sales of school shirts)
3. **Scrip** (a key fund-raising activity which involves filling orders for gift cards for a wide variety of merchants; retailers make a percentage contribution to the school and participants receive gift cards for amount purchased)
4. **School Garden/Landscape Committee** (help coordinate landscape, care & improvement projects on school grounds)
5. **Showcase Displays** (create displays such as monthly calendars, art work, special event promotions in the cases near each school office)
6. **Readerboard** at Hollyrood site (update on an as-needed basis)
7. **Yearbook** (assist other parents and students prepare the school yearbook using online software)
8. **Run for the Arts** (help coordinate the annual spring arts funding event)
9. **Chess Club** (provide assistance and mentoring at this great once-a-week extra-curricular program)
10. **Green School Program** (set up a reusable lunch tray program so we don't send so much to the landfill!)
11. **Reading Challenge** (help reward kids for good reading habits!)

Your PTA helps coordinate numerous support activities at our schools; for a more complete listing check out your school directory - it includes a PTA Committees list. If you have questions about the activities of any committees, contact Bonnie Gee Yosick (503.335.3758) or Lori Faha (faha@teleport.com) (or ask any PTA Board member).

Thanks for helping to make our School GREAT!

• **Parents, please check the lost and found at both schools** (at Fernwood it is in the cafeteria, in Hollyrood, the lobby) and claim items before the end of the school year. Plans are to wash and donate remaining items to the PTA Clothing Closet at the end of the school year.

• **Let's Raise \$\$ for Art Supplies!**

Let's face it...you can't make art without art supplies! The Arts Committee is currently taking monetary donations for art supplies to be used next year. The collected funds will allow

the teachers to take advantage of bulk pricing over the summer, and be better stocked once the school year begins. The money will help purchase items such as paper and paint to be shared across the grades. Checks can be made out to Beverly Cleary School with "Art Supplies" written on the memo line. Thanks for supporting the creativity in our kids!

SUN News

IMPORTANT MEETING:

The Future of SUN at Beverly Cleary

Monday, June 8th 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

Dear Families and Educators of the Beverly Cleary School Community,

The Children's Investment Fund, which has funded our SUN program for the last five years, chose not to renew funding at Beverly Cleary for the next five years despite a great application and strong record of involvement. Please join me for a meeting to discuss the future of the SUN program at your school. We will discuss the current funding situation, possibilities for advocacy, possibilities for other funding sources, how Campfire might fit in, and any other issues you would like to address. It is very important to me that our parent community to be a part of this decision making process.

On a side note, I want to thank you all for allowing us to spend time with your remarkable, lovely children. I truly consider my time at Beverly Cleary/Fernwood as more than a great professional experience. I love this community!

Kindly,

Lindsay King (lking@impactnw.org)

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Tues, June 9	8 th grade promotion 6:00-6:50, family reception until 7:30, dance/party 7:30-9:00
Wed, June 10	Last Day of School for Students! (Changed from June 9 due to snow day)
Thurs, June 11	Retirement Party for Deanne Grant Park Playground 4:30-6 pm
Fri, June 12	PTA Garage Sale at Fernwood
Sat, August 29	Community Care Day
Thurs, Sept. 3	Kindergarten Picnic in the Park 5:30 pm

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