

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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It is hard to believe the East Coast is covered in snow as we enjoy these warm and sunny days in Oregon. The sun has been a welcome site at lunch recess and our students have taken advantage of the outdoors. I know the rain will return soon, but for now I am enjoying my daily dose of vitamin D. I hope all of you are as well!

The end of February marks the passing of the "hundredth" day of school. Students in our primary classes celebrated this day in a variety of ways. Some created 100 different ways of making a math algorithm equal 100. Others created necklaces of one hundred cereal "O's" and many brought in collections of their own one-hundred items. Fun was had by all and the concept of what one-hundred looks like was cemented by these practical applications.

With the hundredth day of school behind us, we have completed nearly two-thirds of the school year. The final day of the second trimester is March 12th. The teacher planning day (no school for students) is Monday, March 15th. Report cards will be sent/mailed home on Friday, March 19th.

Our 4th and 7th grade students completed the state writing assessment in February. Each student spent three class periods brainstorming, drafting and editing a piece of writing that will be sent to the state for scoring. We will have those scores back prior to the end of this school year to share with families and students. As writing has been our focus all year, we are anxious to see our good work reflected in the test scores.

TAG testing for newly nominated students was completed in February and letters were mailed this week indicating if a student met the criteria or not. Please read these letters carefully and contact us if you have questions about the process or results.

On a lighter note, our 6th-8th grade student actors did a tremendous job this week performing the play, Ramona Quimby. Their performance was well received by students and families. We commend them for their outstanding work and are looking forward to many more plays at Beverly Cleary.

Our 4th grade students are putting the final touches on the Oregon play with Ralph Nelson. There will be a daytime

performance for staff and students on March 9th and 10th, and an evening performance, for families, at 6:30 PM on March 10th. We are able to present both of these performances because of our strong Run for the Arts program which you will be hearing more about in March and April.

Students have also been collecting money for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This week students participated in "Hats for Haiti". On February 25th only, students paid to wear their hats and the money collected will go to the relief fund, Change for Haiti. Classrooms are also collecting money during the week of March 1-5th. The class that collects the most money will earn a "Voodoo Doughnut breakfast." We appreciate the fact that our students not only care about their own community, they also see great purpose in helping those in places less fortunate. We are extremely proud of their efforts!

Next week also marks the birthday of Dr. Seuss which is celebrated with "Read Across America." Students at the Hollywood site will be read to by the Multnomah County librarians. At Fernwood, our upper grade students will be reading to students in grades 2 and 3. You can encourage your child to read a book written by Dr. Seuss this week or simply to just read a book they enjoy.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing everyone on March 5th at the Beverly Cleary Auction, "Dream Big!" We certainly would not be able to offer all of these wonderful events without the help and continued support of our parents! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the auction next week!

Thanks,
Melissa

Beverly Cleary School News

Celebration of Dr. Seuss Birthday

Tuesday, March 2nd we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday in the cafeteria! We will be serving strawberry shortcake as a treat with lunch, made with local strawberries... YUMMY! Join us for lunch to help celebrate!

CYBERBULLYING: A NEW CHALLENGE

By Cynthia Thomas, School Counselor

While new technology has created new learning opportunities for students, it has also created new problems for our children. Through the use of email, internet chat rooms, cameras, cell phones, instant messaging, and web sites, students are embarrassing, harassing, hurting and tormenting others by sending cruel and threatening messages. The consequences of cyberbullying can be devastating and have received recent national media coverage.

A newly released poll shows that one in every three teens and one in every six preteens have been victims of cyberbullying. More than 13 million children, age 6 to 17, were victims of cyberbullying and more than two million of the victims told no one about the incidents.

Children who are victims of this harassment and bullying lose self-esteem, can become withdrawn, and avoid school.

Cyberbullying is difficult to control because any child with a computer or cell phone is a potential bully or victim. Cyberbullying is invisible, thus making it easy to bully under the cover of anonymity.

To protect children in the virtual world, parents must learn about the technology children use to bully, understand popular social networking sites and their potential dangers, and have access to the sites their children visit. Cyberbullying is a challenge for the entire school community.

Middle grade students are discussing media literacy, social networking, and cyberbullying in the counseling rotations. This past week, Oregon Children's Theater and Kaiser Permanente presented a play, *Texting the Sun*, to our 6th-8th grade students, which investigated these complex issues related to media literacy.

Neighborhood Dog Etiquette

We would like to ask all families with dogs and neighborhood dog owners to be respectful of the students attending Beverly Cleary Hollyrood. When leaving the off-leash area in the park, be sure to leash your dog so they will not approach the children. Please remind your child not to approach dogs if they are unleashed.

Be a responsible dog owner and practice good dog etiquette...

- Carry a leash at all times. Leash your dog to and from the off-leash areas.
- Always pick up after your dog. If you see other poop on the ground, pick it up too. Chances are at one time or another, your dog left poop that you didn't catch. Offer poop bags to those who don't pick up after their dog.
- Be near, and in control of, your dog at all times. Do not allow your pooch to bark excessively or harass other dogs.
- Try to avoid bringing small children into off-leash areas. If you must do so, keep them within arms reach at all times.
- Keep your dog properly vaccinated and licensed.
- Be aware of park regulations, and follow them.

Thank you for keeping our children safe.



Our Dream Big Auction Is Next Week

Don't Forget to Register to Attend!

The Beverly Cleary School Foundation's annual fundraising auction is next Friday night, March 5th from 6-10 pm at the Bison Building in Northeast Portland at 419 NE 10th Ave.

You can still register online at <https://beverlycleary.schoolauction.net/2010/register>. Tickets are \$35 each. Reserved tables are SOLD OUT...but there is plenty of room for all to enjoy. Enjoy an evening with a cause we can all support.

Our Dream Big benefit offers fun and fellowship for everyone. The evening's festivities will include a light buffet, complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks and music by the Tabor Jazz Trio. Try the "Dream Big" signature cocktail for a small fee.

The auction features both a silent auction and spirited live auction – kicking off with an auction of a dozen delicious desserts. Get a peek at the fun auction items already posted on the auction website's online catalog. There will be auction items for everyone: fun family vacation packages, delicious treats, student artwork and more. Popular sign-up events are also online. Check it all out at: www.auction.beverlyclearyschool.org.

Beverly Cleary School Foundation's annual auction is the primary fundraiser for the Foundation, which raises money to fund extra teachers at Beverly Cleary School. It is the only source of funds for extra staff. Faced with ever-shrinking budgets, the Foundation funds allow our school to maintain a full range of specialist teachers, giving our children a richer school experience. Your support of the auction will directly benefit our school and our children's education and give us an opportunity to Dream Big together. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Please contact Doug Young, Auction Chair, at douglas1961young@gmail.com

Beverly Cleary School PTA NEWS

Technology Fund

The PTA is proud to announce that the Walking With Dinosaurs BCS Family Day has raised \$930 for our Technology Fund! It's a giant step in the right direction for getting our technology out of the dinosaur age. Thanks to everyone who participated and enjoy the show!

Close the Gap...Not the Schools

"The Grant Cluster Parents for a Thoughtful High School Redesign group are offering for sale yard signs and window signs that state "Close the Gap...Not the Schools!" The signs sell for: \$5/yard sign; \$1/window sign. Larger donations are welcome to help defray other costs!

These signs are being sold to bring awareness, support, and alliance to those eastside neighborhoods that are at risk of losing their neighborhood community school (Grant included!) as part of the PPS High School Redesign Process. To order, please email badmanr2000@yahoo.com with the number of signs you would like. Signs are now available.

**Save-the-date: Tuesday, March 16th is
Pizzicato Dough 4 Dollars Day.**

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

Here's how:

1) Pre-order your meal by Friday, March 12th.

In an effort to save paper, forms will not be sent home with your child. The menu and order form are attached to this newsletter. You can also pick up a form in either office.

Return your order form and a check made out to **BEVERLY CLEARY PTA** to the Pizzicato pizza box in either school's office. Then pick up your pizza dinner at the office when you pick up your child on Tuesday, March 16th.

OR

2) Go to Pizzicato directly to pick up dinner on March 16th.

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

3) Plan a Pizza Party!

If you're planning a work lunch or meeting on March 16th, 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 16th will help support our school!**

Have these spring-like days gotten you thinking about your summer garden?

The 8th-graders are raising money for their trip to Washington, DC and one of their projects is a bedding plant sale. Order forms are attached and are also available at the Beverly Cleary School website. Orders are due April 9th and pick-up day is Saturday, May 8th - in time for Mothers Day! Thank you for your support of our 8th-graders!

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Fri. March, 5	BCS Foundation Auction!
Wed. March, 10	Fourth Grade Musical, "My Oregon Report" 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March, 11	PTA General Membership Meeting 6:30-8:30 in the BCS Fernwood cafeteria
Mon. March, 15	Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed. March, 17	Late Opening
Mon. March, 22-26	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Tues. April, 6	Run for the Arts

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

District Title VI & Title IX Contact: Carolyn M. Leonard, Compliance (503-916-3183)

District 504 Contact: Carolyn M. Leonard, Compliance (503-916-3183)

American Disabilities Act Contact: Suzy Harris (503 916-3152)

TRAY ANNUAL FLOWERS

Full Flat, 36 Plants Half Flat, 18 Plants
\$17.50 **\$8.75**

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| _____ | Alyssum, Carpet of Snow | _____ |
| _____ | Cosmos, Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Dahlia, Dwarf Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Fibrous Begonia, Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Impatiens, Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Lobelia, Upright | _____ |
| _____ | Lobelia, Trailing | _____ |
| _____ | Marigold, Dwarf Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Marigold, Dwarf Yellow | _____ |
| _____ | Pansy, Swiss Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Petunia, Cascade Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Salvia, Victoria Blue | _____ |
| _____ | Snapdragons, Rocket Mix | _____ |
| _____ | Verbena, Dwarf Mix | _____ |

_____ **Total full flats** **Total 1/2 flats** _____

TRAY UNIQUE ANNUAL SAMPLER

Full Flat, 32 plants Half Flat, 16 plants
\$19.00 **\$9.50**

TRAY VEGGIE SAMPLERS

Full Flat, 32 plants Half Flat, 16 plants
\$19.00 **\$9.50**

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| _____ | “ Eat Your Veggies“ Sampler | _____ |
| _____ | “ Beautiful Salads“ Sampler | _____ |

ASSORTED SAMPLERS - 4” pots

Full Flat, 16 Plants Half Flat, 8 plants

\$35.00 **KITCHEN HERB SAMPLER** **\$17.50**
_____ *Oregon Tilth Certified Organic* _____

\$30.00 **ORGANIC VEGGIE SAMPLERS** **\$15.00**
_____ Garden Vegetable Assortment _____
_____ Heirloom Tomato Assortment _____

\$35.00 **PERENNIAL SAMPLERS** **\$17.50**
_____ Sunny Perennial Sampler _____
_____ Shady Perennial Sampler _____
_____ Cutting Garden Sampler _____
_____ Ground Cover Sampler _____

\$48.00 **SPECIALTY ANNUAL SAMPLERS** **\$24.00**
_____ Hanging Basket Sampler _____
_____ Pretty For Pots Sampler _____
_____ Foliage Accents Sampler _____

ZONAL GERANIUMS

\$3.25 each – 4” Pot
_____ Designer Red
_____ Designer Coral

_____ Designer Salmon Rose
_____ Designer Violet
_____ Designer White

_____ **Total number of geraniums**

CUSTOMER _____
CUSTOMER EMAIL _____
CUSTOMER TELEPHONE _____
ORDER TAKEN BY _____
CHECK # _____ **CASH** _____
To be picked up by _____

Subtotal Worksheet 2010 Plant Sale

Tray Annual Flower Flats
_____ Full Flats, 36 plants @ \$17.50 _____
_____ Half Flats, 18 plants @\$ 8.75 _____

Tray Unique Annual Sampler Flats
_____ Full flats, 32 plants @ \$19.00 _____
_____ Half Flats, 18 plants @ 9.50 _____

Tray Veggie Sampler Flats
_____ Full Flats, 32 plants @ \$19.00 _____
_____ Half Flats, 16 plants @\$ 9.50 _____

Herb Sampler Flats
_____ Full flats, 16 plants @ \$35.00 _____
_____ Half flats, 8 plants @ \$17.50 _____

Organic Veggie Sampler Flats
_____ Full flats, 16 plants @ \$30.00 _____
_____ Half flats, 8 plants @ \$15.00 _____

Perennial Sampler Flats
_____ Full flats, 16 plants @ \$35.00 _____
_____ Half flats, 8 plants @ \$17.50 _____

Specialty Annual Sampler Flats
_____ Full Flats, 16 plants @ \$48.00 _____
_____ Half Flats, 8 plants @ \$24.00 _____

_____ **Geraniums @ \$ 3.25** _____

_____ **Total Planters** _____

_____ **Total Hanging Baskets** _____

TOTAL DUE ALL ITEMS \$ _____

PLANTERS AND HANGING BASKETS

Plastic Planters - terra cotta colored
_____ 9" Upright Urn Sun Planter **\$9.00** _____

_____ 16" Round Sun Planter	\$21.00	_____
_____ 16" Round Shade Plant	\$21.00	_____
_____ 20" Oval Sun Planter	\$21.00	_____
_____ 20" Oval Shade Planter	\$21.00	_____

_____ **Total Planters** \$ _____

Hanging Baskets –green plastic with saucer

_____ 12" Sun Basket	@ \$23.00	_____
_____ 12" Shade Basket	@ \$23.00	_____

_____ **Total Hanging Baskets** \$ _____

2010 PLANT VARIETY INFORMATION

Alyssum: 4" tall, fragrant white edging for borders or patio pots. Sun or shade. Likes consistent moisture.

Cosmos Mix: 24"- 30" tall for full sun. Pink, white, rose and magenta mixed. Full sun.

Dahlia, Dwarf Mix: 12" tall for full sun. A mixture of cheery colors for planters or beds. Full sun.

Fibrous Begonia Mix: 10" tall; pink, white, and red. Plant in light shade or morning sun; in pots or borders.

Impatiens Mix: 10" tall, colorful mixed colors for shade or morning sun; grow in rich, moist soil.

Lobelia Upright: Blue-purple bloom with compact foliage, upright form for pots or beds. Sun or shade.

Lobelia Trailing: Trailing brilliant blue for hanging baskets and rock walls. Sun or shade.

Marigold Dwarf Mix: 12" tall; yellow, orange, and rust blooms for sun. Great for patio pots! Full sun.

Marigold Dwarf Yellow: 12" tall, with clear yellow flowers. Plant in patio pots and flowerbeds. Full sun.

Pansy Swiss Mix: 8" tall plants, with bright colored blooms for sun or partial shade. Water deeply in hot weather.

Petunia Mix: 10" tall spreading, for sun. Pinch in early August for compact plants and fall flowers.

Salvia Victoria Blue: 16" tall blue spikes for dried and fresh bouquets, handsome behind petunias or dwarf marigolds.

Snapdragon Rocket Mix: 18" - 24" tall spikes in assorted colors for cutting, trim back and fertilize for a second flowering.

Verbena Dwarf Mix: 10" tall, colorful mix. Perfect in window boxes, borders, or hanging baskets. Loves sun!

SAMPLER ASSORTMENTS

Unique Annual Tray Flowers: Four varieties. May contain Canterbury Bells, Aster, Poppy, Nicotiana, Carnation, Bachelor Buttons, Cleome, Strawflower, Phlox, Salpiglossis, Gaillardia, Statice or others.

"Eat Your Veggies" Sampler – Four varieties. Contains *Oregon Tilth Certified Organic* Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Brussels Sprouts.

"Beautiful Salads" Sampler – Four varieties. Contains *Oregon Tilth Certified Organic* green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, butterhead lettuce, and swiss chard.

Kitchen Herbs: Eight popular herbs *Oregon Tilth Certified Organic*. May contain Parsley, Sage, Marjoram, Oregano, Thyme, Basil, Lavender, Chives, Mint, Chamomile or Rosemary.

Garden Vegetable Sampler: Each full sampler contains six hybrid slicing tomatoes, two cherry tomatoes, four sweet bell peppers, two slicing cucumbers, and two zucchini plants. *Oregon Tilth Certified Organic*.

Heirloom Tomato Sampler: Contains 8 unusual varieties of tomatoes including Roma, Yellow Pear, Black Prince, Brandywine, Cherokee Purple, Green Zebra, Valencia, Dr. Wyche's.

Sunny Perennial Sampler: Eight perennial flowers for the sunny border. May contain Agastache, Centranthus, Leucanthemum, Delphinium, Gaillardia, Lupine, Lychnis, Salvia, or others.

Shady Perennial Sampler: Eight perennial plants for the shady border. May contain hardy upright Fuchsia, Lamium, Aquilegia, Campanula, Doronicum, Heuchera, Phygelius, Polemonium, or others.

Cutting Garden Sampler: Eight perennial flowers for cutting and arranging. May contain Aster, Campanula, Crocosmia, Dianthus, Geum, Liatris, Lobelia, Pyrethrum, Sidalcea, or others.

Ground Cover Sampler: Eight perennial plants may contain Arenaria, Ajuga, Cotula, Dianthus, Erodium, Nummularia, Potentilla, Sedum, Stachys, or others.

Specialty Annual Samplers: Four varieties in each sampler for spectacular pots and baskets.

Hanging Basket Sampler – Ivy Geranium, Calibrachoa, Verbena and Bidens.

Pretty for Pots Sampler - Heliotrope, Argyranthemum, Double Impatiens and New Guinea Impatiens.

Foliage Accent Sampler – Brilliant Sun Coleus, Potato Vine, Iresine, and Helichrysum Licorice Mint.

PATIO PLANTERS AND HANGING BASKETS

Patio Pots for Sun may contain lobelia, alyssum, marigolds, petunias, phlox, geraniums, pansies, or other sunloving plants.

Patio Pots for Shade may contain lobelia, alyssum, fuchsias, impatiens, coleus, begonias, vining plants, or browallia.

Hanging Baskets for Sun will contain trailing petunias and verbenas, ivy geraniums, lobelia, or other novelty plants.

Hanging Baskets for Shade will contain fuchsias, tuberous or fibrous begonias, coleus, lobelia, impatiens or New Guinea impatiens, lamium or other interesting plants suitable for shade hanging baskets.

ALL FUNDRAISER PLANTS ARE GUARANTEED IF REPORTED TO YOUR FUNDRAISER CHAIR WITHIN 48 HOURS.

If you would like to exchange your plants, or wish a cash refund, you have 48 hours to notify your fundraiser chair and request exchange or refund. After 48 hours, we consider that conditions beyond our control may have affected the plants.

***You can view our many fundraiser plants at our website,
www.newleafgreenhouse.com***