

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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Hello Families~

The week of January 25, 2010, marks the eighteenth week of school. It also reminds me that students are halfway through their school year. Halfway, can you believe it? It's always a good time for teachers to review the "Be" rules for the excellent behavior we have at Beverly Cleary K-8: ***Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.*** It's also a great time for me to remind parents how vital your child's attendance at school is. Many of the lessons and activities are taught in large and small groups and cannot be replicated at home. Ten days of absences is about half a month of school and 20 absences is a full month of missed school. Each grade level builds upon the previous grade level and with that said, kindergarten attendance is every bit as important as 8th grade attendance.

Many exciting activities are occurring on both Beverly Cleary Campuses. This week, the third grade performed Ralph Nelson's play ***Portland***, a musical. Thank you to Mrs. Caron, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Robertson for helping students prepare for the performance. All third grade students participated in a dress rehearsal performed for Kindergarten and 2nd grade on Tuesday, January 26. The following day, they presented two performances. The performance during the day included all 1st, 3rd through 8th grade classes. The evening performance was for families and the community. The musical was learning at its best: The Portland curriculum for 3rd grade came to life in song!!! Way to go 3rd grade students.

Speaking of productions, Beverly Cleary students will be performing a locally inspired play, ***Ramona Quimby***, written by Beverly Cleary. Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders auditioned for the play and have been practicing after school for the upcoming performance on February 25, 2010. Please join students and families at 7:00 pm for the play at the BC-Fernwood Campus.

The BC-Hollyrood Campus held a "Station Rotation" for our youngest learners. Kindergarten teachers met and planned on January 20 and first grade teachers met on January 21. We call this type of meeting during the school day, embedded professional development. Research suggests that providing planning time during the day for classroom teachers is a very effective use of their time and maximizes team cohesion and allows teachers to feed off each others amazing experience and

curricular strengths. While classroom teachers were planning, students rotated between six of eleven stations. Yes, we had an entire grade level in our small cafeteria with approximately ten

adults helping. Activities included water color painting, floor puzzles, stamping patterns, play dough, Legos and Duplo building, writing and drawing with shaving cream (this was the favorite of many students) a read aloud with a parent, imaginative play with blocks and farm animals or cars. An option for first grade students was to be a volunteer/helper in a kindergarten classroom. It was absolutely magical watching every student engage for 90 minutes. Students rotated stations about every 12 – 15 minutes and cleaned up before they moved on to the next station. We couldn't have done this without the support of the many kindergarten and first grade family volunteers. We really appreciate your support!

TAG results are being returned to buildings as the tests are scored. The Beverly Cleary TAG Leadership Team will be looking over the results for each child and will make a decision about identification based on the testing data. Students who qualify for TAG score in the 97thile or higher on an instrument measuring cognitive ability and/or one measuring the academic areas of reading and math. If a student tests at the 95-96% and has work samples that support TAG potential, they will be identified as a "Potential TAG" student. The district will be sending out individual letters as soon as final decisions are made.

The Beverly Cleary Auction will be held on March 5, 2010, from 6-11pm, at Bison Building. Please join us for the good food, company and all around fun.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Annie Tabshy

Beverly Cleary School News

Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday, February 18, 2010

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

We are pleased to announce our 2010-2011 Kindergarten Round-up for children turning five on or before September 1, 2010. One session will be at 9:00 a.m. and another session will be at 6:30 p.m. Because of space constraints and fire code restriction, Kindergarten Round-up is for adults only. Meet the Principal, Assistant Principal and teachers and learn about our Kindergarten program. Please tell your friends and neighbors so they can learn about our program and register their kindergartners for 2010-2011. Registration packets will be available at the Round-Up. To complete registration forms families will need; Proof of birth date, two proofs of address, immunizations and names of emergency contacts. For your convenience, we will be accepting registration packets at the B.C. Hollyrood Campus between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning February 19, 2010. For more information call (503)916-6766.

Family Arts Nights

As a result of your generosity and support of our Run-for-the-Arts last spring, I am excited to offer an opportunity I'm hoping will be an annual event. On February 11th a local artist will be performing at Beverly Cleary, and we are offering families the chance to attend. There will be no charge to families as we are using some of the proceeds from last year's Run to fund the evening.

The performance will be held in the cafetorium on the Fernwood campus beginning at 6:30pm and will last about one hour. To guide you in your decision about participation, listed below is a description of the artist. We worked with Young Audiences to provide the artist which would appeal to our school community.

Tickets for the performance will be available on a first come, first-served basis in the front offices on both campuses. If you do take tickets for the evening, we ask you keep your commitment to attend since it is likely more families will want to attend than there are tickets available.

I hope you will find this invitation appealing. I know I am excited to offer the performance and look forward to seeing the evening reach its capacity. It will be my desire to offer similar opportunities every year. Thank you for the generosity you have shown each spring in the support of Run-for-the-Arts.

February 11th 6:30 p.m. Trashcan Joe
"Music Is All Around Us!"

Led by James Cook, this energetic quartet brings to life classic American jazz from the 1920s to the 1950s. They share original compositions as well as familiar children's folk

songs, using a homemade trashcan banjo, trashcan bass, kazoo, accordion, cornet and more. Students accompany the musicians with singing and rhythmic clapping and volunteers join the band on stage to create a trashcan orchestra.

Beverly Cleary School PTA NEWS

Celebrate Valentine's Day this year by warming your heart and someone else's toes! **The Beverly Cleary School Sock and Underwear Drive, benefiting the PTA Clothing Center, is on!** Please donate new socks and underwear between February 1st and February 12th. Collection bins will be at both the Hollyrood and Fernwood campuses. All sizes are needed: from extra small (for the very little ones, ages 4 years old) to XXXL. The PTA Clothing Center located at Marshall High School serves PPS students who are in need of clothing, and this year so far they have served over 1275 students! Each student who "shops" at the clothing center gets a few pairs of new socks and underwear, and their stock is extremely low. This clothing drive is taking the place of the giving tree this year (usually in December). Thanks for your donations!

Grant Cluster Neighborhood Meeting High School Redesign It's Effect on Your Children, Your Family, Your Community

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Doors Open 6:30 pm; Presentation Begins 7:00 pm
Grant High School Cafeteria

You are receiving an invitation to this meeting because you are a parent, student, staff member, or neighbor of a Grant Cluster school.

The primary purposes of this meeting are:

- The presentation of a brief summary of the Portland Public Schools' (PPS) effort to redesign Portland's high schools: its history, current status, and where it may go from here.
- The organization of the Grant Cluster to community to ensure that the voices and concerns of the community are heard by PPS and School Board. PPS wants to close 2 to 3 community schools. We do not want Grant High School to be one of them.

Other sources of information: In addition to this meeting, you may get information on the redesign proposal at the Google group blog, Grant Cluster Parents for a Thoughtful High School Redesign. You can join this group at <http://groups.google.com/group/granthsr?hl=en>. At that site, among things, you will be able to find:

- Grant High Fact Sheet (what makes Grant worth keeping)
- Grant Risk Factors (what makes Grant vulnerable to potential closure--coming soon)
- A list of unanswered questions and concerns about the redesign.

Beverly Cleary School Foundation News Auction News

We all come from different places and will be affected differently by this redesign proposal, but everyone has something to offer, so we encourage you to attend the meeting. It is important that your voice be heard, that the Grant Cluster community show its support of Grant. If PPS chooses to close 2 or 3 of the 7 Eastside schools, no one should take the survival of Grant for granted.

We're planning for a large turnout and have invited representatives from The Oregonian, Willamette Week and the Portland Tribune, all media outlets that have been reporting regularly on the high school redesign progress.

BTW, we are looking for someone to be our contact for the Boise-Eliot community. We want to make sure all our communities are part of this process, please let us know if you can help in this respect

The Grant Cluster Parents for a Thoughtful High School Redesign will hold a meeting at the Grant High cafeteria. This will be an informational, brainstorming and organizing session. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Monday, February 8
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., at BESC 501 N. Dixon St.

Help Get Our Technology Out Of The Dinosaur Age!!

40% off tickets to Walking with Dinosaurs at the Rose Quarter
\$10 from each ticket goes to the PTA Technology Fund!

Sunday, February 29, 1 pm
Rose Quarter
Tickets are just \$30 each

Don't miss this opportunity to see a great show *and* support our school! Invite your family and friends to join you. Only tickets bought through us will receive this special pricing. Plus, we have a block of seats so you'll get to sit with your friends! Tickets must be purchased by Friday, February 19th
Checks made out to Beverly Cleary School PTA can be dropped off in either office. OR
Credit card payments via PayPal at www.beverlyclearyschool.org
(a 3% service charge will be added for Paypal transactions)
Contact Christine Putnam with questions—gcput@yahoo.com
Don't miss this opportunity to see a great show *and* support our school!

Beverly Benefit Invites You To...Dream Big!...March 5th
Families, mark your calendars for a celebration of our school and benefit for our children! Enjoy an evening with a cause we can all support. Join friends and neighbors for Beverly Cleary School Foundation's annual fundraising auction on March 5th 2010 from 6-10pm, at the Bison Building in Northeast Portland at 419 NE 10th Avenue.

We invite you to "Dream Big" for your neighborhood school and your kids' future. What will our school look like next year and the next? What do our children dream of for themselves? What do you dream of for your kids?

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 \$5.

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. Check it out at: www.auction.beverlyclearyschool.org.

Tickets are \$35 each or reserve a table for eight for \$400 (includes 8 tickets). Register on-line now – it is quick and easy by visiting the website registration page at: <https://beverlycleary.schoolauction.net/2010/register>

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 Calendar

Wed. February, 3	Doors Open 6:30 pm; Presentation Begins 7:00 pm
Wed. February, 10	8 th Grade Information Night 6:00pm @ Grant
Thurs. February, 11	Trashcan Joe “Music Is All Around Us!” 6:30 pm
Mon. February, 15	President’s Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed. February, 17	Late Opening
Thurs. February, 18	Kindergarten Round-Up 9:00 am-10:00 am or 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Thurs. February 25	“Ramona Quimby” 7:00 pm at BC-Fernwood Campus
Fri. March, 5	BCS Foundation Auction
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

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