

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

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Words of Thanks

- Thanks to 8th grader **Portia Seater** and her mother **Julie Wainwright** for cleaning out the flowerbeds outside of our new 2nd grade classrooms. It looks so much nicer!!
- Thanks to **Joyce Hiff** for accompanying one class of our 6th graders to Outdoor School last week. If you heard happy singing last Friday afternoon, it was our 6th graders as they enthusiastically returned from their week's adventures!
- Thank you to our families who contributed to **Lisa O'Brien**'s efforts for the children of **Zimbabwe**. We're all looking forward to hearing about Lisa's experiences when she returns.
- A belated thank you to our **2nd grade families** at Fernwood and to **Mrs. Caron's class** at Hollyrood for providing lunch for our staff on October 8th. The food was delicious and we all felt very pampered!

Beverly Cleary News

- **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!** Our parents are calling the Fernwood office to report that cars are speeding down NE 32nd Ave to get to the turnaround on Hancock. Please watch your speed around school grounds - our children are too precious to put in danger! We would also like to recommend that children walk and bikers ride in groups, rather than by themselves, in order to be safer. Thanks
- Students in grades 2-8 MAY wear **Halloween** costumes to school on October 31st. Students may not wear masks or bring weapons as part of their costumes. **Our Kindergarten and 1st graders WILL NOT wear costumes.**
- **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 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

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 24th and 25th. If you haven't already signed up with your child's teacher(s), please be sure to set up your conference times soon.

- **Community Service Hours for grades 5-8**

In order to help our communities become better places in which to live, students are asked to volunteer some of their time and energy to help others. By doing so, we hope students will see that they can make a difference, develop new skills, explore career paths, have fun working with others and feel good about themselves.

Students in grades 5-8 are required to do community service each trimester. Each student's math/science/health teacher will track these hours.

5th grade = 6 hours

6th grade = 8 hours

7th grade = 10 hours

8th grade = 12 hours

For more information about community service options, talk to your student's teacher.

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.

November 7: Draft TAG Instructional Plans sent home

Talented and Gifted Identification Schedule for 2008-2009

November 26, 2008 - Deadline for Parent TAG

Identification Process Forms to be submitted to schools. Exceptions may be directed to the PPS TAG Office

December 3, 2008 - Deadline for TAG

Coordinators/Principals to submit Parent/Teacher TAG Identification Process Forms to TAG Office

TAG Testing: Grant Cluster testing will take place during December 2008 and January 2009.

Schools have three weeks after receiving test results to meet with their TAG Leadership Team and make their recommendations to the TAG Office.

TAG Office sends “yes, no, potential” letters to families after receiving ID forms from schools.

Elementary students K-8, identified during the year will have Instructional Plans written within 30 calendar days.

April 30, 2009 - Grade Advancement applications and Paperwork due to the TAG Office.

PTA News

- **Art Cards are coming!**

Art Cards are a fun way to turn your child’s art into adorable cards suitable to give as gift sets or keep to use yourself. This PTA fundraiser produces cards available for holiday gifting. What a great gift for Grandparents! Art will be collected the last week of October so set aside those special works of art. Two dimensional art only please.

- **Bumper stickers and magnets**

If you haven't seen our new bumper stickers yet, they declare "We support our neighborhood public school" and show our BCS logo beneath. Displaying a sticker on your vehicle (car, truck or bike) is a great way to let others know about our new school and our new name. We want the whole community to be excited about our students!

You may have also seen around the neighborhood another kind of sticker. You'll see these in the windows or on the doors of neighborhood businesses that support our school. If you have a business, know of a business or work in the neighborhood and can display your support for Beverly Cleary School, please let us know and we'll be sure to get right over with a sticker.

If you missed out on getting a bumper sticker or a BCS refrigerator magnet, they are available in the school offices.

Thanks go out to Cameron Mitchell (parent of fourth-grader Eli) for designing the stickers and magnets and to the PTA and Portland Public Schools for providing financial support.

- **Scrip News**

Scrip orders the last two weeks have been great; last week we had 24 orders totaling \$6382, which netted the PTA \$321.36 and this week we had 21 orders totaling \$3706 which netted \$165.06 profit for the PTA. That brings the total **Scrip profit** for this year (**just 6 weeks**) to **\$1301.22**.

Think of scrip as Gift Cards—the scrip order form has a variety of gift cards available for you to purchase from local, regional and national stores and restaurants. They can be used here in Portland or around the country. They can be used as gifts and sent to friends and relatives in other parts of the country as long as there is a store matching the gift card in their area. They can even be used to shop on-line in some cases. Or, instead of using them as actual gifts, you can use them just like you would use cash or a credit card to make your own purchases. Scrip, or gift cards, come in a variety of denominations depending on the individual merchant, and carry a balance if you don't use the entire amount of the gift card for one purchase.

Thanks for your continued participation in the scrip program. If you have any questions about Scrip, please contact Anne Pearson at UsPearsons@msn.com or Nancy Drinnon at ndrinnon1@comcast.net

- **Math study books available for sale**

The PTA is selling two math reference books for upper grade use. Math on Call (\$15) is for grades 6 - 8, assisting the student in homework, test review, daily assignments, and cooperative learning. Algebra to Go (\$20) for 8th grade and up, helps the student understand algebraic concepts by providing detailed explanations and problem solving strategies. These books may be purchased at the Fernwood campus front office or by contacting Anita McKey (PTA VP 6-8) at amckey2578@msn.com.

Foundation News

Plans are well underway for the **2009 Foundation Auction** to be held **March 13th**. Our theme this year will be "**Denim & Diamonds**" -- something for everyone! We are finalizing event details, so hold the date and watch this space for more information soon.

We had a great crowd at our organizing meeting and many positions have been filled. We would like to thank everyone who contacted us to volunteer their time and energy. We have a few key positions left... are you the right person to fill one of these spots?

- **Sign up event lead** – solicit sponsors for sign up events. Manage sign-up process. Serve as liaison for sign up event sponsors/hosts.
- **Guest reservations** – process guest reservations, including receiving RSVPs, assigning tables, manage teacher/staff reservations. Input reservation data into Auction Pay.
- **Procurement data entry** – enter all procurement information into Auction Pay. This can be done remotely via Web-based system. Provide reports as needed to procurement team.

If any of these sound intriguing, or if you want to help in another way, please contact Beth Wilmart (bwilmart@gmail.com) or Christine Putnam (gcput@yahoo.com) and we can answer any questions you might have. Thanks!

Beverly Cleary School Calendar

Thurs, Oct. 23	Spook-a-Rama 5:30-8:00 pm @ Fernwood gym & café
Fri, Oct. 24	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues, Oct. 28	PTA Coffee Chat at Fernwood 8:45am Kindergarten to Lee Farms 9:30 am-12:00 pm Caron's 1 st Grade to Tryon Creek 9:30 am-1:00 pm 2:15 Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 – Café
Wed, Oct. 29	Celebrate Success 2:15-2:45 pm @ Fernwood
Fri, Oct. 31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! K-1 No Costumes 2-8 May wear costumes – no masks
Fri, Oct. 31	Morris & Hart 1 st Grade to Tryon Creek 9:30 am-1:00 pm 1:30-3:00 pm Fun Friday at Fernwood (Grades 5-8)
Mon, Nov. 3	Site Council Meeting 3:30-5:30 pm at Fernwood
Tues, Nov. 4	Election Day
Thurs, Nov. 6	PTA Clothes Center – Beverly Cleary School Volunteer Day (Marshall H.S.)
Mon, Nov. 10	Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues, Nov. 11	VETERANS' DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs, Nov. 13	Picture Retake Day at Hollyrood
Mon, Nov. 17	BOOK FAIR BEGINS – Both sites
Tues, Nov. 18	8:30 am Coffee Chat at Hollyrood 9:30 am-2:30 pm 4 th Grade Field Trip to Whitaker Pond 2:15 pm Ralph Nelson working with Grade 3 – Café
Wed, Nov. 19	6:30 pm PTA Meeting at Fernwood cafeteria
Thurs, Nov. 20	PTA Clothes Center – Beverly Cleary School Volunteer Day (Marshall H.S.)
11/24-12/1	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Mon, Nov. 24	8:00 am-8:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues, Nov. 25	8:00 am-8:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wed, Nov. 26	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs, Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Fri, Nov. 28	NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY
Mon, Dec. 1	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Professional Development Day
Tues, Dec 16	PTA Coffee Chat 8:45 am @ Fernwood SUN Showcase Rehearsal, 3:00-5:30 pm.@ Fernwood Café
Wed, Dec 17	SUN Showcase, 6:00-8:00 pm @ Fernwood Café
Dec. 22-Jan. 4	Winter Break
Mon, Jan. 5	Back to School

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