

# Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

*Academic Excellence in a Caring Community*

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

**By Assistant Principal, Annie Tabshy**

October 15, 2010

Hello BC Families,

I hope each family has had a chance to take advantage of the wonderful autumn weather we have been so lucky to have. I was at Grant HS for a TAG meeting on Wednesday evening and had a glimpse of our future soccer stars. I saw kindergarten, first, and second grade BC students having fun running and shooting goals.

Many of the kindergarten and first grade classrooms have been in the BCH garden and have been observing a pumpkin growing that was planted last spring when they were in kindergarten. Our kindergarten students will be going on a field trip to Lee Farm's Pumpkin Patch on October 22nd and will continue doing many activities with their pumpkins including estimation of the pumpkin's weight, circumference of a pumpkin and will estimate the amount of seeds in a pumpkin.

Teri, Melissa and I have had a chance to switch campuses this month. I was so impressed with the learning I saw occurring at BCF. In fourth grade, students were in a serious discussion about bears and hiking in the wilderness that was directly tied to the anthology selection in the Scott Foresman reading curriculum. Second grade students have produced incredible art pieces that are proudly displayed outside their classrooms. Seventh and eighth grade lunch duty was very similar to kindergarten lunch duty. All the students were very social and talkative. We truly have a group of students, K-8, that are respectful, kind and responsible.

During the late opening on 10/13, teachers had an opportunity to work on their Red Dot websites. We also were able to provide TAG professional development for all staff specifically around the characteristics of gifted students, the identification process, and documentation of TAG instruction in teacher's classrooms. All second grade students were given the NNAT as a TAG screening assessment on October 5th. There are some important TAG dates coming up that I want to make you aware of:

- Tag Surveys were sent home in September. We are asking that these be returned by conferences scheduled the week of November 22, 2010.

- To nominate your student for TAG, please go to the PPS TAG website, download a nomination form, IDPF Identification Process Form. Hard copies of the forms can be found on the TAG bulletin board. On the

form, there is a parent advocacy section, where parents give the school and the district information about their child's skills, interests and reasoning/problem solving strategies. These nominations need to have a parent's signature and be returned to the classroom teacher during conferences. The last possible date to turn in nominations falls on Monday, November 29, 2010.

•The Grant Region will have TAG testing for students nominated in February 2011.

The first grade teachers started a new tradition and are having students run a "Marathon". Students walk over to the Grant track and walk or run with their teachers and parent volunteers who walk with the classes. By the end of the year, students will have a record of how many miles they accumulated and have a healthier body. The students really enjoy this activity.

We had great success with "Hats On for Leukemia and Lymphoma" on both campuses. Our students are demonstrating the importance of service to others and good citizenship.

Let's make a change with change and dig deep and deposit all your extra change into the NO MORE DINOSAUR buckets available October 18-22 on the BCH Campus.

Have a fantastic weekend!!!

Regards~

*Annie Tabshy*

## BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL NEWS



### Banish the Dinosaurs

Our focused week of fundraising for new technology that will "Banish the Dinosaurs" begins on Monday. The family, who has given us a donation to get us started, will double their gift if we raise at least half (\$21,550) of what we need in the next week. If we raise just \$35 per student we will reach our goal! If that level of donation is not possible for every family, we hope families will give what they can. If a family is able to give more, that will be of assistance for families, who can't give as much. Your donation is tax deductible, and you will be able to see your child learn with twenty-first technology s/he deserves to have.

Our students on both campuses will be helping us in the following way next week:

Monday 10/18:

For \$2 students in 5th-8th may bring I-Pods to school to use during breaks

Tuesday 10/19:

For \$2 students in K-4 may bring a stuffed animal to school

Wednesday 10/20:

For \$.50 we will be selling Silly Bands (both campuses) and candy (Fernwood campus only)

Thursday 10/21:

Halloween pencils and erasers for sale before school \$.50/ea. or 3/\$1.00

Friday 10/22:

For \$2 students on both campuses may wear their pj's to school.

(Kindergarten will be on a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch-No P.J.'s)

Additional activities the week of 10/25: Students in 5th-8th may purchase Hallow-grams to be delivered to friends for \$.50 or \$1.00 with a Jolly Rancher and students on the Fernwood campus only will be able to wear their Halloween costume to school for \$1.

At \$35/student we can raise at least \$21,500, which will get us to the point where our generous family will double their initial match. Not a bad way, to banish a bunch of dinosaurs!!

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Teachers have had many requests to conduct a parent-teacher conference at a time other than on 11/22 or 11/23. Since the District specifically sets aside those dates for Parent-Teacher Conferences, we regret we are unable to accommodate times other than those two days.

## PTA NEWS



### Please Join PTA!

Good news: we've got many new, first-time members this year! Welcome, and thank you for your support.

Bad news: Many active returning families have not yet renewed their membership. As a result, we're still 6 members short of last year's total. Worse yet, we're about 100 members down from two years ago. If your membership check is still on your desk or kitchen counter, please turn it in. PTA relies on **yearly** membership renewal from its members. Thanks for all you do.

Amy Baskin  
Membership Chair

## Practice Yoga & Raise Money for the PTA Technology Fund

**When?** Every Tuesday, Starting October 19th

**Time?** 9am - 10am

**Where?** Fernwood Band Room

**How much?** \$80/8 classes or \$12 drop in fee

**What should I bring?** Yourself, your friends and your mat (or mat rental for \$1)

Up to 50% of the proceeds go to the PTA Technology Fund.

For more info: [yogawithelona.com](http://yogawithelona.com)



We could use:

- balloons (black, orange, white),
- streamers (black, orange, white)
- construction paper (black, orange, white)
- webs
- colorful hanging cardboard pumpkins, witches, ghosts, skeletons, bats, etc.
- cauldrons, witches hats, witches brooms, vampires, monsters and ghouls...
- any other fun Halloween decorations you would like to contribute

We could also use some folks to help hang these things and decorate for the event itself, which is on Friday, Oct. 29. We usually begin decorating sometime that afternoon until an hour or so before the doors open. And for you night owls, we could use a few bodies to help take down the decorations after the party's over.

Should any of this appeal to you, please contact Rachael Ramos by email or phone:

[ooki1998@gmail.com](mailto:ooki1998@gmail.com)

503.423.7904 (I take texts, too).

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thurs and Friday, 11/18 and 11/19, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Mon, 11/22 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/23 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

More information to follow.

### **Dimes for a Difference**

Beverly Cleary School PTA is now a recipient of Whole Foods Dimes for a Difference program! This is how it works: For every reusable bag you use when shopping at the Hollywood Whole Foods you can either get a dime off your order or donate it to one of three non-profit organizations. For the next three months you can choose Beverly Cleary School PTA to be the recipient! Ten cents may not seem like much but those dimes sure add up over a three-month period. Even better is that anyone can choose to donate to BCS PTA! Be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors about the program. This is an easy way for the entire community to support our neighborhood school.

Every dime makes a difference so don't forget those reusable bags! Good for our environment, our neighborhood, and our school!

### **Motivate Student Walking and Biking to School**

In 1969, 42 percent of students walked or biked to school, today less than 16 percent of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walk to school.<sup>i</sup> At Safe Routes to School, we are working to increase the number of children walking and biking to school.

Some of the benefits for walking and biking are,

- Increased heart-healthy fitness
- Better student school performance
- Reduction in school traffic congestion
- Improve air and environmental quality

By improving safety conditions and educating children on bicycle and pedestrian safety, we can create the best conditions for children to make healthier decisions.

Safe Routes provides trainings, incentives and other resources to get students walking and biking to school. For more information, check out our website at [www.saferoutesportland.org](http://www.saferoutesportland.org) or call Carolina at 503.823.1189.

## PTA FUNDRAISING

- [Scrip](#)
- [Chinook Books](#)

The Chinook Book envelopes are coming in. Thank you to everyone who has ordered books! If you have turned your envelope in you will be receiving your books soon. Books are available in each office and you may pay for some and get them there. Or, turn in your envelopes and they will be brought to your home.

We are planning a sidewalk sale. If your student would like community service hours, they are welcome to join in to encourage folks to buy them.

Saturday, October 16th 9-12 am Hollywood Whole Foods

Please contact Christine Putnam with any questions or comments  
gcput@yahoo.com  
503-206-4552

### **Your online shopping can do double-duty, making it an effortless way to help your PTA raise classroom funds.**

On the left side of [beverlyclearyschool.org](http://beverlyclearyschool.org), you'll find our four ongoing PTA fundraisers: Amazon.com, Powell's Books, magazine subscriptions and scrip sales. Any Amazon.com purchases you make will bring your BCS PTA a 7% referral commission, Powell's will give us a 7.5% commission and magazine subscriptions allow us to keep 40% of the proceeds. Scrip proceeds vary based on the merchant's agreement.

Please keep this in mind as you do your shopping and please let your friends and family know! In fact, why not just forward this email?

## BCS FOUNDATION

The **Beverly Benefit Annual Auction** is not until March, but already plans are under way to make this the most successful year yet! BUT, the auction cannot go on without help from folks like you.

Questions/Comments? Contact Christine Putnam at  
gcput@yahoo.com or 503-206-4552

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are frequently approached with flyers, messages, and announcements from and about sports clubs, neighborhood events, community centers, etc. Because these things are not affiliated with PPS or the Beverly Cleary PTA, they are not included in the newsletter. In order to keep families well informed about events happening in our community, we will be putting information about these items on the

Community Events Page of our website [www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/beverlycleary](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/beverlycleary). More information about events such as these can also be found in the racks in the lobby of the two schools. Examples include:

### **How do you get to school?**

Consider how you and your students get to school. Everyone can participate in making their school safer for all students getting to school. Whether you are walking, carpooling, or driving to school, think about how you can be part of Safe Routes to School.

- 1) If you can, walk, bike, roll or take public transit to school
  - 2) Establish a carpool with neighbors and friends
  - 3) Try stopping and or parking a couple of block away from school and walking the rest of the way
  - 4) If you must drive to school, please drive slowly, follow traffic laws, and turn off your car engine when waiting for students
- Have questions? check out our website at [www.saferoutesportland.org](http://www.saferoutesportland.org) or call Carolina at 503.823.1189.

### **Hop on the Bike Train**

Every Thursday morning, there's a bike train headed toward the Fernwood campus, and you're welcome to hop on!

A bike train is a group of people that bike together on a pre-planned route. Just meet up at one of the designated school routes or email a route leader to see if they can stop by your starting location. Come experience the comfort and safety of riding together. Parents are encouraged to ride in at least their first bike train with their child.

The schedule is as follows (proceeding west):  
8:15 am @ 53rd and Tillamook  
8:20 am @ 47th and Hancock  
8:30 am @ 41st and Tillamook

The train rolls rain or shine. View the complete route map here: <http://www.biketrainpdx.org/beverly-cleary-2/> .

More info is available on the website [biketrainpdx.org](http://biketrainpdx.org) . You can also email parent Brock Lower ([bklower@comcast.net](mailto:bklower@comcast.net)).

### **Free Parenting Workshop**

KIDS WHO FEEL SMART  
BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM IN CHILDREN  
A TEMPERAMENTAL APPROACH

Do you ever wonder how to deal with your “chatterbox” without squashing her spirit? Why does a firm “no” help your younger child calm down but sends your older child into a tearful tantrum? How can we promote a success both at home and in school?

All parents want their children to feel good.  
Yet, each child is so different!

Join Deborah Kass-Ray, MS, LCSW, parent educator and psychotherapist to learn more about your child's very distinct personality.

Identify specific parenting strategies to help your child better manage their daily ups and downs.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To understand your child's unique temperament.
- To identify effective parenting strategies.
- To promote strong parent-child relationships.

Beverly Cleary School/Fernwood Campus 1915 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Tuesdays: 8:45 – 10:15 Room 134  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

Deborah Kass-Ray, MS, LCSW – 503.544.4355

**BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<b>Tues., October 19</b>	<b>Site Council Meeting 3:15 at BCF</b>
<b>Wed., October 20</b>	<b>Coffee Chat Fernwood Campus 8:45am ELL Parent Meeting 6:30pm at BCF</b>
<b>Fri., October 29</b>	<b>SPOOK-A-RAMA 6-8pm at BCF</b>
<b>Fri., November 5</b>	<b>No School-Teacher Planning Day</b>
<b>Thurs., November 11</b>	<b>No School-Veterans' Day</b>
<b>Mon., November 15-</b>	<b>Book Fair Begins (through Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>
<b>Wed., November 17</b>	<b>Coffee Chat Hollyrood Campus 8:30am</b>
<b>Mon., November 22-23</b>	<b>No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am- 8pm</b>
<b>Wed., November 24</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Thurs., November 25-26</b>	<b>No School Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
<b>Fri., December 3</b>	<b>No School Teacher Planning Day</b>
<b>Mon., December 20-31</b>	<b>No School Holiday Break</b>

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