

Beverly Cleary K-8 Family Newsletter

Academic Excellence in a Caring Community

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

By Assistant Principal, Melissa Dragich

Dear Families,

I hope each and every one of you has had the pleasure of enjoying this wonderful summer weather as we head in the month of October. As Teri stated in the last newsletter we have had a wonderfully smooth start to the school year and I am enjoying the opportunity to get to know those students new to the Fernwood building.

Some of you may have noticed that on Wednesday, Annie and I spent the day "trading places." It was very fun for me to have time to get to know our youngest students and I had some great conversations with them as they realized that I was the "one from the other building." Annie also reports that she enjoyed her day getting some time with our upper grade students and visiting with the second graders. The administrative team is planning to continue "trading places" each Wednesday, so don't look surprised when you see us at the other site.

In classrooms this past month, I have seen some excellent teaching and learning taking place. I observed our 4th graders learn the concept of mean, median and mode and in an Algebra class, I watched as table teams learned to combine terms using Algebra pieces. Secretly I was wishing that I had learned Algebra that way as it makes so much more sense! Our 5th grade classes are learning the fine points of keeping an organized binder and have been diligent about writing their assignments in their planners. Be sure you are checking planners if your student is in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

I also want to welcome our 6th graders back today from Outdoor School and thank Carol Hewig and Tom Streckert who accompanied them. I am certain that both staff and students will require some extra sleep this weekend!

We would also like to remind parents to call in to the main office if your child will be out due to illness or an appointment.

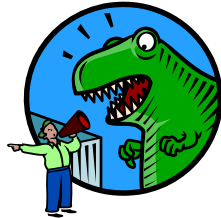
Finally, here are some important dates to mark on your calendar for the month of October. All second grade students will be taking the

NNAT test on October 5th. This is a screening tool used to indicate TAG students. A letter was sent home to all second grade parents this week explaining the NNAT in more detail. Picture retake day is also on October 5th. On October 13th there will be a Grant Cluster TAG parent meeting at Grant High School. This meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Lastly, for those of you that need childcare, October 8th is a statewide in-service day for teachers, so student do not have school on that day and October 13th is our second late opening.

Thanks to each of you for sending us such a great group of students. I enjoy working in this community and look forward to a wonderful school year.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sun while it lasts,

BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL NEWS



Remember the Dinosaurs

One of the many ways you can support us in our efforts to improve our students' access to technology is by purchasing items from Sally Foster. Please help us by going online to www.sallyfoster.com. Thank you.

Beverly Cleary School Administrators are sponsoring a Sally Foster gift wrap and gift item fund raiser to purchase Smart Boards and classroom computers, which, as you know, are soooo needed. Twenty dollar gift cards are available for sale in the Main Office today and Friday. (Sally Foster requires us to sell ten \$20 dollar gift cards to kick-off the sale) All purchases can be made on-line with the gift card. I have a brochure of available products to peruse in the Office. 40% of all sales will go to Beverly Cleary School solely for Smart Boards and classroom computers. Thanks for your support, and see me in the office to purchase your Sally Foster gift card!

PTA NEWS



The Beverly Cleary School PTA Welcomes You!

Joining the PTA is the easiest way to become involved. Membership envelopes have gone home in backpacks and are available in the office at both campuses. You may also become a member by paying your dues at Tuesday's General Meeting. Membership is \$20 per person and isn't just limited to parents and

teachers! Friends, grandparents, and other interested parties are invited to join!

President -- Julie Jetton
Co-Vice President – Kathie Eastman Tell
Co-Vice President -- Barbara Smith Warner
Secretary -- Tricia Nimelman
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Foundation – Christine Putnam
Co-Volunteer Coordinator -- Christine Jeschke
Co-Volunteer Coordinator –Vanessa Kuschner
Legislative Representative -- Bonnie Gee Yosick
Membership Chairperson -- Amy Baskin
Members at Large -- Jean Latenser, Mianne Vaidya, Jill Lee, Patricia Hatzikos, Jennifer Shipping

Walk 'n Roll to School on Oct. 6th for Health and Prizes!

Beverly Cleary families at both campuses do a great job in walking/biking to school everyday but October 6th is International Walk + Bike to School Day. Beverly Cleary families are encouraged to participate in this healthy and fun celebration! Let's join 60 other schools in Portland and millions of families around the world by walking, biking, skating, scooting or wheeling to school. It's fun, it's healthy, and it's a great way to get to know more families!

Do you take the bus? Walk to the bus stop – it counts! Do you have to drive? Stop 4 blocks from school and walk the rest of the way – it counts!

Prizes and snacks will be given to participating students as they arrive. Join in with neighbors, friends or just plain ol' Moms and Dads. Remember, Wednesday October 6 is the day!

PTA FUNDRAISING

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

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, 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?

Hollywood Campus Garden Committee

The Hollyrood Garden Committee is recruiting members. There are many different roles available- no green thumb is required! If you are interested in working with students, developing garden lessons, collecting veggie scraps at lunch for the worm bin, doing actual gardening, or fundraising - we have a place for you. Please contact Abbie Rankin (abbie@witscher.org) if you are interested. And, if you want to be involved in gardening activities but only have kids at Fernwood- there's a place for you there too!

Yearbook Volunteers

We're looking for one or two parent to help lead the yearbook and also volunteers to work with students to create our school's yearbook. If any of the volunteers, who worked on this last year will like to serve as excellent resources. This position is mostly collecting pictures of school events through the year and then submitting them to a company (we already have) which will put it together as a yearbook. If interested, please contact Vanessa Kuschner
702-808-3663 (cell)
kuschnerv2002@yahoo.com

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. More information about events such as these can also be found in the racks in the lobby of the two schools. Examples include:

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-clearly-2/> .

More info is available on the website biketrainpdx.org . You can also email parent Brock Lower (bklower@comcast.net).

6th Grade Co-Ed Volleyball

We are looking for sixth grade boys and girls interested in playing in a beginners volleyball league through Portland Parks and Rec Practice will be 2 times per week around 6 or 7 PM, probably at Beaumont, with games on Saturdays for about 8 weeks. Cost is \$50. If interested, contact Glen Gilbert at glen@thegilbert4.com or 503 282-7758. We are also looking for co- or assistant coaches. Thank you.

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 33rd Ave.
Tuesdays: 8:45 – 10:15 Room 134
Oct. 12 and 26th
Nov. 9th and Dec. 7th

Deborah Kass-Ray, MS, LCSW – 503.544.4355

Campfire
Afterschool Spanish
MAD Science

Young Rembrandts
Young Players

BEVERLY CLEARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed., October 6	Walk/Bike to School Day
Fri., October 8	No School -Statewide In-Service Day
Wed., October 13	2 Hour Late Opening 10:30am/BCH 10:45am/BCF TAG Parent Meeting at Grant HS 6:30pm
Tues., October 19	Site Council Meeting 3:15 at BCF
Wed., October 20	Coffee Chat Fernwood Campus 8:45am ELL Parent Meeting 6:30pm at BCF
Fri., October 29	SPOOK-A-RAMA 6:00pm-8:00pm at BCF
Fri., November 5	No School -Teacher Planning Day
Thurs., November 11	No School -Veterans' Day
Mon., November 15-	Book Fair Begins (through Nov. 23 rd)
Wed., November 17	Coffee Chat Hollyrood Campus 8:30am
Mon., November 22-23	No School Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am- 8pm
Wed., November 24	No School
Thurs., November 25-26	No School Thanksgiving Holiday

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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.

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