## Beacon Hill International School News

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A World of Learners

**April 15, 2009** 



## Calendar of Events

April 13-May 1: WASL Testing Window Tues., April 14 & Thurs., April 16: Powerful Schools After School Programs Spring quarter begins.

April 19-25: Administrative Professionals WeekThurs., April 23: Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day

Fri., April 24: Free Dress Day

Mon., April 27: Mercer Island High School Students volunteering, 9a.m.-12noon. Newsletter deadline.

**Tues., April 28**: Last day of School Banking **Wed., April 29**: Last Wednesdays Open Mic at Columbia City Starbucks, 5:30-7:00p.m.

**May 6-8:** Fifth Grade Camp at Camp Colman. Dental sealants for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Mon., May 11: Postage rate increase (.44) Wed., May 13: Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Luncheon

Thurs May 14: Day of the Child Celebration

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## The Read-A-Thon is Coming

Spend the day reading. . .at school. . .in your pajamas? Yes, it's true! Save this date, Thursday, May 21 if you would like to join students and staff for a fun-filled day of reading. More details to follow in the May newsletter. Until then, keep reading!

#### Thank You!

- ...to Kam Yee, McGeoys, Jennifer Kapinos, Jan Gokami for wonderful treats for the staff.
- ...Nicole Taylor and Beth Cavalli for their help with the yearbook.
- ...Angela Castaneda for donating beautiful plants for our Volunteers of the Month.
- ...Molly Hasson for the 3-hole punch for our office.
- ...Noah Kent for tacking up the decorated aprons in the lunchroom.
- ...Nantes Howe for submitting our Boxtops for Education.
- ...Connie Cho for submitting our Hilltop Red Apple Receipts.

## PTA

Allison Delong and Erin Musser have been recruited to serve as co-chairs for the PTA Fund Raising Committee which will serve the 2009/2010 school year. Serving with them on the committee are Sue Fluegel (4th grade teacher and Read-a-thon Chair), Leslie Stewart, Lauren Rayment, Treacy Sargent, Jennifer Kapinos, Shannon McGoy, and Michelle Peterson. The group will be educated by Maythia Airhart (PTA co-president), Shelley Bates (PTA Treasurer), and current Fund Raising Chair Christina Lee. The group welcomes any other parents who are interested in participating in the committee or on specific fund raising projects. An annual calendar of fund raising events will be distributed to families at the beginning of the new school year.

## Volunteers of the Month

The Community Volunteer of the Month for March is Anita Warmflash. Anita started volunteering at BHIS in September 2008. Anita tutors in the E Pod on Friday mornings. Thank you, Anita!

The Family Volunteer of the Month for March is Juana Retana. Juana is the Chair of the Latino Committee, which meets once a month. Juana also helped make tamales for the Tamale Sale. Juana is the mother of Andrea and Juan Gonzalez Retana. Thank you, Juana!

## **Baby Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Heather** (C2) and Gabriel Chavez for the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle. Congratulations also to Kyle (C1) and Krystal Okada for the recent birth of their daughter, Kaiya.

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## Letter Writing Campaign

Sign on to Letter Writing Campaign to Parks Department:

This is a crucial moment for funding the Beacon Mountain Playground! (formerly where the old reservoirs were located at Jefferson Park)

As you might have heard the levy money is now (this week) being allocated to different parks projects and Jefferson Park will receive a portion but where it will go is still up in the air. There is a good chance we might be able to fund the entire new Playground design if we can convince Parks Department Head Timothy Gallagher, and Parks Committee Chair Tom Rasmussen to allocate the levy funds to build Beacon Mountain Playground.

If we get them to fund and build the entire new design we will have a magnificent playground completed by next year. If they don't allocate the funds toward the the new design it would be phased construction for the next few years.

It been a long road to get our design approved by parks and ready to build so with one last push maybe we could see this dream through to completion. Those of us on the Beacon Mountain Playground Team believe play infrastructure is a healthy and sustainable investment for the future of our community.

Please take a moment and write a letter stating you wish to see levy funding to build the entire Beacon Mountain Playground at Jefferson Park. Include your name and address. Thanks!

timothy.gallagher@seattle.gov tom.rasmussen@seattle.gov

## School Banking Discontinued

As of May 1, 2009, WaMu will discontinue their School Banking Program. Students

who have school banking accounts will receive a letter from WaMu/JPMorgan Chase Bank explaining this. The last day of school banking at our school will be Tuesday, April 28th.

## Job Opportunities

Pacific Publishing Company, publisher of the South Seattle Beacon (formerly the Beacon Hill News & South District Journal), is seeking news carriers, ages 9 and up. We would greatly appreciate if you could include the attached article in your school newsletter for a few weeks. Being a carrier on a newspaper route teaches young people lifelong skills including handling money, interacting with people and understanding commitment and follow-through.

Our seven neighborhood publications (South Seattle Beacon, Capitol Hill Times, Madison Park Times, Queen Anne & Magnolia News and the North Seattle Herald-Outlook) are also interested in news about your school or special accomplishments of your teachers and students. Community newspapers still offer the best way to inform people of what is happening in their own neighborhoods.

Please let us know if you are not the correct contact for the school newsletter.

Sincerely,

Miya Cohen-Sieg Circulation Assistant Pacific Publishing Company 206-461-1320 circulation@nwlink.com

#### Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found table for lost clothing items. Lots of jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters!

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## Wish List

Due to budget constraints, our school is running low on copier paper. Donations of reams of paper will be very much appreciated!

## Sister School

There is a collection canister in the main office, accepting monetary donations for our sister school, Balgue Primaria in Ometepe, Nicaragua.

# Volunteers Needed For The Following Dates

Join Our Weeding/Soil Tilling Party! Bring your shovel and garden gloves, or just show up, Wednesday mornings (April 15, 22 and 29) from 9:30 – 12 noon in the inner courtyard (Preschool/Kindergarten playground area) to get soil ready for planting! STIPEND POSTION FOR LUNCHROOM COORDINATOR

#### Help Launch the Lunchroom Waste Recycling Program at BHIS!

We have a stipend position for a parent coordinator to help oversee the program launch. This position will guide and mentor student volunteers during the lunch period. We need someone for two months (May, through end of the school year), and someone to help restart in the fall (Sept-Oct).

#### Questions/Suggestions?

Contact Angela Castañeda (206) 459-1430, mareaangela@mac.com
Or Lisa Kartiganer (206) 851-4327, lisakartiganert@comcast.net

Help us show our commitment to being stewards of the earth by supporting BHIS youth and school community in this effort. You can reinforce what your children are learning at home, participate in upcoming volunteer work parties, donate plant starts, and/or donate to the PTA Arts & Culture Projects Fund!. These programs are supported through a grant from Seattle Public Utilities, Beacon Hill International School's Shared Savings Program, the PTA Arts & Culture Fund, and ECOLink Advocates' Green Schools Solutions.

## **Newsletter Dates and Deadlines**

Hello all, the following are the dates for the future newsletters. If you would like to submit an article please email me at <a href="mailto:nanteshome2@hotmail.com">nanteshome2@hotmail.com</a>
Deadline

Issue

4-27-09	5-4-09
5-22-09	6-1-09

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