



Thư của Hiệu trưởng Wargad ka socota Maamulaha
校长的信
From the Principal
Liham mula sa Principal
Carta del Director

September 21, 2011

Dear Families,

We have had a very positive start to the school year here at Beacon Hill. As I have walked through classrooms the first two weeks of school, I have been very encouraged by how hard the students have been working. Each class is developing strong, positive expectations for behavior and learning. Students are making many new friends in their classes. Teachers have jumped right in to their core instruction in math, reading, writing, social studies and science. And for all of you new-to-kindergarten parents, your amazing children have quickly become acclimated to learning in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Overall, we have had a successful launch to the school year.

Last week, BHIS was so fortunate to have two generous corporate partners come in to support our school. Early in the week, our friends from **GE Capital** came by and dropped off over ten boxes of school supplies for our students to use in the classrooms. These supplies were collected by GE Capital employees during their Adopt-a-School Supply Drive. And then, on Friday, folks from **Microsoft** (including our parent Boun Tounalom), spent the day as part of United Way's Day of Caring to clean up our school grounds. Thank you to our great corporate partners who make such a positive difference in the lives of our students and our community!

Sincerely,

Mr. Aramaki – 校長荒牧 - Gg. Aramaki - *Sr. Aramaki*

Announcements *Avisos* 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogagsiis

- **Advanced Learning Nomination Forms Now Available in the Office** – If you think your child may qualify for one of Seattle's gifted programs, nomination forms are available in the office. They are due at the district office by October 6th. Part of the application is a teacher recommendation. Teacher recommendation forms need to be given to the teacher by Thursday, September 29th so that they have time to fill out the recommendation and send it in.
- **Policy Reminder: Celebrating Birthdays at BHIS** – In order to encourage healthy eating by our students, we celebrate students' birthdays in the classroom without food. Please do not bring food or party items to share with the class on your child's birthday.
- **Policy Reminder: Attendance & Tardiness** – Please review the attendance policy sent home in the first day packet. It is critical that students not miss school. Tardiness and absences can have a profound impact on a child's academic progress. Please be sure your child arrives at school on-time each day (8:55 AM). And, according to district policy, family vacations or trips during regular school days are not excused.
- **Save the Date: Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Conferences will be held on the evening of Nov. 17 and during the day on Nov. 21-23. Please do not schedule vacations during this time as it is the one set-aside time that we have to facilitate formal home-school communication about each child's academic progress.

- **MSP Scores for 4th and 5th Graders Go Home Today** – 4th and 5th grade families, please check your child's backpack for your child's MSP (state test) scores. The MSP is given to students in grades 3-5. For school-wide MSP scores and data trends, please visit www.k12.wa.us and click on State Report Card on the right hand side. A Title I sponsored, school-wide data meeting for families will be scheduled soon.
- **Welcome Balgüe Primaria Teachers!** Señorita Irma and Señorita Aracelly, two teachers from our sister school in Balgüe, Nicaragua, are visiting Seattle this coming week! We will be hosting a welcome assembly for them on Monday, September 26th at 9:15AM as well as an all-school gathering on Saturday, October 1st. Both teachers will also be at our PTA meeting on 9/27 to meet families. To learn about our sister school partnership with Balgüe Primaria, visit <http://baluebeaconhill.wordpress.com>.
- **PTA Meeting & Potluck** – You are all invited to our first annual PTA meeting and potluck on September 27th from 6:15 – 8:30. At this meeting, you get to choose from a number of sessions which will be led by PTA leaders and staff members. Come to learn more about our school, our programs and events, and ways in which you can get involved! Translation and childcare are provided. And don't forget to bring a dish to share for the potluck.
- **Picture Day Reminder** – Picture day is on September 30th. Picture day packets have already gone home and should be returned on September 30th or before.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
9/23	Last day to order Beacon Hill T-shirts and sweatshirts				
9/27	PTA Welcome Meeting & Potluck (childcare provided) in Multipurpose Room (MPR) from 6:15 – 8:30				
9/28	2 Hour Early Dismissal (School gets out at 1:00 pm)				
9/30	Picture Day! Free Dress Day (students do not have to wear uniforms on this day)				

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