



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

Monday, January 23, 2011

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

Happy Lunar New Year! Today is the first day of the year of the Dragon! According to information from the Wing Luke Museum (wingluke.org), the Chinese and Vietnamese zodiacs are represented by 12 animals, including: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit (or cat in Vietnam), dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. Dragon years are: 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, and 2012. Famous dragons: Al Pacino, Orlando Bloom, Reese Witherspoon, John Lennon and Bruce Lee. Characteristics of people born in the Year of the Dragon: brave, honest, passionate, enthusiastic, and hot-headed. Happy Year of the Dragon! (The picture to the right is from Wing Luke Museum's coloring contest. You can download the coloring contest paper on their website or pick up a copy in the BHIS main office. Entries are due March 31st.)



Reminder: School Ends at 12:00 NOON This Tuesday

There will still be a **three-hour early dismissal this Tuesday, Jan. 24** for a scheduled furlough day for teachers and staff represented by the Seattle Education Association (SEA). Students must take the bus home or be picked up by 12:00 on this day. The school building will be closing soon after.

Snow make-up day on Friday, Jan. 27

Seattle Public Schools will hold classes THIS Friday, Jan. 27 as a snow make-up day.

No school was originally scheduled for this Friday, but instead will be used as a make-up day for one of the three snow days this past week, as outlined in the negotiated 2011-12 school calendar. A determination on making up the additional snow days, most likely at the end of the school year, will be decided later this week.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements Avisos 公告 Paunawa Thông báo Ogagsiis

- **Save the Date: Mandarin Immersion & Spanish Immersion Parent Meetings** – As we prepare to grow our immersion programs to 4th grade this coming year, the PTA and I are sponsoring meetings for parents of students in the Spanish and Mandarin Immersion programs in order for parents to get together to share experiences, give feedback to the staff, and learn more about the program and how we're planning to grow it into 4th and 5th grades and into middle school. The Mandarin Immersion Parent Night is scheduled for February 8th from 6:30 – 8:00. The Spanish Immersion Parent Night is scheduled for February 15th from 6:30 – 8:00. Both meetings will be held in the library.

Childcare will be provided thanks to our PTA.

- **Please Update Your Emergency Contacts** – Our early dismissal on Tuesday brought to our attention that some families do not have phone numbers that we can reach them at in the event of an emergency. For your child’s safety, **PLEASE** make sure that we have a way to reach you. You may want to consider including a neighbor or a friend who has children here who we can contact and who can pick up your child if you can’t be here.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
January 24	** 3 Hour Early Dismissal – Teacher furlough afternoon. School dismisses at 12:00 Noon. Students will have lunch prior to going home.				
January 27	There is School on This Day as a Snow Day Make-Up Free Dress Day				
January 31	6:00 – 8:00 Latino Family Meeting				
February 1	2 Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 1:00				
February 8	6:30 – 8:00 Mandarin Immersion Parent Meeting				
February 14	6:00 – 8:30 PTSA Board Meeting				
February 15	6:30 – 8:00 Spanish Immersion Parent Meeting				
February 16	1:00 – 2:00 Global Reading Challenge (Library) 6:30 – 8:00 Prospective Family Information Night (MPR)				
February 17	Free Dress Day				
February 20	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day				
February 21 – 24	NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Vacation				
February 27 – March 6	Open Enrollment for elementary, middle and high school				
February 28	9:15 – 10:45 School Tour for Prospective Parents				
March 1	9:15 – 10:45 School Tour for Prospective Parents				

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Tagalog – Ms. B @ 252-2682	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Chilo @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Taylor @ 252-2681
Somali – Mr. Abdi @ 252-2682	<i>Việt</i> – Ms. Le @ 252-2682	<i>Español</i> – Srta. Lorena @ 252-2681
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