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From the Principal
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Carta del Director

June 15, 2012

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

As we near the end of the 2011-2012 school year and are celebrating the great accomplishments of our students, I am excited and proud to also announce that BHIS is one of only four elementary schools to receive a **City of Seattle Families and Education Levy grant!** This grant is for \$300,000 for this coming school year to raise the achievement of BHIS' most struggling students. In applying for the grant, our school did an in-depth data analysis of the students and groups of students at BHIS who were not meeting grade-level expectations based on state and district tests. From there, we established academic goals for those students for next year as well as academic interventions that we would put into place with the additional funds. If we can achieve our academic targets that we set for this coming year, the grant will be renewed for the following year with another \$300,000 up to a total of 7 years (\$2.1 million) if we continue to meet our academic targets each year! This is the same levy grant that Mercer Middle School received seven years ago, which played a big role in their astounding academic improvements over the past seven years.

These funds provided by the latest, voter-approved Families and Education Levy will transform the lives of students at Beacon Hill International School. I am so proud of the staff here for all the hard work they are doing with your children. I am so proud of all of you, the families and community, for how supportive you all are of your children and of our school. And, most of all, I am proud of the students and their hard work and focus each and every day. It's the collective effort of all of us that will ensure an education worthy of global citizenship for each student at BHIS.

We have much to celebrate as we close out the 2011-2012 school year. Here's to a wonderful, joy-filled final week of school!

Sincerely,

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

Announcements *Avisos* 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** *Ogaysiis*

- **Building Leadership Team Parent Representative Needed** – The decision making structure at BHIS includes a building leadership team that is comprised of the principal, staff members, and two parent representatives. Representatives serve for 2-year terms. Meetings are on Wednesday mornings from 7:50 – 8:50 two times each month. We make decisions about budget, staffing, and other aspects of our program. David Gackenbach is finishing up his second year this year, thus we are looking for a replacement for him. If you are interested in applying, please send an e-mail to Mr. Aramaki at kearamaki@seattleschools.org.
- **Staffing at BHIS for 2012-2013** – There are a number of changes in staffing for the upcoming school year. Ms. Landretti will be going on maternity leave next year (congratulations to Ms. Landretti!). Ms. Foster and Ms. Kim are coming back from leave next year. Mr. Pickard and Ms. Sue are both increasing to full-time. And although we don't

yet have a position for her, we are working to find a way to keep Ms. Duncan at BHIS! Given that things may (and probably will) change over the summer, the following is the most up-to-date teaching assignments for the 2012-2013 school year:

Kindergarten – Sheila Matsuda Chan, Nina Tomita Kato, Kathy Ritzer (Spanish), and Ying Ying Wu (Mandarin)

1st Grade – Kelly Toland, Nisha Daniel (moving from 2/3), Marianne Bratsanos (moving from 2/3), Kathy Ritzer (Spanish), and Ying Ying Wu (Mandarin)

2nd/ 3rd Grade –April Kim (returning from maternity leave to teach literacy and social studies), Beth Alexakos, Rachel Harvey Sanchez (moving from 4th grade to teach literacy and social studies), Guiomar Grau Rodriguez (coming from John Stanford International School to teach 2/3 Spanish Immersion replacing Srta. Hayes who will move to 4th grade), Sue Fluegel (math support for 3rd grade), and Stephanie Chen (Mandarin)

4th Grade – Andy Pickard (full time literacy and social studies teacher), Shannon Foster (half-time literacy and social studies teacher), Sue Fluegel (half-time math and science teacher), Vivian Li (new Mandarin Immersion teacher), Trish Hayes (moving from 2/3 Spanish Immersion class to grow program into 4/5th grades)

5th Grade – Kyle Okada, Heather Graves Chavez, and Tricia Lewicki

- **Class Placements** – Mr. Aramaki will be working over the summer to finalize classroom placements. Final classroom and teacher assignments will be posted on the front door of the school by 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 30th. You are welcome to come by the school anytime after that date to see your child's assignment.
- **School Supply Lists for 2012-2013** – School supply lists for next year are posted on our website www.beaconhillinternationalschool.org. Click on *About Beacon Hill* and then *School Supplies List*.
- **NO CHANGES to next year's start and end times** – Next year, school start and end times will again be as follows:
 - 8:35 School Playground Open with Supervision
 - 8:55 School Starts
 - 3:00 School is Dismissed

Students should not come to school before 8:35. Breakfast service begins at 8:35.

- **School Office Closed from July 2 through August 13.**
- **Report Cards & Library Books** – Report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school. All library books must be returned (or paid for or replaced if lost) in order to receive the final report card. If you have questions about lost library books, please see Ms. Thompson, our librarian.
- **Back to School Uniform Swap, Tuesday, September 4, day before the first day of school!** For every 5 uniform pieces that you donate to the swap, you'll be able to pick out 3 items that are "new to you"! Look for more info coming this summer, but don't give those out-grown uniform clothes away just yet!
- **Latino Family Meeting, End of Year Celebration!** Tuesday, June 19, 6-8pm, MPR. Bring a dish to share at the potluck. Child care provided! Special presentation by Mercer Middle School! Please come and celebrate the great work this year and the exciting plans we have ahead of us for next year!
- **Technology @ BHIS: Parent Leaders Needed** - Including the start of the robotics club this year, BHIS is working hard to ramp up its technology offerings to students through in-class technology and after-school technology. Parents who have skills or interests in seeing more technology at BHIS are needed to help in moving this work forward. If you are interested, please contact David Gackenbach at dgackenbach@seattleschools.org.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
6/19	6:00 – 8:00 Latino Family meeting (MPR)				
6/21	6:30 – 7:30 5th Grade Graduation				
6/22	Last Day of School! Free Dress Day 10:30 – 11:30 Awards Assembly for 3rd – 5th Grades 1:30 – 2:00 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 – School Dismisses 1 HOUR EARLY				
6/29	Last Day School Office is Open				
8/14	School Office Reopens				
8/30	8:00 – 9:00 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for Parents				
9/5	First Day of School!				

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Tagasalin ng Wika	Đôi với dịch Hồ trợ	Caawin Tarjumaan
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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