



Thư của Hiệu trưởng . 校长的信
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From the Principal
Liham mula sa Principal
Carta del Director

October 28, 2011

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

Can you believe that November is just around the corner? These first two months of school have flown by. Looking ahead, you'll notice on the calendar below that students have many days off over the next two months due to parent-teacher conferences, Thanksgiving and winter break. Despite all these days with no school, the next two months are critical for supporting children academically. **Parent-teacher conferences** are a very important time for you to connect with your child's teacher about your child's progress in school. In an upcoming newsletter, I will share tips on how to have a productive conference. Please plan to attend your child's conference. *This year, K-3 families will have conferences with their child's **morning teacher** only. The morning teachers will share how your child is doing both in the morning and afternoon class.*

Also, while vacations/breaks are natural times for your children to enjoy extended family and friend time, it's also critical that they keep up with their reading and studies. The Beacon Hill Read-A-Thon is coming up on November 4th (see announcement below) and is a great kick-off to setting strong reading habits, stamina and goals for the winter months. Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home during breaks. Research shows that the more time a child spends reading, the stronger a reader they will become. More time = more skill. It's that simple!

I hope you all are doing well. If your family or your child is ever in need of support, please be sure to contact me, Mr. Markos (our counselor) or Ms. Long (our family support worker). We are here to support you.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements Avisos 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogagsiis

- **No Halloween Costumes on Monday** – Beacon Hill has a “No Halloween Costume” policy. On Monday, please be sure that your child wears his/her uniform. It'll be a typical learning day for all students.
- **The Read-A-Thon is Coming!** The Read-A-Thon is one of PTA's main fundraisers where students get to read and hear stories all day long and collect donations from friends and family for their reading. Be sure to collect your donations for Read-A-Thon, which is happening at school on November 4th. Students and staff may wear pajamas to school on that day as well as family volunteers! If pajamas aren't worn, students wear their uniforms.
- **Resources are Coming to Beacon Hill!** As many of you have heard in my presentations after curriculum night, because our enrollment is over 451, we will be receiving additional resources for our students. First, we will be getting another half-time teacher to support our students with reading and math. Second, we are receiving additional time with our school nurse. And finally, we will be getting a Head Teacher. We had the choice between a Head Teacher and an Assistant Principal, but opted for a Head

Teacher – someone who can support the principal with administrative duties as well as support teachers in the classroom. By electing to have a Head Teacher, we open opportunities to have someone who already knows Beacon Hill potentially step into this leadership position. If you've had the interview training and would like to participate on the interview team, please e-mail Mr. Aramaki at kearamaki@seattleschools.org.

- **BHIS Book Fair Coming!** Ms. Thompson, our librarian, is hosting a BHIS book fair from November 17th – 23rd. On November 17th and 18th, the book fair is open before and after school (8:25 – 8:55 and 3:00 – 4:00). On November 21st – 23rd (conference week), the book fair is open from 9:00 – 3:00. Ms. Thompson needs volunteers! Please e-mail her at mathompson@seattleschools.org if you're able to help out.
- **Beacon Hill Flower Fairy** – Did you know that we have a flower fairy at Beacon Hill? Someone is coming in each week and putting fresh flowers on the windowsills in the E wing. Whoever you are, thank you so much for brightening our days!

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
11/4	Read-a-Thon (an information packet went home last week)				
11/10	Picture Retake Day (Free dress day for students retaking pictures)				
11/11	No School – Veteran's Day				
11/17, 21-23	Parent Teacher Conferences				
11/21 – 23	No School – Parent Teacher Conferences				
11/16 – 23	Book Fair in the Library! Book fair open to families before and after school and all day during conference week.				
11/23	1 Hour Early Dismissal (School dismisses at 2:00)				
11/24-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break				
12/7	6:00 – 8:00 PM Kindergarten Curriculum Night + Presentation by Principal				
12/16	1 Hour Early Dismissal (School dismisses at 2:00)				
12/19 – 1/2	No School – Winter Break				

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