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Host a Visiting Spanish Teacher Next Year!

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

We have good news for our immersion programs. To reduce the student-teacher ratio and provide more language and culture support in our immersion classes, we are going to be hosting guest teachers from Spain and China. More details about the Chinese visiting teacher will be coming out soon, but the following is information about our Spanish visiting teacher and an opportunity you and your family have to host the visiting teacher next year.

We found a program, **Amity Institute**, which brings Spanish teachers from Spanish speaker countries to spend a full year working in the immersion classrooms. Other Seattle International Schools are applying for this program and applied in the past and they had an amazing experience.

This is where you come in:

Our Spanish intern will need families to host her during her one-year stay. If you'd like to be a host family (or would like more information), please contact Guiomar Grau Rodriguez (2/3 Spanish Immersion teacher) at ggrodriguez@seattleschools.org or by calling 252.2700.

Host families get to have a unique cultural experience to share with their kids!

Some details/facts:

- Intern arrives in late August/early September and stay through the end of the school year.
- Host families do not need to host for the entire school year—intern can stay with a family for 3 months and then move to another BHIS host home.
- Host families provide free room and board and breakfast/dinner.

Thanks for considering offering one of these young people a place in your home; this can be a great experience for your child and family to practice language and to learn about another culture.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements Avisos 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogaysiis

- **School Start Time and End Time is Changing Next Year!** Next year, school will be starting at 8:40 (instead of 8:55) and ending at 2:50 (instead of 3:00). Please note this as you make work arrangements.
- **Save the Date: BHIS International Arts Celebration and Art Walk!**
 - When: June 6th
 - Time: 5:30 – 7:40
 - What to bring: Cultural food to share for potluck (families with multiple students should plan to bring food for the oldest child's pod)
 - 5:30 All-School Celebration & PTA Meeting in MPR**
 - 6:00 – 7:40 Potluck & Activities**
 - Potluck in pods – activities will follow

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- Families can see student artwork
 - Families can participate in cultural games and activities throughout the school
 - Special presentations will run for three 20 minute sessions
- **Looking for Summer School or Summer Camp Opportunities for Your Child?**
Please attend the [Family Symposium: Building Bridges for Summer Learning](#) on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00-2:30PM at Garfield High School located at 400 23rd Street Seattle WA 98122. The main objective of this Symposium is to support families in helping their children avoid summer learning loss. At this important event, we will be providing workshops for families on Literacy, Math, Early Learning, Brain Development, Special Education, Advanced Learning and much more. *There will also be a resource fair for summer programs offered for free by community based organizations to support our students.* Interpretation services, supervised children activities, and lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Bernardo Ruiz at 206-252-0693 or email him at bjruiz@seattleschools.org.
 - **FREE Summer Pre-School Opportunity @ Denise Louie** – For all interested families with children entering kindergarten this fall, especially for children who did not attend pre-school this year, Denise Louie Education Center is offering **FREE** summer pre-school to help kids prepare for kindergarten! The dates for the summer preschool program are June 17 – August 15. If you are interested, please call Denise Louie at 206.725.9740 or pick up an application in our main office.
 - **FREE Summer Meals and Snacks for Kids** - Seattle Public Schools' Summer Meals Program feeds kids and teens 18 years and under. Sites are located at schools, parks, and community centers including Beacon Hill Park, Jefferson Park and El Centro de la Raza. Locations, serving days, and times of a site nearest you can be found by accessing these resources:
 - Visit www.seattle.gov/summerfood
 - Call the Family Food Hotline at 1-888-4-FOOD-WA.
 - Visit the Parent Help website at www.ParentHelp123.org.
 - Text, FoodWA, to 877-877. Users will receive a return text with information on summer food sites based on their zip code.
 - **Team Read is hosting a Big Top Book Night!** This will be a fun, family reading event intended to encourage summer reading and engage children and their families in fun reading activities and games that they can do at home. Admission is free

Date:	Tuesday, June 11th
Time:	6:00 to 8:00pm
Location:	Rainier Community Center 4600 38th Avenue S. Seattle, WA 98118

This circus themed event features:

- Clowns, jugglers, and other entertainment
- Free “circus food”—pizza, popcorn, cotton candy
- Reading and vocabulary games and activity stations
- Free books
- Free family reading guides
- Raffle for prizes every 15 minutes
- Literacy specialists providing information to families
- Representatives from Seattle Public Library signing students and families up for library cards
- Other community organizations providing information and activities

- SPS families invited to participate in school climate surveys starting May 21** - In an effort to ensure that Seattle Public Schools is doing all it can to support students' academic success, the district is inviting SPS students and their families to complete a climate survey regarding the learning environment at their school. Each spring, SPS conducts a climate survey of families, students and staff at all elementary, middle and high schools, asking questions regarding student engagement, academic rigor, discipline and safety, and family involvement. Results are reported through our annual school reports, found here: http://bit.ly/school_reports. The family survey will be administered starting May 21 via the district's automated SchoolMessenger system. This allows families to provide feedback by touch-tone phone response, or – if there is no response by phone – through a unique link to an online web survey sent by email. The family survey will be offered in eight languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Somali, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Amharic and Tigrigna. Phone calls will occur between 7 and 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:
 - May 21, May 28, and June 4: Elementary School families with children in grades K-5, including K-8 schools
 - May 22, May 29, and June 5: Middle School families with children in grades 6-8, including K-8 schools
 - May 23, May 30 and June 6: High School families with children in grades 9-12
 It's important to note that some families may receive more than one phone call. For example, if a family has one child in high school and another child in middle school, they will receive two separate calls. Families who don't respond by phone will receive a follow-up email with a link to an online survey. A third and final round of phone calls/emails will be made June 4-6. The email survey will close on June 14. If you have questions about the family surveys, please contact research@seattleschools.org.
- Parking Concerns** - Residents from the condo building across Hill Street came to talk with the school this week. PLEASE do not park in the condo lot even if you are just waiting to pick up your child. That area is private property and the residents will call parking enforcement to ticket cars. We are very aware of the congestion around the school. Thank you for being as safe as possible.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
May 24 & 27	No School – Memorial Day Weekend				
May 31	Walk-A-Thon				
June 6	International Celebration & Art Walk				
June 7	Field Day				
June 10, 11 & 12	5 th Grade Camp				
June 13	5 th Grade Graduation				
June 14	Kindergarten Moving On Ceremony				
June 14	Last Day of School – 1-hour early dismissal				

<i>For Translation Support</i>	<i>Para Apoyo en Traducción</i>	對於翻譯支持
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<i>Español</i> – Srta. Lorena @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Chilo @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Taylor @ 252-2681
Tagalog – Ms. B @ 252-2682	Việt – Ms. Le @ 252-2682	
廣東話/台山話/普通話 – Ms. Wong @ 252-2670	普通話/粵語/台灣話 – Ms. Lee @ 252-2670	