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校长的信  
*From the Principal*  
Liham mula sa Principal  
*Carta del Director*

September 7, 2012

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

Welcome to the 2012 – 2013 School Year! We have had an extraordinary start to the year so far. The students all look so refreshed, excited and ready to learn. And the staff is back with an incredible, positive energy – ready to provide your children with a successful and joy-filled year. I am personally thrilled to be starting a new year with all of you. It is a privilege to be the principal of this amazing school community.

### A WINDFALL @ BHIS

New this school year, we have unbelievable resources coming to BHIS. We are one of 4 Seattle Schools who received the **Families in Education Levy (FEL) Grant for \$300,000** to support our most struggling students. This grant is renewable for 7 years in a row for a total of \$2.1 million. These funds will be used for a number of interventions, including after-school tutoring by BHIS teachers, stronger partnerships with CDSA, Powerful Schools and El Centro de la Raza, and a full-time math/ intervention specialist to increase math and reading achievement at BHIS. We are also partnering with **Odessa Brown, a Children's Hospital Clinic in the International District**, who is going to provide us with a Nurse Practitioner three mornings a week, a mental health specialist, community case-worker, free dental screenings for all students and much more.

### Opportunities to Learn More

**September 25th is our first PTA meeting** which is your first opportunity to learn more about all of the services and supports coming to BHIS this year. We will also be holding **curriculum nights for all grade levels in October** which will include a presentation by myself and Sue Fluegel, our intervention specialist and coordinator of our FEL grant. Ms. Sue will be sharing the resources coming from the FEL grant. I will be talking about the encouraging progress we have made in state standardized test scores from this past year, the work we've been doing in instruction, academics and facilities improvements, as well as talk about where we're heading next as a school. Specific dates and times will be out in an upcoming principal newsletter.

We have so much going on here at BHIS! Stay informed by reading these weekly newsletters, reading the newsletters from classroom teachers, checking our website at [www.beaconhillinternationalschool.org](http://www.beaconhillinternationalschool.org), and reading the e-mail updates from Nancy Fujimoto, our volunteer coordinator. I will also continue to do weekly phone messages on Fridays with the most important announcements, and our amazing bilingual instructional assistants will repeat the same message in our main languages (Tagalog, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Spanish). If you don't get our e-mails or voice messages, please make sure you update your contact information with Ms. Diana in the front office.

Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Sincerely,

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

*Announcements* Avisos 公告 Paunawa Thông báo Ogasysiis

- **Morning Drop-Off Routine** – All students, K-5, should be dropped off on the *main playground* in the mornings from 8:35 – 8:55. Playground supervisors will be on duty from 8:35 and not before. For safety, please do not drop your children off prior to 8:35.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up Routine** – For families who pick up students at school at the end of the day, 1st – 5th grade students will be brought outside, in front of the main entrance of the school by their teachers (unless you’re told otherwise by your classroom teacher). Parents should wait *outside, in front* of the main entrance of the school. Kindergarten parents who pick up their children should wait *inside the main office* until 3:00 and then pick up their children in the classroom.
- **Kinder/1st Grade Back-to-School Potluck Dinner & Playdate This Tuesday, Sept. 11th!** From 5:30 – 7:30PM on the upper playfield and playground, bring a dish to share and blanket to sit on! Celebrate the new school year with new and old friends! Questions? Want to help? Contact Kate Poux @ kgpoux@seattleschools.org.
- **PTA Meeting & Potluck on September 25th** – Please come to our first PTA meeting and potluck of the year! Mr. Aramaki will be sharing about exciting new partnerships with the city, Odessa Brown, El Centro, and more! You will also get to meet the PTA, find out how to get involved, and meet other BHIS staff! More info to come soon.
- **Welcome New Staff!** Please help me in welcoming new staff to BHIS. *April Kim* (2/3 English Teacher) and *Shannon Foster* (4th Grade English Teacher) are both returning from maternity leave. I’m sure they’d be happy to share photos with you! *Maria Rico*, after school coordinator at El Centro, will be here every Friday to provide additional student and family support for some of our Latino families. *Guiomar Grau Rodriguez*, “Señorita Guiomar”, joins us from John Stanford Int’l School and is our new 2/3 Spanish Immersion Teacher. And, *Dedy Fautleroy* is joining us as my principal intern. Ms. Fautleroy, an instructional coach for the district in the English Language Learning Department, will be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays working with me, the staff and students.

*Calendar* Calendario 日历 Kalendaryo Lich Taarikhda

Sept. 11	5:30 – 7:30 PM Kindergarten/ First Grade Family Potluck and Playdate on upper field and playground (see announcement above)
Sept. 25	6:00 – 8:00 PTA Meeting
Sept. 26 & 27	School Pictures! (Look for flyer to come home soon)
Sept. 26	<b>2-Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 1:00PM</b>

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