



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

September 14, 2012

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

Important Date Change: Our first PTA Meeting has been rescheduled for THURSDAY, SEPT. 27th. Please note the date change. We hope to see all of our families there!

I encourage all BHIS families to attend our **first PTA Potluck and Meeting on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 – 8:00**. Bring a dish to share, and come and enjoy the local and global dishes that families bring. Here are some things that are on the agenda for our meeting:

- Potluck (starting at 6:00)
- PTA & Principal Welcome to the New School Year (starting at 6:30)
- Families in Education Levy Update & Welcome by Odessa Brown – You will get to hear from **Odessa Brown**, a Children's Hospital clinic in the International District, about our exciting new partnership this year funded by the Families in Education levy.
- Time to Meet BHIS Staff and Partners – From 7:00 – 8:00, you will have a chance to walk around to different tables to meet and learn more about BHIS programs and partners, including: **Physical Education** with Mr. Campbell, **Visual Arts** with Ms. Logel, **Library and Literacy** with Ms. Thompson, **General School Information** with Ms. Finch, the **Families in Education Levy** with Ms. Sue, Getting Involved with the **PTA**, Beacon Hill-Balgüe **Sister School**, **CDSA**, **Powerful Schools**, **Odessa Brown**, and more!

I hope to see you all there! **Childcare** will be provided by our CDSA partners.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements Avisos 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogaysiis

- **Kindergarten & 5th Grade Class Arrangement Changes** – Due to extremely high enrollment at kindergarten and unexpectedly low enrollment at fifth grade, we will be shrinking our fifth grade from three classes to two classes. Starting Monday, Mr. Okada will be moving to kindergarten to help lower the student-to-teacher ratio. Despite adding another kindergarten teacher, we will still unfortunately not be able to move our kindergarten waitlist. Our building capacity won't be able to accommodate the additional students in the long term; we need to be able to shrink the kindergarten group back into 3 classrooms by 1st or 2nd grade (at the latest). Please e-mail me if you have questions.
- **Advanced Learning Program (aka Gifted Program)** – If you're interested in having your child tested for Seattle's gifted programs, Advanced Learning Program information packets and nomination forms for K-5 students are available in the school office **now** or on the district website at www.seattleschools.org/advlearning. Parent permission forms are due October 4th. Parents should give teachers the teacher input forms no later than Sept.

28th so that teachers have time to fill them out. You can submit completed forms to the school office.

- **Upcoming Curriculum Nights** – In October, the classroom teachers and principal will be hosting curriculum nights for all grade levels. I encourage every family to attend to learn what your children will be learning this school year. Interpreters (Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese) will be available for families who don't speak English. The dates for curriculum night are listed in the calendar below. We look forward to seeing you all there!

| <i>Calendar</i> | <i>Calendario</i> | 日历 | Kalendaryo | Lich Taarikhda |
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| Sept. 17 | Community Meeting with New Superintendent, Jose Banda 6:00 – 7:30 PM @ Mercer Middle School | | | |
| Sept. 26 | 2-Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 1:00PM | | | |
| Sept. 27 (new date!) | 6:00 – 8:00 PTA Meeting (see announcement above) | | | |
| Oct. 4 | Advanced Learning Nomination Forms are due to BHIS main office (see announcement above) | | | |
| Oct. 9 | 6:00 – 8:00 K/I Curriculum Night | | | |
| Oct. 10 | 6:00 – 8:00 2/3 Curriculum Night | | | |
| Oct. 12 | NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Learning Day | | | |
| Oct. 16 | 6:00 – 8:00 4/5 Curriculum Night | | | |
| Oct. 31 | 2 Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 1:00 PM | | | |
| Nov. 6 | Election Day – Please vote! | | | |
| Nov. 12 | NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day | | | |
| Nov. 19-21 | NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences – Please do not Schedule vacations during this time | | | |
| Nov. 22-23 | NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday | | | |

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| Tagasalin ng Wika | Đôi với dịch Hõ 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 | Việt – Ms. Le @ 252-2682 | <i>Español</i> – Srta. Lorena @ 252-2681 |
| 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 |