



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

January 11, 2013

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

I am very saddened to report that Lisa Williams, our administrative secretary, passed away from cancer over winter vacation. She has been a longtime, treasured member of the BHIS family.

Ms. Williams will be greatly missed. She was such a kind and compassionate advocate of students and was dedicated to the staff, students and families. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Ms. William's family. This is a shock to all of us and we know this may be very difficult news for our students. We realize that this may be your child's first experience with death or it may trigger feelings about other deaths your child may have experienced. In addition to the classroom teachers and support staff, Mr. Markos, our counselor, Ms. Finch and I will be available to talk with students if needed. If your child is struggling with this, please call us and let us know. We're here to help.

Parents and guardians have important roles in helping students understand about death. We encourage children to talk with their families about their ideas, thoughts and beliefs about death. We believe it is important to understand and respect each child's experience.

We don't yet have any information about a memorial service, but I will let you know as soon as I do. In addition, we are working on how we as a school community can celebrate the life and service of Ms. Williams. In the meantime, if your child would like to write a card or draw a picture for Ms. Williams' family, they may do so and bring it to the office. We will deliver any cards to her family.

As hard as this news is for all of us, it's in times like this that we remember the important things in life: family, friendship, kindness, caring, and love. We thank Ms. Williams for modeling all of those things for us.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements *Avisos* 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogagsiis

- **MAP Testing Starting** – K-5 students at BHIS are starting MAP testing this week. This is a district-wide, computer-based test that helps us determine how well students are progressing in reading and math. Please be extra diligent in ensuring that your child is getting plenty of rest over the next few weeks and that they are eating a healthy breakfast!
- **BHIS MLK Jr. Student Performance & Dessert Potluck Coming Soon!** Our annual MLK Jr. performance is on January 22nd. The school assembly is at 1:30 and the evening performance will gather at 6:15. All families are invited! Please eat dinner with your family *before* you come to school, and then bring a favorite dessert to share!
- **POWERFUL SCHOOLS Winter 2013 After-School Classes Begin January 22, 2013**
The catalog and registration form went home Monday, January 7, 2013. Powerful Schools is

now offering classes four days a week, Mondays through Thursdays. The winter session starts Tuesday, January 22 and ends March 21, 2013.

- **BHIS Community Volunteer Opportunity** – On January 21st, BHIS will be volunteering at Lewis Park from 10-noon. It is a family event so encourage students to come with their families. Lewis Park is near the bridge to the International District.
- **Author Visit to Seattle Central Library** – Please see attached flyer regarding an exciting author visit to the Seattle Central Library on Jan. 16th.
- **Mercer Middle School Film Showing** – Please see attached flyer regarding a Mercer Middle School event showcasing a documentary about getting your children into college!
- **In Case It Snows . . .**

When we are expecting snow or inclement weather, a Central Office team continually monitors conditions across the District. That includes having staff drive some of the streets that are typically more treacherous in snow and ice. After consulting with other agencies, we decide whether to delay school by two hours or if a closure is necessary. That decision is typically made by 5:30 a.m.

You can learn if there is a school delay or closure through:

- ✓ local TV and radio stations
- ✓ the District website at www.seattleschools.org
- ✓ an automated phone call you will receive
- ✓ via Twitter @seapubschools
- ✓ the Public Schools Emergency Communications System at www.SchoolReport.org

Staff and families will receive one of the following four messages:

1. Seattle Public Schools: **Schools open on time** – buses operating on **snow routes**. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start.
2. Seattle Public Schools: **Two hours late** – buses operating on **snow routes**. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start.
3. Seattle Public Schools: **Two hours late** – buses operating on **regular routes**. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start.
4. Seattle Public Schools: **Schools closed.**

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY				
Jan. 22	MLK, Jr. Celebration – Dessert Night & Performance				
Feb. 1	NO SCHOOL – Day between Semesters				
Feb. 5	6:30 – 8:00 Spanish Immersion Family Meeting				
Feb. 6	2-Hour Early Dismissal				
Feb. 12	6:30 – 8:00 Mandarin Immersion Family Meeting				
Feb. 14	3-Hour Early Dismissal – ½ Day Teacher Furlough				
Feb. 15-Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break				

<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	