



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

December 21, 2012

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

On behalf of the Beacon Hill International School staff, I want to wish you, your beautiful children, and your family a wonderful winter holiday. We are so honored that you entrust your children to us – a responsibility we take very seriously. It is a pleasure to serve and support you each and every day.

In the wake of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut a week ago today, I am joining thousands of people across our country to committing to perform **26 Acts of Kindness** this holiday season. It's a small but tangible way for us to take action to make the world a better place – honoring the legacy of the children and educators in Newtown, CT. If you too are looking for a way to “do something”, to be empowered in a world where we sometimes feel powerless, I encourage you to consider joining me in committing to 26 acts of kindness toward our neighbors, friends, and to those in need this holiday season.

Have a wonderful Winter Break, and Happy New Year. See you all on January 7th!

Sincerely,

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

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

• **Inclement Weather for School Delays & Closures:**

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.**
- **Powerful Schools Winter 2013 After-School Classes Begin January 22, 2013**
The catalog and registration form will go 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.
 - **Emergency Procedures: Shelter-in-Place & Lockdown – Shelter-in-place** is the process of keeping students and staff safe from dangers within the community. Schools would “shelter-in-place” in events such as a hazardous material incident, radiation incident, snowstorm, vague threats, or violence in the community not direct at the school. Learning continues to happen in the classrooms. A **lockdown** is the process of protecting students and staff from external and internal dangers. A lockdown is used when there is an immediate threat of violence in, or immediately around, the school. Learning stops and students wait away from windows or doors. **At BHIS**, we practice an emergency drill every month. Those drills include fire drills, earthquake drills, shelter-in-place, lockdown, and reverse evacuation (coming into the building from outside when there is a threat outside). If you have any questions about safety procedures at BHIS, please contact our head teacher, Helen Finch, at hafinch@seattleschools.org.
 - **Thank You John Stanford International School & GE!** We are so fortunate to have compassionate and generous partners in the PTA at JSIS and at GE. Between the two of them, they donated enough presents and gift cards to serve well over 80 BHIS families (students, siblings, parents)! Thank you also to BHIS families and staff for your donations of food, gift cards and gifts to our families this year.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK				
Jan. 7	First Day Back from Winter Break				
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY				
Jan. 22	Save the Date! MLK, Jr. Celebration – Potluck and PTA Event				
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
Tagasalin ng Wika	Đôi vớì dĩach Hõ trợ	Caawin Tarjumaan
<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	