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From the Principal  
Liham mula sa Principal  
Carta del Director

**Beacon Hill International School is Title I School Recipient**

September 20, 2013

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

I hope to see you all **THIS Wednesday, September 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., for our first PTA Family Potluck and Information Fair of the year!** Bring a dish to share, come and enjoy the delicious potluck tradition of BHIS families' local and global dishes with new and old friends. Here's what's happening that evening:

- Potluck (starting at 6:00)
- PTA & Principal Welcome (starting at 6:30)
- 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 Ms. Chavez, **Visual Arts** with Ms. Logel, **Library and Literacy** with Ms. Thompson and Ms. Finch, **General School Information & Title I School Information** with Ms. Tang and Ms. Nishioka, the **Families in Education Levy** and **Math** with Ms. Fluegel, **Volunteer Programs** with Ms. Fujimoto, Getting Involved with the **PTA, CDSA, Powerful Schools, Odessa Brown**, and more!

I hope to see you all there! Free **Childcare** will be provided by our CDSA partners, and language interpretation is also provided.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Tang*

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*Special Announcements from SPS District Office:*

**Annual Asbestos Notification 2013-2014**

In accordance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the Seattle Public Schools notifies parents, teachers, and other employees each year of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan and actions the District is taking to maintain asbestos containing materials in its buildings.

The District conducted an initial inspection of all school buildings for the purpose of identifying asbestos-containing building material in 1988 and a management plan detailing the findings of the inspection was developed for each building. Since then, appropriate actions have been taken to ensure that asbestos containing materials are removed, repaired, encapsulated, or enclosed as necessary.

A periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing materials is conducted every six months and a complete re-inspection of each school building is conducted every three years. The latest re-inspection was completed during the summer of 2013.

The Asbestos Management Plan includes the results of each periodic surveillance and the most recent re-inspection as well as documentation of asbestos related activities. The Asbestos Management Plan is maintained and available for review in the administrative office of each school or at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence located at 2445 3rd Ave South.

If you would like additional information regarding the District's Asbestos Program contact Troy White at 206-252-0528 or [twhite@seattleschools.org](mailto:twhite@seattleschools.org).

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## Proposed New School Boundary and Option School

Seattle Public Schools is working to establish new school boundaries. These boundaries will accommodate the growth in enrollment that we see around the district. At the same time, we review status and placement of programs to ensure there is equitable access to programs and services around the district.

Last spring, **BHIS families** received notice that, as part of this work, consideration was being made to designating our school as an "OPTION school," rather than an "Attendance Area School."

**However, after further consideration, the proposal is that we will remain an attendance area school.**

A presentation on the growth boundary work was presented for a school board work session on Tuesday, September 17. Further information about draft changes is posted on the district [Growth Boundary website](#).

You are invited to comment on the draft proposals. Opportunities include a series of community meetings. You may attend any meeting. However, the meeting in our area is scheduled for **Monday, September 23, Mercer Middle School, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** You may also comment or ask questions by emailing [growthboundaries@seattleschools.org](mailto:growthboundaries@seattleschools.org).

- **Join the Morning Mile Club at BHIS** – The purpose of the Morning Mile program is to start each student's day with moderate to vigorous exercise. This will increase their fitness levels including: endurance, muscle function, cardio-respiratory capacity, and energy. Other benefits of regular exercise are to increase ability to focus, to enhanced self-esteem and lead to healthier eating habits. **Students will meet at the upper field at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.** Student will commit to walking or running for 20 minutes in the morning. Participants will keep track of their miles and awards will be given out for different milestones. **Parent volunteers are needed to help track participants' lap record.**
- **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](http://www.seattleschools.org/advlearning). Parent permission forms are due October 3rd. Parents should give teachers the teacher input forms no later than Sept. 27th 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 and Spanish) 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!
- **School Banking** – School Banking is on Wednesdays, beginning on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are fortunate to once again have Doris Fuentes as our School Banking Coordinator, even her son has graduated out of BHIS. School banking will be from around 8:25 a.m. outside of the Cafeteria area. If you would like to open a school banking account (which is through Washington Federal on Beacon Ave & McClellan), you can either open an account directly at the bank, or get an application from Doris. Minimum amount to open a student account is \$5.00 which Washington Federal will match. Then minimum amount for deposit at school is 25 cents. This is an easy way for students to save. No deposit slip is required to fill out as Doris will have a listing of the banking students.
- **Instruments** – our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music teacher, Mr. Holmes is looking for donated trumpets, clarinets, flutes, and violins (1/2 or 1/4 only.) We have about 45 fifth grade students who are interested in taking instrumental music and our school has only a few instruments on hand to lend. There is a need for musical instruments for students

who cannot afford to rent or purchase. If you know anyone who is willing to donate an instrument, they can be dropped off in the main office. Thank you in advance!

- **Parking Enforcement** - Please be careful about parking around the school. Many parents have been getting tickets. So if it says “no parking”, especially in the bus and loading zones, please drop off your child and don’t leave your car because the parking enforcement folks are on the prowl! Also please be careful not to go over 20 mph on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. when the lights are flashing. The motorcycle cop frequently sits at the bottom of the hill on 14<sup>th</sup> and Hill Street in the mornings to ticket people going over the speed limit in the area between the flashing light signs.
- **Checking In after 8:40 a.m.** – Please check in with the front office after 8:40 a.m. All doors will be locked after 8:40 a.m. except the front entrance door. For safety reasons, please do not pound on the back doors to ask students or other adults to open the door. We ask you to please go around to the front entrance to check in.
- **End of the Day Dismissal procedure** – If you are parents of 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, please wait outside of the building to pick up your children at the end of school day. When teachers are guiding students out through the back doors at the end of the day, please remain to wait outside and not to enter the building through those doors during that time. If you need to come in the building for any reasons, please come through the front door and check in. Thank you for your cooperation in advance!

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Sept. 23	6:30 – 8:00 p.m. SE Community Meeting on Boundary Changes at Mercer Middle School			
Sept. 25	<b>2-Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 12:50PM</b>			
Sept. 25	6:00 – 8:00 PTA Meeting & Potluck & Title I and other Information Fair			
Oct. 1 & 3	School Picture Day – Free Dress day on the day of your child’s photo day			
Oct. 7	6:00 – 8:00 2/3 Curriculum Night			
Oct. 8	6:00 – 8:00 K/1 Curriculum Night			
Oct. 10	6:00 – 8:00 4/5 Curriculum Night			
Oct. 11	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Learning Day</b>			
Oct. 28 – Nov. 29	BHIS Food Drive			
Oct. 30	<b>2 Hour Early Dismissal – School dismisses at 12:50 PM</b>			
Nov. 4 - 15	Original Art Fundraiser			
Nov. 5	Election Day – Please vote!			
Nov. 7	Picture Retake day			
Nov. 11	<b>NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day</b>			
Nov. 22	Read-a-Thon			
Nov. 25-27	<b>NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences – Please do not Schedule vacations during this time</b>			
Nov. 28-29	<b>NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday</b>			

<i>For Translation Support</i>	<i>Para Apoyo en Traducción</i>	對於翻譯支持
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Tagalog – Ms. B @ 252-2682	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Chilo @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Taylor @ 252-2681
		<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