



# Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families!

As this newsletter goes out, our hearts are with the families, students and the whole Marysville-Pilchuck High School Community. The tragedy has touched so many people and our thoughts are with each of them.

These tragedies bring with them many questions including "what would you do? First we know that schools are one of the safest places for our children to be and our BLMS staff continues to work on new programs to ensure just that. At our October general meeting, Stacy Cho discussed the schools new program that looks at how to respond to an intruder or active shooter. The training is called "Run, Hide or Fight". This program enhances the current emergency process to make our school even safer. It was a great opportunity to see what they have planned and also what our BLMS students will be learning on the subject. We know this is just the start of this new program, and it will continue to grow and keep our children safe.

We also at this time want to thank all our fabulous BLMS teachers and staff who are so devoted to our students and their success. Parents, remember to thank them when you see one of them or send a quick kudos note of Thanks. They have a very important job in growing our students and keeping them safe.

Finally, we as a PTSA will continue to work with BLMS to bring programs and resources that are geared to enhance our school and their programs. This month we are excited to be distributing our Bucks for Bulldogs grants to teachers and staff. We are honored to be able to provide so many needed items to our classrooms including reading books, aprons, fit pro balls, and many more. We were able to provide these fantastic items because of your generosity during our Pass the Hat campaign at the beginning of the year. Thank you Thank you! We would love to offer even more programs and grants. If you have not donated yet, it's not too late. PTSA is happy to receive your Pass the Hat donation any time, Thank you for any donation you can make.

Warmly,

Tina Yerges & Pam Gross  
BLMS PTSA co-presidents

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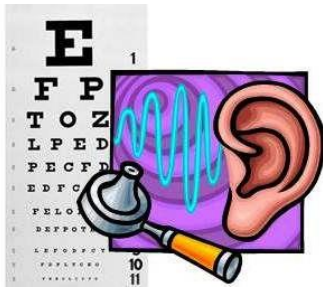
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## CHEERS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Let's give these ladies a great big round of applause for helping our school nurse Lynda Nicholson with the 7th grade Vision and Hearing Screening on September 30th.

Amrutha Kanumuri, Angela Hochman, Barb Sicuro, Birgitta Thrane, Carolyn Roberts, Gerri Tuke, Jen Strach, Katie Cohen, Kim Givens, Kimberly Simer, Lauren Koshar, Lillian Bowler, Neena Rana, Rowena Junker, Sandi Dong, Soni Petterson, Sravani Cheeti, Tina Brake, Tina Yerges, Tracy Myers, and Venisa Fritton.

Your assistance made the screening run smooth and quick!

Thank you so much!  
*Teresa Czaja and Amy Tuvey, Vision and Hearing Screening Co-Chairs*

## STAFF APPRECIATION

### GRAZIE!

Our first Staff Appreciation lunch took our staff on a trip to Italy with pastas, Caesar salad, tiramisu, biscotti and more!

Many thanks for our wonderful cooks who brought in the food: Molly Baker, Lauri Kinnan, Pam Gross, Carolyn Roberts, Soni Petterson, Angela Fischer, Lorie Piper, Kim Givens, Erin Rooney, Jennifer Strach, Kari Ovena, Amy Tuvey, Sandi Dong, Diana Brown, Debby Adams, Missy Young, Pam Flynn, Stephanie Mallory, Sravani Cheeti, Jessica Mills and Anne Welch. We could not have done it without you! Bon Appetit!

Our next Staff Appreciation lunch will be Dec. 12th, where we will serve warm hearty soups and a variety of salads. If you would like to contribute to future staff luncheons, please send us your email address and we will add them to our list of volunteers.  
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Thank you all!  
*Marilou Dacey and Teresa Czaja, Co-Chairs of BLMS Staff Appreciation Lunches*

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# BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

## THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to BLMS on Nov 18-20. Books and other great Scholastic stuff will be available for purchase in sessions open to BLMS families and friends before, during and after lunch during these dates. This is a great way to fuel our students' love of reading and a great PTSA fundraiser. With the holidays just around the corner, these items make the perfect gifts!

- Tuesday, 11/18, after school until 3:30
- Wednesday 11/19 before school 9:15-10 and during lunch
- Thursday 11/20 during lunch and after school until 3:30

Can you help? Volunteers needed to make this a great event. Contact Kari Ovena at [kari@ovena.net](mailto:kari@ovena.net) or Teresa Czaja at [teresaskate@comcast.net](mailto:teresaskate@comcast.net)



## KUDOS!

Big-time thanks to our *Bucks for Bulldogs* Committee of Maryann Bellavia, Krystle McCandlish, and Mary Jo Webb for reviewing all the staff applications for the *Bucks* annual grants. Your hard work in reviewing and determining how to best allocate our funds to these important causes went above and beyond, and we appreciate the responsible oversight and coordination with Beaver Lake Staff to ensure we are making appropriate financial decisions that will best benefit our BLMS students and community!

## THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the volunteers who helped organize and distribute all the Trending Catalog Orders from our Magazine Drive on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Amy Tuvey, Sondra Stever, Sharon Hastings, Sravani Cheetis, Teresa Czaja and Chrisann Penz.

Your help was appreciated!





## Issaquah Schools Foundation PTSA Newsletter Blurbs – November October 30, 2014

**All in for Kids Marathon Nearing Completion:** Parents and community members have gone **All in for Kids** in record numbers this year. From August through October, more than 2,000 families contributed a whopping \$411,000. Kudos to our donors and hardworking **All in for Kids** committee. You make it possible for our kids to receive the BEST education instead of the BASIC education funded by the state.

**All in for Kids** continues through the end of the year. If you haven't yet made your donation, please consider doing so today at [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org). Your gift in any amount will help fund programs that benefit every student, at every school. After you've given be sure to look for your name on the '[In Crowd](#)' donor list.

**Grants Gone Live!:** Online applications for **Academic Enrichment Grants** go live on **Monday, November 10**. Teachers, staff and **parents may apply** for projects that reflect creativity and innovation in education and/or support school needs not currently covered by building or district budgets. **If you have a great idea, talk to your teacher and/or principal and plan to attend our Grant Workshop on Wednesday, November 5 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm at the District Administration Building.** For more information please contact Michelle Weldon, [michelle@isfdn.org](mailto:michelle@isfdn.org).

**What Have We Done for You Lately?:** Have questions about the Foundation and how those **All in for Kids** Annual Fund donations are helping your school? Check out the list on our [programs page](#).

**You Did It!:** Second grade teachers at Maple Hills elementary received an Academic Enrichment Grant to purchase materials that would help their students learn to love math. Judging by the student thank you letter below, their plan worked.



“Thank you for the math books! They helped me learn. Give Me Half helped me learn about fractions. More Carrots helped me learn to sort. Thank you!” Cali

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



### Bring Box Tops to BLMS

- Every Box Tops clip is worth **10 cents**
- Bring Box Tops to School and Help Earn \$\$\$ for BLMS
- Our goal is to collect **3000** this year



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## MEMBERSHIP

**PTSA Membership Myth #1:** To be a PTSA member, it is a requirement that I volunteer.

This is not true, as we welcome all members who are willing and desire to promote the mission of our PTSA, which is to *support our community, students, parents and staff, as we strive to achieve our shared academic and life-skill goals for all our students. We will do this by providing meaningful programs, an enthusiastic volunteer force, and relevant financial support to our school and community.* Volunteering is a personal choice, and simply put, it is voluntary.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the BLMS PTSA for the school year 2014 - 2015. If you have friends who haven't had an opportunity to join the PTSA during Business Bulldog days, it still is **not too late**. Enrollment is easy through our website <http://beaverlakeptsa.org>. If you have already joined the PTSA, but haven't had a chance to send your payment in, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please send one check for all items placed in your cart (i.e., PTSA, Pass the Hat & Emergency Kits) to the school office or mail it to: BLMS PTSA 25025 SE 32nd St. Issaquah WA 98029.

Why join the PTSA? When parents are involved with their child's education, the child is more likely to succeed. Joining the PTSA demonstrates your support of the mission and goals of the PTSA, and entitles you to "voice and vote." Each year, we aspire to attain 100% membership, which means we have an adult PTSA member for every Beaver lake student. *Here are 5 Great Reasons to Be Part of WSPTA:*

1. **Be-In-The-Know:** The PTSA helps you keep up with what's happening in your school and how you can support your child's education.
2. **Access Great Resources:** The PTSA provides information on topics ranging from homework help to bullying prevention, media safety, child health, and more.
3. **Build Relationships:** The PTSA connects you to other families through meetings, events, and communications, and helps build a sense of community.
4. **Hone Your Skills:** The PTSA offers opportunities for you to use your talents to benefit children and the school.
5. **Speak Up:** The PTSA can be a way to more effectively suggest changes at your child's school and in your community, and to be involved in making them happen.

**\*\*Added bonus: All PTSA members receive a copy of the Beaver Lake Middle School Directory!\*\***

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