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Happy Spring, Everyone!

As is typical around here, we're having our fair share of weather that tempts and teases and makes us think the sun is here to stay - only to then be hit with our standard spring rains. No matter, we just keep moving along and getting things done, and it is so hard to believe the school year is nearing an end so quickly.

Every month, you have been hearing from us about all that is happening in the PTSA and all the great things that we're doing as an organization for our students and community. We have had another great year, and feel that we have provided needed additions to the school. Thanks again and congratulation to all our fabulous volunteers, teachers and students who make up the BLMS community, and make our accomplishments possible.

We have one more General Membership meeting where we will discuss our financials, what we have done, and where we expect to go in the coming year, along with our first look at and approval of next year's budget. We really hope that we'll have a surprisingly great turnout for this meeting! Please join us on Tuesday, May 19th for our Pastries with the Principal and our GM meeting, all starting at 8:30 am. We respect your time and promise to keep the meeting short and sweet!

We are also proud this month to announce that for the first time in many years, we have achieved our goal of having 100% of our Teachers as members and supporters of our PTSA. We appreciate the message this sends to our community where our teachers fully recognize the value of our organization and what is accomplished year after year on behalf of our students and school.

Despite Herculean efforts by our Membership VPs, we couldn't quite get to 100% community membership, but we are extremely proud of our Sapling Award, which equates to 75-99% membership. This year, we are at the high end of that range with 95% Membership, which is great. We hope that those of you who joined this year will continue to spread the word of the importance of membership to friends and neighbors who have not joined. 100% will always be our goal, and we'll continue to push every year to meet it.

Finally, big thanks and gratitude to Jennifer Kaczmarek who has been phenomenal as our Parent Education Representative. She has brought to our community some great speakers who have provided helpful insights and information, the most recent in Sivie Suckerman who presented techniques and benefits of Mindfulness. It was such a great presentation for all who attended!

Thanks again for another great year!
Tina Yerges and Pam Gross, BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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Staff Appreciation

May 4-8 is Staff Appreciation Week! Let's pamper our staff one last time.

- Monday, May 4th: We are providing a chocolate fountain and caramel fondue during their lunch. Sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0949A9AC23A20-blms5
- Wednesday, May 6th: Let's start the day with a hot breakfast. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0949a9ac23a20-blms4>
- Friday, May 8th: We are providing the staff with a Fiesta lunch Sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0949A9AC23A20-blms3

Many thanks to all the wonderful cooks who have provided food throughout the year for our staff appreciation events.

Sincerely,
Marilou Dacey and Teresa Czaja
Co-Chairs of Staff Appreciation



The BLMS PTSA would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have given their time this year. Your dedication and support is greatly appreciated, and fundamental to the success of our students.

We'd like to give special thanks to the following:

- Julia Yu for exceeding our expectations with Matching Funds
- Tereza Czaja and Marilou Dacey our Honor Roll chairs and Staff Appreciation chairs - you're the best!
- Kathy Boll - the popcorn fairy ☺
- Jennifer Kaczmarek our Parent Education Rep
- Julie Spieker for keeping us prepared for emergencies
- Andrea Piotraszewski for these excellent monthly newsletters
- Jay Freer for managing our website all year



May 2015

5/4 - 5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week

5/4 - Mid Tri 3

5/13 - Hubble IMAX Private Screening

5/19 - Pastries with the Principal/PTSA Meeting

5/21 - Orchestra Concert

5/25 - No School, Memorial Day

5/26 - Site Counsel

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6/1 - Choir Concert

6/5 - Track Finals

5/4 - Sport Season 4 Ends

Be a Champion for Students on May 5

Tuesday, May 5th is GiveBIG Day of Champions—the Seattle Foundation’s **one-day giving event** supporting non-profits in our region. **From midnight to midnight, every donation to the Issaquah Schools Foundation at [GiveBIG to ISF](#) will be stretched by a pool of donors.** The more people give, the greater the “stretch.” GiveBig donors are also entered to win a Golden Ticket that will increase their donation by \$1,000. Visit [isfdn.org](#) to participate.

Make a Bid for Our Schools

The Issaquah Schools Foundation’s **Nourish Every Mind Online Auction** is open now through May 8. Log onto [isfdn.org/auction](#) to peruse over 200 items including fabulous vacation getaways, wine tastings, restaurant gift certificates and **lunches with elementary school principals**. Your auction purchase will help fund programs that impact your student and school.

Still Room at the Table

Reserve your seat at one of the season’s most inspirational, informative and uplifting events—the Issaquah Schools Foundation’s **Nourish Every Mind Luncheon** on May 14 or **Breakfast** on May 20. To attend, contact Stacy at 425-391-8557 or at info@isfdn.org.

Donor Impact = New Scholarship Award Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our **Impact Scholarship**, who each received \$1,000 for describing how Issaquah Schools Foundation donors impacted their education. **Liberty High School senior Daniel Godfrey** earned the Impact Scholarship for his written essay, and **Issaquah High School senior Tali Magidson** won for her oral presentation. [Click here](#) to discover how your support helped change their lives.

We Love Our Student Trustees

Do you know a rising senior who would like to represent the student voice by playing an active role on the Foundation’s Board? We are **now accepting applications for our 2015-2016 Student Trustees**. Student Trustees participate in Board policymaking and raise awareness of the Foundation among their high school peers. To apply, visit [isfdn.org/for-students/student-trustees](#). **Application deadline: May 20.**





ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT 411

The Issaquah School District invites Beaver Lake Middle School parents and students to use a new resource for learning technology tools called Atomic Learning. The District's subscription includes nearly 50,000 step-by-step tutorials on common software, workshops, and projects on topics such as blogging and Internet safety.

Atomic Learning can be used by you and your children at home. You can click on the link on the ISD website under 'Family Resources' or go to the Issaquah Atomic Learning site at <https://web.issaquah.wednet.edu/atomic/>

Parents log in with:

Username: issaquahparent

Password: issaquah

Beaver Lake students log in with:

Username: beaverstudent

Password: beaver