



Bulldog Bytes

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Welcome back Bulldog families, both new and returning! We hope that your year has gotten off to a great start! The first few weeks of new schedules, curriculum nights, practices, sports events and family dinners can be exciting and exhausting at the same time. Hopefully, you are off to a good start, and the rest of the year will be a piece of cake.

We want to thank all those that have already joined the PTSA and contributed to our one and only fundraiser **"Pass the Hat."** One of our goals this year is to increase our membership and get more people involved at Beaver Lake, which means we need your help. If you haven't had a chance yet, we urge you to visit our website at www.blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com, and join the BLMS PTSA on the "Join/First Day Packet" button (left side). **WE WANT YOU!**

Volunteering at BLMS is one of the fun things we get to do to support our school, staff and students. We have so many fantastic ways you can volunteer. Some of you have already gotten involved with Bulldog Days and first day schedule distribution. There are so many more opportunities for you to get involved: assisting ASB with their Magazine Drive (Sept), Reflections (Fall), Vision and Hearing (Oct), Book Fair (Nov), 2nd Annual Talent Show (Jan) and Bingo Night (Mar). We also have some activities that go on all year that you can be a part of: Popcorn Fridays, Emergency Preparedness, Parent Ed, Root Beer Floats (each Tri), staff appreciation, Webmaster and so many more. If you want to get involved, we have a place for you here at BLMS PTSA. You can find out all about these fantastic opportunities on the PTSA website. There is something for everyone - just log in and sign up! New this year - all volunteers must complete an online application. If you have students at different schools in the Issaquah School District, you only need to fill this out once! Please complete as soon as possible to avoid a delay in volunteering!
<https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmplus.net>

Along with all of our fantastic programs that the PTSA supports, we provide grants to the staff and school through our Bucks for Bulldogs program. We have been able to grant some amazing items to the school, including iPads, text books, reading books, cooking supplies, a lunchroom table, Fit Pro Balls with stability legs and classroom supplies. We also partnered with the school to purchase new wrestling mats and the new sound system. These wonderful grants and all our programs are made possible by each of you contributing to our "Pass the Hat" fundraiser going on now. This provides all the funds we use throughout the year to support our school, staff and parents. If you would like to donate, please go to our website, log in and make your contribution to "Pass the Hat." Rest assured that we are using your dollars right here, to support these enrichment programs, staff grants and events that all benefit our students.

Remember the PTSA is here to support you and our community. Our website hosts a wealth of information designed to help you find the answers to your questions about our school and community. We host and sponsor Parent Education opportunities throughout the year, including ones during our four General Meetings. You can also keep up with the latest and greatest information on our Facebook page, [Beaver Lake Middle School PTSA](#).

We are looking forward to a great school year full of fun, work, giving back and giving our kids the best support in their educations that we can. We look forward to seeing and meeting you all.

Sincerely,
Amy Teeters and Pam Gross
PTSA Co-Presidents

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<http://blmsptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>



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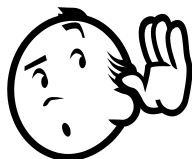


CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

This year's Vision and Hearing Screening for 7th grade students will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 9:45-11:30 in the library. Since our time frame is shorter than in the past, MANY volunteers are needed to assist our school nurse, Lynda Nicholson, to complete the screening.

If you would like to help but didn't get the chance to sign up during Back To School Days, please contact either Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net or Amy Tuvey at amy2v@comcast.net.

Thanks!



STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHES

Throughout the school year, we host lunches for our wonderful BLMS staff. We need people to provide food for the various themes we plan. If you can bring something once or every time - fabulous! Lunches occur in October, December, January and March, and end with Staff Appreciation Week in May.

If you didn't have the chance to sign up during Back to School Days, just send us your name and email address. Contact co-chairs: Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net or Lauri Kinnan at laurikinnan@yahoo.com.



SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS FOR ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) is our local committee that promotes the passage of ISD bonds & levies. Thank you for continuously voting to support our schools and maintain high quality education as a priority in our community!

Visit visvote.org for more information, and make sure you are registered to vote at vote.wa.gov. Every vote counts!



- Friday, 9/4: Photo Make-Up Day
- Monday, 9/7: Labor Day/No School
- Tuesday, 9/8: Activity Bus Begins
- Friday, 9/11: Magazine Drive Assembly
- Friday, 9/11: 6th Grade Night
- Tuesday, 9/15: Curriculum Night
- Thursday, 9/17: Magazine Drive - Turn In Day #1
- Friday, 9/18: Magazine Drive - Prize Giveaway
- Thursday, 9/24: Magazine Drive - Turn In Day #2
- Friday, 9/25: Magazine Drive - Prize Giveaway



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Together

When you join PTSA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our school. We believe TOGETHER we can help our children be successful.

We welcome you to get involved with our PTSA and show your support

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Everyone

Who can join?

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Teachers/Staff
- Alumni
- Friends and Family!

Our goal is to reach **100%** membership!

Please partner with us to reach this goal and sign your family up today!

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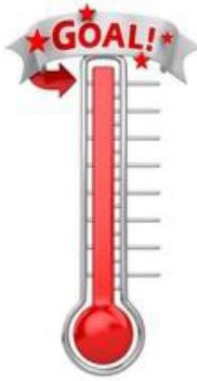
- Enrichment Programs
- Social Family Events
- Classroom Grants
- Teacher Appreciation
- Scholarships
- Reflections
- Student Recognition
- Parent Education
- Communications (website, newsletter,

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Being a PTSA member means MORE...

- A Legislative Voice (the more members, the louder our voice to advocate for our children and school in legislation)
- A Way to Get Connected (provides a sense of community and keeps you notified of what is happening at the school)
- Be a Positive Role Model (Demonstrate the importance you place on education)
- Member Benefits ([CLICK HERE](#) for more info)



JOIN TODAY and Help us Reach 100%

If we reach our goal by **September 30th**, all the students at BLMS will celebrate with a **Popsicle Party** during their lunch periods

[CLICK HERE](#) to register online





Welcome Back! We're looking forward to a great year with a wonderful group of ISF/PTSA Ambassadors. **What is an ISF Ambassador?** Your "go-to" person for all Issaquah Schools Foundation information. ISF Ambassadors do a tremendous job of building bridges of understanding, support, and enthusiasm between our schools and the Issaquah Schools Foundation. This year's ISF Ambassador at **Beaver Lake Middle School** is **Julia Yu** and she can be reached at huinan@yahoo.com.

How can you contribute to a great education for your child?

Donate to the Issaquah Schools Foundation **All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign**, running now through November 17th! Your gift will fund programs and initiatives that elevate education for your child and every Issaquah School District Student. Please give what you can—\$5 a month to \$5,000 a year. Your donation will fuel success for students in every school, and every classroom. Visit www.isfdn.org to make your donation today.

Shop with Amazon and Give Back!

Visit www.amazon.com for all of your back to school shopping needs and please use the ISF site to take you there. Visit www.isfdn.org and click on the Amazon logo in the top left corner. Add the link to your bookmarks and up to 8% of your total purchase will be donated to the Foundation. Happy shopping!

Career Cruising for High School Students

Issaquah students in all of our high schools will be cruising into their future with **Career Cruising** starting this year. This powerful program will help students build a plan that connects their schoolwork to real life - and to their futures - by engaging students to learn about themselves, explore their options, create a plan, then bring that plan to life. Their work is supported by the high school career counselors who can see how each student is doing and help guide them along the way. Parents will also have access to their child's progress at all times through the parent portal. The Foundation will also be expanding this valuable tool into the community through **Inspire**, which connects students to the local community so they can ask questions of real working people and learn about internship opportunities.

Thank you Puget Sound Energy

Puget Sound Energy is helping to ensure that all Issaquah schools and classrooms are safe and emergency prepared. Every school will now have a fully functioning Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and every classroom will be equipped with a fully stocked emergency backpack and first aid kit. Thank you Puget Sound Energy for keeping us safe!

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS!!

The new school year is here! Volunteering in the Issaquah District has changed dramatically. Per district policy, all volunteers must complete the online volunteer application to participate in any school related activity. We can no longer accept last minute, un-cleared volunteers to assist in any school related activity. Unfortunately, those volunteers will be turned away. Click here for the online application: <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmpplus.net/>. A few things to pass along to be a volunteer and completing the online application:

- All PTSA members, to be pro-active, should complete the online application.
- The application process can take up to two weeks for final clearance.
- When you get to the school selection section, under school volunteering at, please put a check on Beaver Lake along with any other school you are interested in volunteering at.
- Multiple locations can be checked.
- When finished with the application, please log back in to make sure you are not in incomplete status.
- Name tags will be created for all approved volunteers.
- Always sign in with the office before heading to your volunteering location.

We love our volunteers here at BLMS. You help our students grow and succeed!