



Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families!

After enjoying the last wintry days of the season, we are ready for Spring sunshine and warmer temperatures.

We have our family Bulldog annual tradition happening this week! **BULLDOG BINGO** is Fri., March 4, 6-8pm. All BLMS students, families and staff are welcome to enjoy a fun night of Bingo with great Bingo prizes AND raffle prizes. BINGO TICKETS AND PIZZA MUST BE PRE-ORDERED. Ben & Jerry's ice cream and other concessions will be available for purchase. DEADLINE to order Bingo tickets and pizza is WED., MARCH 2. **Order forms** are available on the BLMS website and in the office. Hope to see you there!

Have you heard about the first **SOUPer Bowl Food Drive!!!!**

Two great middle schools will be going head-to-head in order to bring in record amounts of food for this year's food drive, benefitting the Issaquah Food Bank. **WE GOT THIS!!!!!!**

This year, there will be **THREE collection days** – Tues., March 1st, Thurs., March 3rd, and Tues., March 8th. While all non-perishable food items are welcomed, the Issaquah Food Bank is specifically asking us to focus on:

- **Cereal**
- **Canned Tuna and Chicken**
- **Canned Pasta Meals**

Students can bring in items to their **FIRST PERIOD TEACHER'S** classroom at any time, and then the food will be collected on each of the three turn-in days.

Our Nominating Committee has also been diligently working to develop a slate for the 2016-17 Board. We will vote for our new officers at our next General Membership Meeting on Tues., March 21st at 6:45pm. We really appreciate having our community attend these important meetings that continue to determine and drive the needs of our students and families. We'll keep it short and sweet - and to provide additional incentive and needed information to our families, we are sponsoring this amazing educational presentation:

The American Red Cross preparedness and outreach staff will be speaking about how to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies and natural disasters in our local community. Safety literature and handouts will be provided. This event is open to families in the Issaquah School District.

We hope to see you around the school and at all these great March events!

Happy March!!!!

Amy Teeters & Pam Gross
BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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Congratulations!

BLMS Student Luke Hastings!

All of our student participated in our Beaver Lake Geography Bee and Luke Hastings has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 Washington National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held on Fri., April 1, 2016. We are so excited for him!

How would you fare as a Bee contestant?

At the school Bees this year, students had to answer such questions as:

- To fish in Lake Winnepesaukee [wi-neh-peh-SAW-kee] and ski near Franconia Notch, you would travel to which state—New Hampshire or South Dakota? (New Hampshire)
- Visitors to Biscayne National Park in Florida can go fishing and lobstering along the shore of which kind of habitat—mangrove or desert? (Mangrove)
- Sea kayakers can explore hundreds of islands off the Dalmatian coast of which European country south of Slovenia? (Croatia)
- For centuries, the Chinese emperors lived in seclusion in the Forbidden City, which is located within what present-day city? (Beijing)



Volunteers Needed

All hands on deck for the next End of Trimester Celebration on Mon., March 14th. We'll be serving Root Beer and Orange floats and need 12 people to help with scooping ice cream and pouring sodas.

Contact Kim Givens givens@mac.com or Teresa Czaja teresaskate@comcast.net if you can help out.

And, please bring along an ice cream scoop!



BULLDOG BINGO

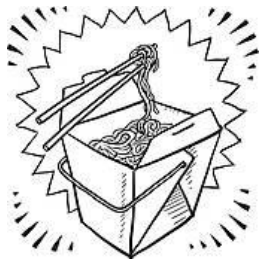
Fri., March 4 - 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a fun family Bulldog tradition. Families, students and staff are all welcome for an evening of Bingo, Pine Lake Pizza, and awesome Bingo AND raffle prizes. Ben & Jerry's ice cream and other concessions will be available for purchase.

BINGO TICKETS and PIZZA are available by PREORDER ONLY. Ticket order forms are available on the BLMS website. Don't miss this fun night! Last day to pre-order tickets is Wed., March 2.

**TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.
PREORDER YOUR TICKET TODAY.**

We hope to see all you Bulldogs on Fri., March 4th!!!



Staff Appreciation Lunch Cooks Needed

If you have a special Asian dish you would like to share, our next **Staff Appreciation lunch is March 11th** with a journey to Asia! Let's WOW our staff with exotic flavors and aromas! March 7-11 is Classified Employees Appreciation week and our lunch will top off the week.

Sign up at: [Staff Appreciation Lunch](#)

Food is needed no later than 10:00 in the teacher's lounge in the A wing.

For questions, contact Lauri Kinnan at laurikinnan@yahoo.com or Teresa Czaja at teresaskate@comcast.net

**THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF**

Staff Appreciation Week Show Your Appreciation

Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6. We know not everyone has the time or inclination to cook, but there's another way to show your appreciation to our staff. During the lunch on May 6th, we have drawings for the staff, and winners receive \$10-15 gift cards for various business. If you would like to donate a gift card, Nancy Francis has graciously agreed to be our collection point. Please deliver them by April 29th.

Here is a list of store you to consider: iTunes, Amazon, Xbox, Subway, Hop Jacks, Auntie Anne's, TCBY/Mrs. Fields, any local frozen yogurt store, Ben & Jerry's, Cold Stone, Baskin & Robbins, Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Krispy Kreme, Papa Murphy's, MOD Pizza, Jimmy John's, Zeek's Pizza, Agave and Regal Cinema.

Thank you! Lauri Kinnan and Teresa Czaja



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Fri., March 4, 6-8 p.m.: Bingo Night
- Mon., March 7: Classified Employees Week
- Wed., March 9, 9:15-9:55 a.m.: New Student Lunch
- Fri., March 11: End Tri 2
- Fri., March 11, 10:30 a.m. – noon: Student Store Lunches
- Sat., March 12: Solo Ensemble
- Sun., March 13: Daylight Savings Time
- Tues., March 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: 5th Grade Parent Night
- Wed., March 16, 10:30 a.m. – noon: 5th Grade Orientation Assembly