



# Bulldog Bytes

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Hello Beaver Lake Families:

Please join us as we congratulate our newly elected PTSA board for the 2016-17 School Year!

- Co-Presidents- Pat Castillo, Vacant Co-President
- Treasurer – Krystl McCandlish
- Secretary – Nicole Wengert
- Membership VP – Sucheta Beheray, Manie Suksmal
- Co-Volunteer VP –Bridget Salmick, Susan Brandes

A big shout out goes to our fabulous Nominating Committee, including May Gauvin, Bridget Salmick, Julia Yu and Pat Castillo, for finding such awesome people to lead us in the coming year. We are still looking for a Co-President to work alongside Pat. If you are interested in that position, please contact one of the women from the Nominating Committee or Pam Gross or Amy Teeters. The current board will continue working on supporting BLMS for these last few months. We've got some big events to finish up the school year, such as Spring Fling and the 8th grade party. All the while, the outgoing board and incoming board will work together on a smooth transition, and getting set for a great 2016-17 school year (yes - we're really thinking about that already).

We also want to congratulate our fabulous Golden Acorn winners!

- Rob Tyrrell
- Ganga Pingili
- Lauri Kinnan
- Pam Gross
- Amber Peterson – Outstanding Educator
- Heather Greninger – Outstanding Educator

We are so lucky to have each of these women be a part of our community and the Beaver Lake family. Thank you for all you do!!

As we look at this year, one of our PTSA goals was to bring in various speakers to our General Meeting. During our March meeting, we heard from the Red Cross – Emergency Preparedness Team. They gave us some wonderful tips and resources on what to do in an emergency. We have one more exciting event coming at the end of the month, on Thur., April 21st at 7:00pm. Sivie Suckerman will be here to discuss Strategies in Mindfulness. We hope everyone can join us!

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

**Amy Teeters & Pam Gross**  
BLMS PTSA Co-Presidents

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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



Many thanks to our End of Trimester Celebration helpers! They were busier than a one armed paper hanger scooping ice cream and pouring RB & orange sodas as hundreds of students filed passed our tables. Let's give a round of applause to: Tracy Blanton, Tiffanie Deiffenbach, Carol Folkman, Jennifer Yriondo, Nichole Wengert, May Gauvin, Ganga Pingili, Susan Brandeds, Nga Selbig and Birgitta Thrane.

Our final End of Tri celebration will be June 14th.

Kim Givens and Teresa Czaja, co-chairs



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## Volunteers Needed

It's unbelievable that end of the school year is upon us, and the planning for Spring Fling, which will be on Mon., June 13, is here! As the ASB students begin their planning, we thought we would begin our reach out for volunteers. As some stations were very popular last year, we know we will need more volunteers for the Henna and nail painting stations!

Please consider volunteering for this amazing and fun event! You do not need to have previous experience.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the event, please reach out to May Gauvin at [mpgauvin@comcast.net](mailto:mpgauvin@comcast.net) or Tana Sinnott [tanasinnett@yahoo.com](mailto:tanasinnett@yahoo.com).

Thank you!



# Library News



Today I had the great privilege of delivering books on behalf of the BLMS PTSA to Language Arts Classes in our building! The teachers were so surprised and pleased! Your support of our Book Fair delivered books that support curriculum or are so insanely popular that extra copies in the building will be much appreciated by students!

For each of the four 6<sup>th</sup> grade LA/SS classes I purchased *Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters and Mortals* by Donna Jo Napoli, *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart, *Sunnyside Up* (graphic novel) by Jennifer Holm and *Geek Girl* by Holly Smale.

I delivered copies of several popular books to our two 7<sup>th</sup> Grade LA teacher from my genre talks (thank you BLMS Bulldog Grants) so we can circulate more of them as well as a few new soon-to-be favorites: *A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen, *I Am Princess X* by Cherie Priest, *The Crossover* and *Booked* by Kwame Alexander (poetry), *The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible—On Schindler's List, A Memoir* by Leon Leyson, *Dogs of War* (graphic novel) by Sheila Keenan and *The Eye of Minds* by James Dashner.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> graders I picked two non-fiction books that cover history in the curriculum, *Civil War Witness: Mathew Brady's Photos Reveal the Horrors of War* by Don Nardo and Bob Zeller and *The Freedom Summer Murders* by Don Mitchell. For fiction reading I picked *Skinny* by Donna Cooner and *Fire and Flood* by Victoria Scott.

I also added more books to the special section in my library reserved for Mandy Brown's LRC II students and a few for my shelves as well, including *Booked*, *A Night Divided* and *Star Wars: Before the Awakening*—this one will NEVER be on the shelves once I put it out!

Thank you again for supporting literacy at Beaver Lake Middle School! It is great to work with your Book Fair Committee each year—you are a wonderful group of parents!

Amber Peterson  
Beaver Lake Middle School Teacher-Librarian  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Fri., April 1: Spirit Day – Sports Day
- Fri., April 8, 7:45-8:45 a.m. – Recognition Assembly
- Fri., April 8, 10:30 a.m. – noon: Student Store Lunches
- Mon, April 11 – Fri., April 15 – Spring Break
- Tues., April 19, 7-8 p.m. – Disney Parent Meeting
- Thurs., April 21, 7-8:30 p.m. – Mindfulness Presentation
- Mon., April 25, 2:15-3:15 p.m. – Site Counsel
- Mon., May 2 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Weds., May 4 – Mid-Tri
- Weds., May 11, 8:45-9:45 a.m. – Volunteer Breakfast



## ありがとうございます Arigato gozaimas!

Thank you to all our wonderful cooks who brought in Asian inspired food for the Staff Appreciation lunch on March 11th! The staff was blown away by the exotic aroma of the spices and the variety! They LOVE this particular theme every year and truly felt honored by the time you spend preparing the tasty dishes!

Let's give a huge round of applause to our fabulous cooks: Sravani Cheeti Jennifer Strach, Christie Jucht, May & Paul Gauvin, Molly Baker, Carol Folkman, Maureen Vincent, Pam Gross, Kristen Morrissey, Alice Guilbert, Gloria Marinescu, Soni Petterson, Chun-Pei Liu, Lisa Baisler, Angela Fischer, Bridget Salmick, Lorie Piper, Jahna Pahl, Anamika Malhotra, Neena Rana, Yonmi Choi, Kim Vivash, Diana Brown, Birgitta Thrane, Bethany Rogers.

There will be more opportunities to show our appreciation for our staff, May 2 - 6, during staff appreciation week.

Bon Appetit,  
Lauri Kinnan and Teresa Czaja



Thank you to all BLMS students, staff and family, who joined us for Bulldog Bingo Night on Fri., March 4th. We had over 300 people enjoy a fun night of Bingo, great prizes and refreshments. A special thanks to the following parents who volunteered their time to make the night a big success:

Chris Bleigh, Bridget Salmick, Ganga Pingili, Lauren and Jonathan Koshar, Lina Frankovich, Michelle Lyman, Angela Hochman, Monica Kim, Pat Castillo, Sravani Cheeti, Julie Lawrence, Molly Baker and our great emcee for the evening, Rich Dunn. We appreciate all of you!

Sharon Hastings and Nichole Wengert  
BLMS Bingo Chairs





# Parent Information Night

The Student Support Coaches are hosting a parent information night in April and May. The presentations will contain information related to Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support (PBSES). The workshop will contain information about what PBSES is and parents can learn about what your child's school is doing to support the behavioral and social/emotional needs of students. The Student Support Coaches will be providing information on Growth vs. Fixed Mindset and how what we say can empower our students to build resiliency. Parents will be provided with evidence-based strategies that are being used at each building and can be used to support their students at home. There will be an optional Q & A session following the presentation.

Presentations will take place at the middle school and information for parents of students at the middle school and elementary schools in the feeder pattern are welcome to attend. Here is the schedule:

- Monday, April 4, 2016 - Maywood Middle School with Apollo, Maple Hills, Newcastle and Briarwood Elementary schools from 6pm to 7:30pm
- Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - Pacific Cascade Middle School with Sunny Hills, Sunset, and Grand Ridge Elementary schools from 6pm to 7:30pm
- Monday, April 25, 2016 - Pine Lake Middle School with Sunny Hills, Creekside, and Discovery Elementary schools from 6:30pm to 8pm
- Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - Issaquah Middle School with Clark, Cougar Ridge, and Issaquah Valley Elementary schools from 6:30pm to 8pm
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - Beaver Lake Middle School with Endeavour, Cascade Ridge, and Challenger Elementary schools from 6pm to 7:30pm



## CALLING all COOKS

Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6. There will be many opportunities for you to contribute food for our events on May 2, 4 & 6. If you have not received an invitation to bring food in the past via SignUpGenius and would like to help, please contact Lauri Kinnan at [laurikinnan@yahoo.com](mailto:laurikinnan@yahoo.com) or Teresa Czaja at [teresaskate@comcast.net](mailto:teresaskate@comcast.net).

Thank you!