



Bulldog Bytes

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- Mon., May 1- Fri., May 5: Staff Appreciation Week
- Thur., May 4: Mid-Tri
- Thur., May 11, 10:30-12:30 pm: ISF Luncheon
- Tues., May 16: ASB Appointed Officers Packet Due
- Weds., May 17, 6-8 pm: NJHS Induction Ceremony
- Fri., May 19, 2:15-5 pm: Strong4Sam Volleyball Tournament
- Sat., May 20-Tues., May 23: Disney
- Tues., May 23: ASB Appointed Officers Announced
- Tues., May 23, 2:15-3:15 pm: Site Council Meeting
- Weds., May 24, 8:45-10 a.m.: Volunteers Breakfast



Career Presenters Needed! Beaver Lake Middle School is looking for parents or community members who will share their stories with our students! Click here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4fafa828a7fc1-career> to sign up for this wonderful event that will help our young kids plant that seed of interest for their future!

The Issaquah Schools Foundation **Tools 4 School Committee** is already planning next summer's event, scheduled for **August 26** at Eastridge Church. Committee leaders are **seeking volunteers now to chair or join Hair Cuts Committee**. For full job descriptions, go to www.healthyyouthinitiative.org and download materials from the homepage. Each year, Tools 4 School provides up to 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for Issaquah School District students in need

Study Zone at our libraries! Issaquah, Newcastle, Renton Highlands, and Sammamish libraries offer **drop-in for free homework help from trained volunteer** tutors during the week! Tutoring begins Tuesday, September 9, 2016. The Study Zone schedule is updated frequently and occasionally the volunteer tutors may be unavailable for a scheduled session. Please check for updates at <http://kcls.org/study-zone/> or contact your KCLS library before planning to attend a Study Zone session.

2017 SBAC ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

Bulldog Parents!!!

Beginning May 1st, 2017, Beaver Lake Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be participating in the online Smarter Balanced Assessment in language arts and mathematics. Students will be tested by grade level. Please see the schedule below:

- Students with IEPs or who are English Language Learners - May 1st, May 2nd, May 4th, and May 5th
- 6th Grade - May 8th, May 9th, May 11th, and May 12th
- 7th Grade - May 22nd, May 23rd, May 25th, and May 26th
- 8th Grade - May 15th, May 16th, May 18th, and May 19th

Each Wednesday in May, we will be asking students who have missed any portion of the SBAC to report to the library after checking in with their 1st period teacher so that they may make up the part of the test they missed. Students may not use make-up days to work ahead of their peers on the assessment.

Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during this assessment window. We have been training students on how to use the online tools during our BBT Wednesdays. We encourage parents and students to view the training tests, which can be found [here](#), so that students may gain additional practice using these tools prior to the upcoming assessments.

April Updates

The Foundation is very excited to announce Liz Swanson as our **new Executive Director!** Liz is a parent in the District and brings an extensive background of non-profit leadership and development. Liz started on April 10th. For more information about Liz, [click here](#).

New Foundation Website! The Foundation is thrilled to launch its new website. The URL has not changed, but the look and feel of the Foundation is modern, clean and very informative. [Check it out!](#) Your feedback is important.

JOIN US! Nourish Every Mind Luncheon & Breakfast. [Click here to register](#)



Issaquah Schools Foundation
NOURISH
EVERY MIND

30 years
Supporting Students since 1987

Luncheon
May 11, 2017
Meydenbauer Center
Bellevue

Breakfast
May 17, 2017
Eastridge Church
Issaquah

Donors contributed more than \$1.8 million last year to support students when they struggle, when they excel and all times in between. From leading-edge STEM curriculum to financial literacy, arts programs and after-school tutoring, the funds you donate to the Foundation ensure that kids of all abilities have the support they need to navigate their own unique path to success.

- **Luncheon** - Thursday, May 11, 2017, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ~ Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- **Breakfast** - Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:30 am - 8:30 am ~ Eastridge Church, Issaquah

The Issaquah Schools Foundation's Online Auction is open - Now through Monday, May 8 at 8:00 pm!!

Don't miss your chance to snag one-of-a-kind finds, wonderful wine tastings, glorious getaways and personalized school experiences. The Issaquah Schools Foundation's Auction is open to all and is a great way for those who can't attend the *Nourish Every Mind* events to support our students. ***Get your bid on at [NEMauction2017*](#)**

Congratulations to our 2017 Impact Scholarship recipients! These are high school juniors and seniors in our district who submit compelling essays describing how Foundation-funded programs have enriched their education.

Written Category

- Mai-Linh Tran, 11th grade, Liberty High School - \$1,000 Winner
- Laurie Willoughby, 12th grade, Issaquah High School - \$500 First Runner-Up

Presentation Category

- Jason Hurwitz, 12th grade, Liberty High School - \$1,000 Winner
- Avalon Feiler, 12th grade, Issaquah High School - \$500 First Runner-Up

For more information about the work of the Foundation or how to get involved, please contact the BLMS Foundation Ambassador May Gauvin at mpgauvin@comcast.net.



Greetings from the Beaver Lake Library!

The end of the school year is fast approaching. It has been a great year for new books from favorite YA authors. Here are some new books being released for summer that many BLMS students can't wait to read:



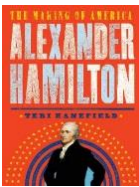
The Dark Prophecy, book two of the Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan. This new series focuses on Apollo whom Zeus has banished to earth (in the form of a 16-year-old!) as punishment for his misdeeds. A fun return to Camp Half-Blood for fans of the Percy Jackson series!



Shannon Hale is one of our favorite authors at BLMS. Her latest book, *Real Friends*, is a memoir about changing friendships during her school years. This graphic novel that will be popular for sure. I will be recommending this to fans of Rena Telgemeier's autobiographical graphic novel, *Smile*.



The *Battle Mage* by Taran Matharu. This is book three of the Summoner fantasy trilogy that I describe to students as *Harry Potter* meets *Ranger's Apprentice* when introducing it to classes.



I am currently reading Ron Chernow's authoritative 800+ page biography of Hamilton, but I think I'd prefer this engaging biography by Teri Kanefield, *Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America*. Students who know the musical will definitely see the historical events that go along with the songs when they read the book!

Keep checking the library Instagram feed (BLMS_Librarian) or Twitter @BLMSLibrarian for book recommendations all summer! Your students are a joy to work with—we have great readers here at Beaver Lake! Thank you BLMS PTSA for your continual support of our library programming!

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HIDDEN IN PLAIN SITE

Spot Signs of At-Risk Behaviors

The "Hidden In Plain Sight" initiative helps parents spot signs of at-risk behaviors using an interactive display of a teenager's bedroom. After walking through the display, participants will learn more about adolescent development and common signs of substance use provided by professionals in law enforcement, treatment, substance abuse prevention, and other parents.

WHEN: May 18, 2017 6:30 PM

WHERE: Inglewood Middle School, 24120 NE 8th Street Sammamish, WA 98074

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hidden-in-plain-sight-tickets-33983731255?aff=erelpanelorg>

Spring Events

Spring has sprung and some of our most fun events are around the corner to finish off the year!

Please watch for information regarding our Spring Fling, 8th Grade Promotion and 8th Grade Party.

These events cannot be pulled off without help from our parents.

Thank you!

ATTENTION PARENTS

Dear BLMS Families -

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we wanted to share some information regarding a new Netflix show called *13 Reasons Why*. The show is based upon a book by the same name that came out in 2007. The show and the book deal with mature themes, including sexual assault and suicide, that are vividly portrayed in the TV version.

It has come to our attention that some of our students have been watching and discussing the show with one another. The themes in this show are sensitive, graphic and should be watched by a mature audience. If your student is watching this show, we encourage you to watch with them and to process together what they are seeing and hearing.

It is important that young people have an outlet for talking about the things that are on their minds, whether big or small. A few general tips for fostering meaningful conversations with your student:

- Try not to pepper your child with questions the minute they walk in the door. Instead...
- Offer a warm welcome home, a snack and some space
- Some kids are more talkative when something else is going on - riding in the car, preparing dinner, walking the dog, etc.
- Whenever possible, let your child begin the conversation
- If you need to prompt the conversation, try asking a simple, but specific question (instead of something broad like "how was your day")
- Share something about your day

- When they do start talking, LET THEM TALK - Don't interrupt, criticize or lecture
- Give your full attention
- Show them that they are your priority
- If child brings up a problem, resist the urge to dictate a solution. Instead listen, then ask how you can help.

For more resources and information on the Netflix series or if you have concerns specific to suicide or self-harm, please see the [BLMS counseling website](#) for resources. We strive to support our students and families as you navigate these challenging issues. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

BLMS Counselors

Kristin Beasley and Kathleen Nelson

Looking Ahead...

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

It is never too late to be thinking of next year! Though we have filled many positions already, we have some spots open and would love your help. Please feel free to contact our Volunteer Co-Chairs, Susan (quincycmc@gmail.com) and Bridget (bsalmick@comcast.net), if you have any questions. Thank you!

ASB Magazine Drive
Talent Show
8th Grade Party
Spring Fling (6th and 7th Grade End of the Year Party)
8th Grade Promotion
Parent Ed Coordinator
Bingo Night
Matching Funds
6th Grade Zoo Field Trip (new)
Band Festival Parent Liaison (new)

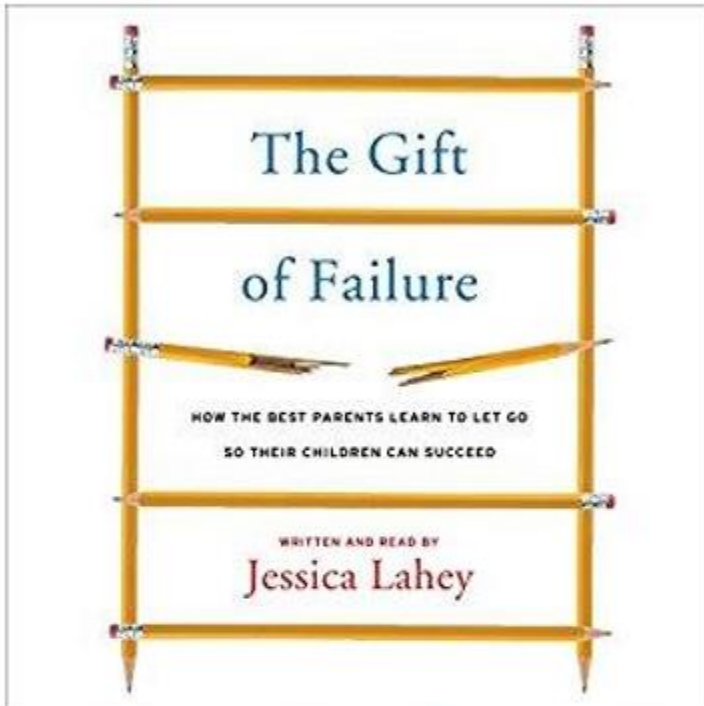


VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!

8th Grade Parents, this may be your last chance to volunteer at BLMS so why not go out with a **BANG!**

Be a part of the celebration! Twenty volunteers are needed to chaperone the 8th grade party on June 15th from 9-1 pm at Family Fun Center in Tukwila. Don't miss out on the fun!

[Sign Up Now](#)



Mon, May 22nd 7PM

The Gift of Failure – Fostering Intrinsic Motivation & Resilience in Kids

Join our book discussion on the national best-selling book "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey. Read a copy in advance if you can, and come exchange ideas on how together we can implement a cultural change in raising resilient, self-motivated kids.

Author Jessica Lahey talks to parents about her research and advice on April 25th in the Issaquah school district. Whether you attend her talk or not, you can participate in this debrief discussion to provide insight on our own local society to enable all ages of kids (and parents?) to learn, grow, and succeed from their mistakes.

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Book Discussion

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Issaquah Highlands**

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