



Stevenson PTA E-Notice - November 4, 2009

Upcoming Events

Please Note:

The November Coffee with the Principal has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

Nov. 9 - Nov. 13

Bellevue Schools Foundation Phonathon - AVOID THE CALL

If you make a donation to Bellevue Schools Foundation in October, your name will be taken off the list of parents that will be called the week of Nov 9th. You can make your check out to BSF Phonathon and bring the check to your school office or make a donation on line at www.bsfdn.org/Donate.aspx.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At this time, there is one volunteer that has signed up to help make phone calls at the Phonathon. Two more volunteers are needed from 6 to 9PM on Nov 9, 10, 12. Please consider volunteering by calling Rita Frost at 206.819.7698, reetsplus4@msn.com. Thank you!

Here are some BSF grants that have been awarded to Stevenson this year.

Enrichment & Innovation Grant Awards 2009-2010:

- \$1,000 - Folk Storytelling and Author visit by Margaret Read MacDonald
Author Margaret Read MacDonald will engage the entire school (K-5) in the art of storytelling and folktales from around the world during three interactive assemblies.
- \$1,000 - Rick Hartman: Storyteller and Toymaker Supports Literacy and Family Involvement
Rick Hartman, Educator, Storyteller and Toymaker, will use storytelling to emphasize different cultures around the world and then bring families together for a night event where they will make a toy to together.
- \$542 - Enriching the Extended Day Learning and Evening programs with Take Home Books
Provide bi-lingual and culturally relevant books for families to take home as resources to further support the learning of students beyond the school day.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

No school - Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Skate King

Skate King Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 11th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm for Skate King Night. There will be a Live DJ and Games! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone is welcome. Stevenson's admission price is \$5, which includes your roller skates. You may bring your own roller blades from home or rent them for \$4 extra per person. Food is available at the snack counter. Skate King is located at 2301 140th NE.

Thursday, Nov. 12
6:30 pm
Stevenson Library

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting will be on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, Nov. 18

Wednesday afternoon Ski School

Snow Sports Consulting Service (SSCS) ski school for all class levels starts January 6, 2010 at Summit Central Ski Area and continues for six consecutive weeks finishing on February 10. Bus transportation is provided to and from Stevenson Elementary. Registration forms were sent home on Friday, October 30. If interested, please enclose a completed registration form for each participating child, along with payment, in an envelope addressed to the Stevenson main office, care of Cerys Maring. Registered students will subsequently be mailed a discounted pass application. More information is provided on the registration form. Questions: E-mail Cerys at cmmail@gmail.com.

Thursday, Nov. 26 &
Friday, Nov. 27

No school - Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov. 30 -

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, Dec. 4

Tuesday, Dec. 1
6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the Stevenson Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held from November 30 to December 4. There will also be a family night on Tuesday, December 1. More information about this event will be coming home in your Friday packets.

Evening with Rick Hartman, The Toymaker

Please join us on Tuesday December 1st at 6:00 for a wonderful evening with Rick Hartman, The Toymaker, and to support the Scholastic Book Fair! There is a suggested donation of \$3 for each toy made.

Volunteer Needs

BSF Phonathon
Volunteers
Nov. 9, Nov. 10, &
Nov. 12

BSF Mailer Volunteers
Friday, Nov. 13

Volunteer for
Family Connection
Center

Book Fair Volunteers

Volunteer at the
Mercer Slough

Fun Phone Calls for Parents, Middle and High School Students

Every year volunteers call every household in the school district to solicit donations for Bellevue Schools Foundation. Multi-language, high school students are strongly encouraged to help us out. Phone calls start at 6PM, this includes training and dinner! No experience necessary. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time on November 9, 10 & 12. Contact Rita Frost at reetsplus4@msn.com to sign up. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed to Help with BSF Mailer

Can you volunteer 2 to 3 hours of your time between the hours of 9 and 3 on Friday Nov 13th. at the school district office? Call Rita Frost 206.819.7698 or reetsplus4@msn.com

Volunteer for FCC Needed!

The Family Connection Center (FCC) is looking for a volunteer to help with our Baby Corner pickup once a month on a Thursday morning. The next pickup date will be on Nov 12th from 9 to 11:00 which includes delivering items to 4 schools in our district. The volunteer will need to have a mini van or a large sedan to accommodate car seats, strollers, high chairs, etc. Two parents could also work together to pick up the items and make the deliveries. If you are interested in helping out our Family Connections Center or need more information, please contact Claudia Cruz at 425-456-6005. Thank you for your support.

Book Fair Volunteers

The Scholastic Book Fair will be Nov 30 - Dec 4. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday Nov 25. We also need volunteers to help during the book fair including our family night on Tuesday Dec 1. If you are interested, please contact Luanne Lemmer, the book fair volunteer coordinator, luannelemmer@gmail.com or Charleen Toles, the librarian, tolesc@bsd405.org.

We're looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate a free after-school program focusing on watershed science that occurs once a month, January to May. This is a collaboration between the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center in Bellevue and the Pacific Science Center. The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for high school interns to learn environmental science, become stewards of their local ecosystems, and as such pass that knowledge along to younger members of the community. In the past Mercer Slough has worked with Stevenson Elementary as a way for their interns to teach the youth at Stevenson. If you are interested, please contact Susan Leu-Lin at susanleulin@msn.com.

PTA & School News

New School Website

Clip Box Tops for
Education Coupons

Submit by
Monday, Dec 7 to be
eligible for the donut
party

Please check out our new school website at <http://bsd405.org/stevenson> It is a work in progress and while there is not a lot of information there yet, we will continue to add information to help keep you up to date on Stevenson happenings.

Box Tops for Education

Look for "box tops for education" coupons on boxes and cans that can be cut out and redeemed for cash for our school. Each box top is only worth 10¢, but could be worth hundreds of dollars to Stevenson when combined! Please submit all "box tops for education" coupons, Campbell soup education, etc. to the purple box top collection box in the office by Monday Dec. 7, 2009. Please put all coupons in an envelope with your teacher's name. The class that collects the most coupons will have a donut party on Friday Dec. 11, 2009. Look for the "box tops" coupon on General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Yoplait, Hamburger Helper, Old El Paso, Progresso, Lloyd's

Convenient,
Affordable, Quality
Learning and School
Age Learning Programs

Barbecue, Nature Valley, and other products.

The Bellevue School District Early Learning and School Age programs offer your family convenient, safe, and learning experiences for your children in a center in your local elementary settings. Experienced Professional Educators guide your child through an array of literacy enriched activities, humanities, and social enhancement programs. Homework tutorial assistance is provided daily. The program makes learning fun and prepares your child to succeed. The program supports working parents with convenient hours, providing childcare before and after school, early dismissal Wednesday, non-school days, mid-winter break, late start mornings on snow days and options for school breaks. We also accept drop-in requests (on a limited basis). Financial assistance is available. Please contact us at 425-456-4030 or feel free to visit us at our Early Childhood/School Age building #16.

Robin Curtis, Stevenson Site-Manager, Early Learning and School Age Programs

Bellevue School District News

Registration Deadline:
Friday, Nov. 20

Gifted Programs Application

The Bellevue School District offers three Gifted programs: PRISM, High School Gifted and Enrichment. Parents who would like to have their child considered for possible placement into one of these programs need to complete the application form. The application deadline is November 20, 2009. For more information, follow the link: www.bsd405.org/gifted

Bellevue School
District Proposed
Levies for Feb '10
Ballot

Bellevue School District Proposed Levies for Feb '10 Ballot

1. Educational Programs and Operations Levy, 4 years, replaces levy expiring in 2010.

Funds:

- o Salary & Benefits gap
- o Programs not fully funded by State, such as: Transportation, Gifted Programs, Special Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), Athletics, AND!!
- o Smaller class sizes
- o 7-Period Day

2. Technology and Capital Projects Levy, 5 years, replaces levy expiring in 2011.

Will pay for:

- o Upgrade to the remodel transition school Large-scale maintenance
- o Technology for instruction: Replacement of classroom technology, Training for teachers' use of technology, Technology Specialists, Common curriculum and assessments
- o Replacement of artificial turf and improvements to other sports fields

Cost to Homeowners (both levies + existing bond debt service payments)

- Average of 3% increase a year- the projected rate of inflation - in local school tax bill over the next five years
- Local school tax bill for home valued at \$600,000 in 2009 (before housing price drop) = \$1,140
- Local school tax bill for same home in 2014, now valued at \$539,935 = \$1,307

Learn more at <http://www.bellevuequalityschools.com/>

CHILDFIND
screenings

CHILDFIND

If you have concerns about your child's development, the Bellevue School District offers free developmental screenings/assessments for children age birth through preschool age who live within the Bellevue School District. The screenings help identify children who are having problems with speaking, thinking, social or motor skills. The program is called Childfind. For information on:

- Assessments for children 0-2 years, call Kinderling Center at 425 747 4004.
- Preschool screenings for children from 3-5 years, call 425 456 4171.
- Concerns about the development /school progress for students from kindergarten through 21 years, contact the counselor at your child's school.

If you live outside the Bellevue School District, call 1 800 756 5437.

Bellevue Schools
Foundation

How does Bellevue Schools Foundation help students?

BSF raises funds to make grants to Bellevue schools in four areas: Academic Rigor, Student Support, Teaching Excellence and Community Engagement. This school year, BSF will grant \$870,000 to help Bellevue students thrive.

Learn about the programs we're funding right now [here](#).

BSF-funded programs help students in every school, every class—every day. We need your help to do it! For example...

- \$250 helps a struggling student succeed with weekly visits all year from a trained volunteer mentor
- \$150 keeps a teen on track for graduation with weekly before & after-school support all year
- \$125 supports a Kindergartener learning to read with extra help from a classroom aide for a semester
- \$75 puts a middle schooler on the road to college with study skills and academic coaching all year
- \$50 brings band students together with a professional musician for a master class
- \$25 sends a 3rd grader on a Geology Adventure to collect and identify rocks, fossils and minerals

Community News

Teen Closet

Teen Closet: Do you have items to donate? Do you need items for a teen in your home? If so please visit Teen Closet- at World Impact Network- 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue WA 98005. Clothing is free! It is open the last Monday of the month from 4:30 -6:30. The phone number is 425-643-8246

Thank You

Big Thanks To Our Picture Day Parent Volunteers

We thank you so much to the following parent volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to help our Picture Day go so smoothly and successfully: Theresa Puente, Sara Rowe, Creys Maring, Cathy Chow, Delia Ortega, Yunbo Cassady, Linan Tong and Shaila Shetty.

Your support to the Stevenson Community is highly appreciated!
Lisa Allocca and Yaling Kuo - Picture Day Coordinators

Thank You, BSF!

A HUGE thank you to the Bellevue Schools Foundation for continuing to support Stevenson Elementary! The Foundation will be supporting our December 1st event with Rick Hartman, an author visit in the spring, and culturally relevant books for our students in the after school reading program! Thank you to the Bellevue Schools Foundation for continuing to support Stevenson students and families.

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