



Stevenson PTA Newsletter - October 8, 2009

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Principal's Message

Dear Families:

Over the next several weeks all of you will have the opportunity to meet with teachers as part of fall conferences. This is not only a time for you to learn more about the progress your child is making, but it is also a time for you to share what you know about your son or daughter. You are your child's first and most consistent teacher. You hold a great deal of knowledge, that when shared, helps teachers better meet your child's needs. Please use this conference time to ask questions and share ideas for what might help all of us work more effectively together. One of our school wide goals is to increase our partnership with you and we value your input. Thank you for supporting your child and Stevenson by attending this fall conference.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 9	No school - Professional/Conference Day
Monday, Oct. 19	Picture Day Our annual Picture Day is coming on Monday, Oct. 19, 2009. We are going to take class pictures and individual pictures. Please make sure to have your child in school on time that day. The Picture Order Form (Packet) and further information will come home with your child soon. Lisa Allocca and Yaling Kuo - Picture Day Coordinators
Friday, Oct. 23 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Stevenson Café	Multicultural Night Celebrate Stevenson's Exceptional Cultural Diversity! Friday, October 23, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Stevenson Café. Bring a dish to share (Per BSD regulations, no meat, potato or macaroni salad, custards, or precut fruit). Sign up to perform an ethnic song or dance! Come in ethnic clothing and enter a drawing for a prize. Please contact Adam Dibba at amdibba@evergreenhealthcare.org with questions about food or volunteering or Sara Zhong at sarazhong@comcast.net with questions about performing.
Monday, Nov. 2	No school - Professional/Conference Day
Monday, Nov. 9 8:00 am Stevenson Café	Coffee with the Principal Christy Lindquist invites you to join her on Monday, November 9 at 8:00 am in the Café for coffee, to talk with one another and ask her questions you may have.
Wednesday, Nov. 11	No school - Veterans Day
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.
Friday, March 5 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Lake Sammamish Four Square Church	Please mark your calendar for our PTA sponsored Classic Music Night. Date & Time: March 5th, 2010 Friday, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Location: Lake Sammamish Four Square Church (next door to Stevenson Elementary) Please look for the registration later in the Fall. Please contact Yunbo Cassady at 425-644-6110 or Yunbostudio@hotmail.com for more information or if you would like to help out with this event.

Volunteer Needs

Snacks for Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Tea Bags for the Teacher/Staff Lounge

Translator for the Spanish Newsletter

Teacher/Staff Appreciation begins from the heart of every Stevenson family. A BIG Thank You to Courtney's family (4th grade) for their kind generosity for October. If you would like to contribute food on the 1st Monday of these months (Feb, Apr, June) for a Treat Table in the staff room, please contact Wendy at 425 829 7105 or wgytan@comcast.net

Tea Bag Donations
Please bring a box of your favorite tea bags to donate to the teacher/staff lounge. This is an easy way to show your appreciation to our staff. The tea bags can be dropped off in the office.

Seeking Spanish Newsletter Translator
Currently there is no Spanish newsletter due to lack of volunteers to translate. Please contact Debbie Patel at debbieraj@netscape.net if you can help.

PTA and School News

A Note from the Office

A note from the office-

- Please label your child's coat with their name. As the weather changes and we have cool mornings and warmer afternoons, students often take their coat off at recess and leave it on the playground. If you are missing a coat or other items, please check in the café. If you don't see your lost item, check back in a few days, as it sometimes takes a few days to make it to the lost and found.
- If your child is sick, please call the Attendance Hotline at 425-456-6002. You may leave a message if it is before school hours. Please remember to keep your child home if your child has a fever and for 24 hours after their fever breaks, as this is the most contagious time. Thank you for helping to keep Stevenson Elementary as healthy as possible.
- After School Childcare: The Boys and Girls Club, located just down the street from Stevenson at Eastside Terrace, offers free after school care to anyone who lives in King County housing. All other families only pay \$27 for the entire school year. Please contact Allyse at 425-865-8434 for more information or to drop in and check out the facilities.

A Note from the School Nurse

We've completed all school vision and hearing screenings on 9/10. Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Allocca, Mrs. Dawn Bishop, Mrs. Yunbo Cassady, Mrs. Kim Oh, two other parents and 5 volunteers from Lake Sammamish Four square church. Parents who have received the letter from school nurse/district audiologist for failed hearing/vision should follow the direction given by the audiologist/nurse to ensure students' learning. Parents who have received immunization status letter should bring their students' immunization up-to-date to keep our school community safe and healthy. Questions, please call Daphne Tu, school nurse at 425-456-6011 (Thurs/Fri).

Items to Turn In:
· Walkathon Envelope
· Directory Input Form
· Email Distribution List Form

Please Turn in Walkathon Pledge Envelopes and PTA Forms
It is not too late to turn in the following important PTA items to your child's teacher or the office:

- Walkathon Pledge Envelope - Thanks so much for all the parents' help in making the walkathon a success! We are working on compiling and accounting the generous donations that have come. Money can still be sent to school by Thursday, Oct. 8. Stay tuned for the final update. -Archana Verma
- Directory Input Form - Please verify the information on this form and turn it in so that it is accurate in the directory. The directory is published in the fall, and is free to PTA members.
- Email Distribution List Form - If you have an email address, please turn in this form to help us 'go green' and save printing costs. You can also email stevensonpta1@aol.com with parent/guardian name and student name with "Subscribe" as the subject or message.

Extra copies of forms can be picked up in the school office.

Screening Process for Parent Volunteers

Parent Volunteer Application
Parent volunteers who help in the classroom and for clubs must fill out a Bellevue School District Volunteer Packet if they haven't submitted one before. It contains a volunteer application, BSD disclosure form, and Washington State Patrol form. A copy of Photo ID is needed. To print: On the BSD link, click "download the application" <http://www.bsd405.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1024>. Applications are also available in the office.

Clip Box Tops for Education Coupons

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 Barbecue, Nature Valley, and other products.

Bellevue School District News

Tuesday, Oct. 13
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Interlake High School
16245 NE 24th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

Bellevue Schools
Foundation

Parent Internet Viewer Computer Class

We invite ALL district parents to join us for a computer class to learn how to use Parent Internet Viewer, a district online program that allows parents to access their student's attendance, grades and records of homework completion. You must bring your student ID number and the password you received in the mail. Limited spaces. Call to reserve a seat: 425-456-4167.

How can you support great Bellevue schools? Three easy ways:

- Answer the call, give to Phonathon!
Volunteers will call to ask for your gift in early November. Say yes - or give early at www.bsfdn.org/Donate.aspx to avoid the call. Stevenson is looking for volunteers to help make phone calls. Training provided, no experience necessary, high school and bi-lingual speakers needed from 6 to 9 PM the week of Nov 9th. Contact Rita Frost at reetsplus4@msn.com or 206.819.7698.
- Shop Amazon.
Click through to Amazon from BSF's website, and Amazon will give 7% of your purchase price to BSF! Just find the Amazon link along the right side at www.bsfdn.org.
- Give through your workplace campaign.
If your company runs a United Way or workplace giving campaign, you can help Bellevue students by giving to BSF.

Thank you! Your gift helps students in every school, every classroom - every day.

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