



Stevenson PTA Newsletter - September 11, 2009

Principal's Message

Stevenson Families:

I would like to thank each of you for your support in getting the 2009-2010 school year started. We currently have nearly 683 students registered, which is the largest we have ever been. With many more students enrolling this year we are still making adjustments to best meet the needs of all students. We appreciate your understanding as we may need to balance the classes this week.

Curriculum Night: We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Nights next week. I'll start the evening at 6:00 in the Café by providing you with some general Stevenson information and school wide goals. You'll then have time with your child's teacher to learn more about the year ahead and how we can work together to support you and your child. Childcare will be provided in the gym for Stevenson students and their younger siblings. We do not have room for students older than 5th grade.

Students in the 2nd, 4th and 5th grade neighborhood classes are asked to join their parents for the classroom presentations as well.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all next week.
Christy Lindquist

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept. 15
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

1st - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 15 for 1st - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night. This is a night to learn about our curriculum and expectations. Teachers will be available to talk about their program. Hear from our principal Christy Lindquist, and meet the Stevenson staff.

Thursday, Sept. 17
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

4th - 5th Grade Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 17 for 4th - 5th Grade Curriculum Night. This is a night to learn about our curriculum and expectations. Teachers will be available to talk about their program. Hear from our principal Christy Lindquist, and meet the Stevenson staff.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
6:00 pm
Stevenson Elementary

Chess Club Registration: In-Person Registration Only

TO REGISTER: Attend the parent meeting on September 22nd, 6:00 PM at Stevenson. Full payment is due at registration check (payable to "Stevenson PTA/Chess Club"). Club fee is \$200. Chess Club contact e-mail: stevensonchess@gmail.com. Registration form is attached.

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:30 pm
Stevenson Library

PTA Meeting

Please come join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Future meetings will be every other month.

Friday, Sept. 25
11:15 am - 2:00 pm

Stevenson Walkathon 2009

Mark your calendars for Stevenson Walkathon 2009 - Walking Hand in Hand on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 11:15 am to 2:00 pm. This is Stevenson PTA's only fundraiser. The funds raised during Walkathon enable the PTA to sponsor educational enhancements during the school year. Look out for the Walkathon pledge envelope to come home with your student on September 11th.

Registration deadline:
Friday, Sept. 25

Drama Club Registration for 2nd - 4th Grade

Introducing the Stevenson Elementary Drama Club for 2nd - 4th Graders! Please see the Studio East Drama Club registration form that was sent home with students. Space is limited.

Monday, Oct. 5
8:00 am
Stevenson Café

Coffee with the Principal

Christy Lindquist invites you to join her on Monday, October 5 at 8:00am in the Café for coffee, to talk with one another and ask her questions you may have.

Friday, Oct. 9

No school - Professional/Conference Day

Early Release on
Wednesdays

School Ends at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

Please remember that school ends at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays, and at 2:25 pm on other days.

Volunteer Needs

PTA Volunteer
Positions

Seeking PTA Volunteers

Volunteering is a good way to meet the students, staff and administration at Stevenson. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Shirley Lim at kiwi@lim98029.net or Sara Zhong at sarazhong@comcast.net. Our most urgent needs are:

- We need a chairperson for Cultural Night (October 23).
- We need a Reflections chairperson or there will be no Reflections at Stevenson this year.
- We need a webmaster for the PTA website.
- We need a chairperson for Box Tops.

Walkathon Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities for Walkathon are given below.

Please sign up to help with:

- Walkathon pledge envelopes assembly work party: Friday, September 18, 8:00 am - 10:00 am
- Setup and cleanup on the day of Walkathon: Friday, September 25, 11:15 am - 2:00 pm
- Photography on the day of Walkathon: Friday, September 25, 11:15 am - 2:00 pm
- Donation solicitations of local businesses for water on the day of Walkathon

Please look out for volunteer sign up sheets at the school office and in your student's classroom. You can also contact Archana Verma at 425-373-0573 or archana_suren@hotmail.com.

Library Helpers

Needed - Parent Volunteers in the Library

Do you like to read? Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at Stevenson? If you answered yes to those questions, then consider volunteering in the library. Parent Volunteers are critical to helping the library run smoothly. You can volunteer during your child's scheduled library time or anytime that is convenient for you during the week. It is a fun and easy way to get involved with the school and the students. Your responsibilities include shelving books, checking in/out books, and preparing new books for circulation. Please contact Leslie Brewer at 425-452-1860 or leslieebrewer@msn.com for additional information.

Translator for the
Spanish Newsletter

Seeking Spanish Newsletter Translator

We are looking for volunteers to translate this newsletter in Spanish. All of the work is done at home at your convenience. Please contact Debbie Patel at debbieraj@netscape.net.

PTA News

Email Distribution
List

Subscribe to the Stevenson Email Distribution List

The Stevenson PTA broadcasts important school information with this email list. Please fill out the form that was sent home with students, and return it to school. Previous subscribers need to submit a new form. If you prefer, you can email stevensonpta1@aol.com with parent/guardian name and student name with "Subscribe" as the subject or message. Questions? Please contact Debbie Patel at debbieraj@netscape.net.

PACE Enrollment

PACE raised thousands of dollars for our school last year and many of our parents saved hundreds of dollars throughout the year. If you're new to PACE, the fundraiser couldn't be easier! There are no order forms to track, funds to collect, or door-to-door sales. However, you do need to register!

- Register any Visa or MasterCard today at www.4pace.com.
- Shop or dine at PACE businesses, pay your bill using the same registered credit card, and your member savings and school donations are automatic!
- Membership fee is \$25 - of which \$10 goes directly to support our school.

Register today and all of the Stevenson student(s) in your household automatically earn a HexBug - a micro robotic creature! Already a Member? Login to your account at www.4pace.com to verify your account information is up to date and enroll your student(s) in the prize program.

PTA News (Continued)

Lost and Found

Lost Item from PRISM Picnic Potluck

A jacket and shirt was left at Crossroads Park after the PRISM Picnic Potluck. To claim your items, please contact Sue Eng at stansueng@hotmail.com. After one week, the lost items will be placed in the Stevenson Café with the other lost items at school.

Bellevue School District News

Nov. 9, Nov. 10 &
Nov. 12
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bellevue Schools Foundation Phonathon

Mark your calendar to participate in the Bellevue Schools Foundation Phonathon Nov. 9th, 10th and 12th. Dinner will be provided at 6PM, phone calling from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at a local Bellevue business. Scripts and training provided, no experience needed. Hispanic language speakers needed. High schoolers needing community service hours most needed. Contact volunteer BSF Liason Rita Frost at reetsplus4@msn.com and 206.819.7698.

Learn how BSF helps students at <http://bsfdn.org>.

BSD E-mail Updates

Keep up with the latest school district news by subscribing for e-mail updates at www.bsd405.org/districtnotification. Receive alerts to participate in on-line surveys to share your opinions with the administration and school board.

Coffee Hours:
Sept. 10, Sept. 22
Sept. 29 & Oct. 1
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Attend a Back-To-School Coffee Hour with New Superintendent Dr. Amalia Cudeiro

All coffee hours will run from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Join us at the location and date that is most convenient for you:

- Highland Middle School - September 10
- Chinook Middle School - September 29
- Tye Middle School - September 22
- Tillicum Middle School - October 1

Community News

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school zone speed
limits at Stevenson

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Launching a pilot program approved by the City Council in April, Bellevue has begun using cameras to enforce speed limits near Stevenson Elementary. Cameras will capture still images and video of motorists exceeding the 20-mph speed limit in the Stevenson school zone. Only warnings will be issued in September. In October, speeders will be fined \$124.

Operation School Bell
Forms due Sept. 18

Operation School Bell (OSB) is on!

The AL(Assistance League of the Eastside) event of "Shopping for Clothes" at Fred Meyer is on. Sept. 18th is the due date to return a signed form to Claudia Cruz. Look for the form in the Friday packet. Students who participated in the Clothes for Kids 2009 program from OLS at Target are NOT eligible to participate in OSB-09.

Flyers from Outside
Organizations

Look for Flyers from Outside Organizations in the Office

Reminder: Flyers from outside organizations that offer classes and camps in our area will not be distributed with Friday packets. Please look for these flyers in slots in the office.

Bellevue Ski School

Board & Ski in 2010

Sign up for students grades 2 - 12 starts October 1st at www.bellevueskischool.com.

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