



SAVE THESE DATES

Principal Coffee Chat
Friday, Feb 5th

1st Grade Cultural Diversity
Celebration
Friday, Feb 12th

Mid-Winter Break
NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Feb 16th

Kindergarten Tour
Thursday, Feb 18th
1:30 - 2:30pm

Mariner Moose Visit!
Friday, Feb 19th at 2:50pm
Families are invited to attend
and take pictures

Free Dress Day and
School Assemblies
Friday, Feb 26th



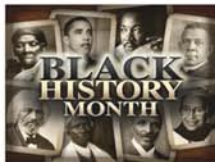
Box Tops Collection

If you have any Box Tops or additional Red Apple receipts around your house, gather them up and drop them off at the red canister by the front office as soon as you can. The next deadline for Box Tops is March 1st, and our submission will be collected on **Thursday, February 25th**. These equal money for our school so don't delay--we usually receive \$200+ each time!



Monday Feb 8th marks the Lunar New Year, and 2016 is the Year of the Monkey. The Monkey is ninth of the 12 animals in the recurring 12-year Chinese zodiac cycle. "Those born in the Year of the Monkey are fun-loving people who are always cheerful, creative and generous. They are usually the center of attention, captivating with their wit and charm. They are loyal and devoted, but can be emotional and self-centered at times." Seattle's International District will hold a celebration next Saturday, February 13th.

February is Black History Month



Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month, is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Museums around Seattle will hold several events during the month of February, including: Northwest African American Museum, EMP, and MQHA.

Available Classes for Powerful Schools



if you are interested in the available classes for your student. There is a lockbox in the front office for submitting payments.

The current winter quarter of Powerful Schools has already begun, but several classes still have openings for all grade levels. Please contact Nancy Fujimoto if



Lost and Found

The lost and found has been filling up quickly, so please check if your child is missing a sweater, jacket, gloves, etc. The lost and found is located just down the hall from the front desk.



BHIS Teachers on DonorsChoose.org

Don't forget to support BHIS educators! With your help over a dozen projects have been funded, including new playground equipment. BHIS has 6 open fundraising requests.



World Scholars Photo Gallery

We are building a photo gallery of our outstanding world scholars doing the amazing things they do--being kids! Do you have a photo of your BHIS student wearing school gear (or not) that you'd like to share? Email it to us and we'll add it to our online World of Scholars photo album on Facebook.

Valentine's Cards for Veterans



One of our 5th grade students has brought our attention to an exciting opportunity to support our veterans at the VA Hospital. Her father works for Congressman Adam Smith and would love full participation of our school! Many other schools in our community will also be participating in this endeavor, and the school that creates the most cards will get recognition from Congressman Adam Smith. Please drop off your cards at the Volunteer Coordinator's office by **Tuesday, February 9th!**

Yearbook Assistance Needed



The design process has begun for the front cover and layout of the 2015-2016 yearbook. Noel Brady was kind enough to donate his artistic skills again this year, and Dan Joswiak is doing an excellent job

coordinating this project for our school. We could use a few helpers on the yearbook committee, so please contact Dan if you can spare a few hours of your time.

We also are accepting photos to be considered for the yearbook. These photos must be around 1MB in size, so please scale down large images. Each photo must include a short caption, such as the names of the students, educators, and activity featured. Submit all photos to Dan Joswiak by March 15th.

Upcoming Levies Vote on February 9th



Next month Seattle voters will be asked to preserve funding for our 52,000 students and their 98 Seattle public schools.

The three-year **Operations Levy** provides over 25% of the basic funds needed to operate Seattle's public schools--money that benefits every one of our students that the State does not provide.

The six-year **Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV (BTA IV) Capital Levy** will provide funds for upgrades and renovations of our aging school facilities on a planned and predictable timeline to help ensure a safe, secure teaching and learning environment.

A team from the city will visit Beacon Hill in the next few weeks to interview our educators about performance measures and how our intervention programs are going. Click here to read some frequently asked questions about the levies.



Soup for Teachers SPS Events Calendar

Soup for Teachers is a grassroots community support organization focused on, but not affiliated with, Seattle Public Schools. Check this link for their blog about what's happening in Seattle's public schools.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



PTA Committee Positions

Take an active part in Beacon Hill activities by accepting an open position for one of our many committees and events. Click through the various positions we have available and let us know if you're interested in more information.

After School Math Help

Could you spare an hour on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:00pm? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator or Ms. Chilo.

Yearbook Committee

It's time to start preparing for the 2015-2016 yearbook publication and sale. Anyone interested in helping with sales or photos please contact our Volunteer Coordinator or Yearbook Coordinator.

Music Education Volunteer

The Beacon Hill PTA currently supports our school's 5th grade music program, but we're aiming for more! We would like a volunteer to spearhead a music education expansion project for our students (mostly done from home). Anyone interested please contact our Volunteer Coordinator.

PTA MEMBERSHIP: Contact Cristina Meding about becoming a member of our PTA (and the WA State PTA). Being a member gives you an opportunity to make your voice heard, participate in assemblies, attend parent workshops, and get members-only discounts to local businesses such as Great Wolf Lodge, Wild Waves, and Red Robin. If your family cannot afford membership dues, please let us know.

ATTENDANCE: Is your child sick? Are you going out of town? Please remember to always contact the school to report an absence. Call 206-252-2700 or email BeaconHillAttendance@seattleschools.org. Include the student's name, date, and reason for the absence or early dismissal.

SCHOOLS AND POLITICS: Do you have questions about school funding, why our classrooms are overcrowded, or what led to the teachers strike? The Beacon Hill PTA can answer your questions and help you get involved. Contact our Legislative and Advocacy Chair, Michael Laskett.

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? Do you have a general question for the PTA and don't know whom to ask? Do you have a suggestion for a topic, announcement, or story for our newsletter? Let us know!

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