



September 19, 2008

if you know of a family that will be new to Clyde Hill Elementary this year please forward this email on to them. They can click on the "Join our mailing list" button in the right column. To unsubscribe click on the link at the bottom of the newsletter.

Not True Rumor of the Week

Have you heard the latest rumor that there isn't going to be an auction this year? NOT TRUE! The Clyde Hill Auction will be held in the Spring. More details to come in the next few months.

True Rumor of the Week

Have you heard that the Walkathon is being rescheduled? TRUE! The Walkathon will occur in mid-October, not September 26th. Specific date will be coming soon.

Ride the Bus Next Week

If your child is eligible please have them ride the bus next week, September 22-26, both morning and afternoon. The district does its official "count" next week. It's important for them to have correct numbers. Thank you!

Dear Families,

What a great first week of school! Everyone is so excited to be in class. There was an amazing number of parents volunteering their time up at school already. Our parent volunteer force is one of the things that makes Clyde Hill such a special place for our children to go to school. When your child sees you at school volunteering it reinforces to them that you value their education. We do it for our kids!

The first day "taking care of business" event was a big success. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback -- feel free to keep those compliments and suggestions coming.

We continue to struggle with our PTSA calendar. Thank you for being patient while we try to compress events and reschedule what we so carefully planned this summer. The letter from me in the first day packet

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included a small calendar of upcoming events. Those dates are incorrect -- they were dates based on school starting September 2nd. Sorry for any confusion this has caused.

Feel free to email me with any questions or comments you have. We're off to a great start!

Lisa Brock

Events

TGIF Ice Cream Social

Tonight, Friday September 19th from 5:00pm-7:00pm for a TGIF Ice Cream Social. Buy an ice cream sundae, get to know Clyde Hill staff, visit with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome!

Picture Day - Tuesday September 23rd

Look for order forms sent home with your child this week. Bring the completed form to school ON picture day. Please remember to make checks payable to Lifetouch or send cash for the exact amount only.

Any questions please contact Hilary Allen
425-450-7023 hilary@hilaryallen.com

After School Activities - Sign Ups

Please check backpacks and Friday's newsletter for information on After School Activities. Note change to Spanish class on flyers sent home - It should read "Oct. 6-May 4. Additionally, no class on Dec. 22". Sign up for after school activities are on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:15 AM in the front foyer area at the main entrance of the school. Registration is on a first come first served basis.

**AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT is being offered to the first parent to volunteer to be the class coordinator for each after school activity. First come-first serve basis, so please email [Daryl Russinovich](mailto:Daryl.Russinovich) asap.

Attention Room Parent Volunteers - 9/25 @ 9:30

Thank you to all who have signed up to be room parents this school year. Your willingness to help is vital to your child's class and the Clyde Hill Elementary community at large and we appreciate your dedication. We will have a room parent Kick Off Meeting in the school cafeteria on 9/25 from 9:30-10:00 to run through responsibilities/tasks, provide helpful hints for a successful year and allow you to meet the other room parents for your class. It is important to attend this meeting so everyone is off and running prior to curriculum night. If you have any questions or would still like to sign up to be a room parent, please contact [Leslie Feller](mailto:Leslie.Feller)

[Meet with friends for coffee](#)



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(425) 456-5046

Ski Bus

Sign up date: Wednesday, October 8th at 7:30am inside the front entrance to school. First come first serve basis to fill the first bus. We need to have at least 70 children total in order to open up the second bus, which we hope to do.

Grades: 1-5

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7-February 11

Time: 12:30-5:30

Cost: \$285.00 for ski lessons & transportation, \$107 for ski rental if needed. A Season Pass will need to be purchased as well for each child for Snoqualmie Pass. Prices have not been released for the Ski Season yet, but it will be approximately \$200-\$250.

If you have any questions, please contact us, [Kim Irwin](#) or [Liz Weber](#)

Back to School Coffees

Time to enjoy the kids being back in school! Meet for coffee at the Starbucks in the Lodge (Bellevue Square Mall near PF Changs). This is a great opportunity for new parents to meet other parents from their grade level. Everyone is welcome to attend.

22 - Sept, 8:15 am: Kindergarten Coffee

23 - Sept, 8:15 am: 1st Grade Coffee

24 - Sept, 8:15 am: 2nd Grade Coffee

25 - Sept, 8:15 am: 3rd Grade Coffee

26 - Sept, 8:15 am: 4th Grade Coffee

29 - Sept, 8:15 am: 5th Grade Coffee

An Afternoon at the Movies

The Clyde Hill PTSA presents "An Afternoon at the Movies" for each grade from 2:40 - 4:30pm. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door the day of the event. A blue permission slip will come home via kid mail. Please return it to the office one week prior. Every child will need a permission slip filled out in order to stay for the movie, even if he/she is paying at the door.

Please note that the 2nd grade movie has moved to Monday, 10/6.

Kindergarten: Tue, 10/7 - Disney's "Jungle Book" (rated G)

1st Grade: Tue, 10/14 - Disney's "Peter Pan" (not rated)

2nd Grade: Mon, 10/6 - Disney's "Robin Hood" (rated G) - NEW DATE!

3rd Grade: Thu, 10/16 - "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (rated PG)

4th Grade: Thu, 11/6 - "How to Eat Fried Worms" (rated PG)

5th Grade: Thu, 11/13 - "Because of Winn Dixie" (rated PG)

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News

Library volunteers needed!

There are still some classes that need volunteers for their library time. If you have a child in one of the following classes and can help out, it would be greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten	Ms. Beye, Ms. Bohman, & Ms. Gill
1st grade	Mr. Balph, Ms. Skaugh, & Ms. Young
3rd grade	Ms. Gwaltney
4th grade	Ms. Bishop, Ms. Cowling, & Ms. Myrick

Please contact [Elizabeth Campbell](#)

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Service Team

Interested in Service? Want to make a difference in your community? Join your fellow 4th and 5th graders and join Service Team. Applications will be made available to all 4th and 5th grade students interested in applying during the week of September 22nd - 26th. Applications can be picked up in the office on Monday, September 22nd. The deadline to submit your completed application (complete with reference) is Monday September 29th.

Contact: roundaboutchris@yahoo.com for further questions.

School Directory - No Longer Free

Please be advised we are changing the way School Directories are distributed. If you join the Clyde Hill PTSA you will receive a free directory. Purchase of a single membership will include one directory, purchase of a family membership will include two directories. If you choose not to join the PTSA or wish to order additional copies of the directory, YOU MUST PRE-ORDER it. Look for the order form in your

Back to School packet.

Join the PTSA

Time to join the Clyde Hill PTSA! Joining is a great way to stay involved with your child, their teacher and the entire school community.

PTSA helps Clyde Hill provide our children with a high quality education. We raise money to supplement what the district and state provide. Did you know Clyde Hill PTSA has budgeted to spend over \$365,000 on additional staff and support for teachers this year? Reading Specialists, Math Specialists and Classroom Aides are only possible through PTSA funding.

It's not just fundraising. Clyde Hill's volunteer community is second to none. PTSA volunteers improve student achievement and provide additional activities for all children.

PTSA membership costs \$15 per person (includes 1 directory) and \$25 for couples (includes 2 directories). Look for the PTSA form in your Back to School packet.

Water Bottles! Magnets! Tshirts! Hats!

Show your school pride and purchase Clyde Hill water bottles, magnets, tshirts and hats. Items will be for sale at the Welcome Back Coffee and the Walkathon.

Bellevue Schools Foundation

The Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is pleased that the teachers strike has been resolved and our students are back in school.

BSF is a community organization that raises money to support academic excellence for every student in the Bellevue School District. Washington State does not provide adequate funding for the excellent education that Bellevue students deserve: to keep Bellevue schools excellent, the community needs to fill the gaps.

For more info, visit www.bsfdn.org or contact [Gillian Doyle](#)

Thanks from April Hale, Librarian

To all the Families who traveled overseas during Summer vacation and sent postcards to Clyde Hill Library: The Khuus, the Davis Family, the Bodes, Mr. Holmberg, and the Sakazaki family. I am sure I am forgetting someone, with my apologies. We have postcards from Thailand, Germany, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, and more! Thank you for your caring and generosity to help our Library lessons!

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Girl Scouts

Interested in having your daughter participate in Girl Scouts? 1st grade girls can join our existing troop and we're looking for two parent volunteers to lead a new Kindergarten troop. For more information please email [Michelle Gretschi](#).

NEED SOMETHING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?

In order to publish an article in the newsletter, please send an email to [Melissa Campbell](#), our newsletter editor.

Word attachments are best, but email formats work too. Your submission will be acknowledged with a return email. Due to space limitations, the formatting of your article may be changed. Please do not embed graphics. Your submission must be received by noon on Thursday in order to make the Friday newsletter.

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