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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.

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed Curriculum Night. So much information in such a short time! While there was a lot to absorb, I wanted to highlight one thing: communication is a two way street. Teachers and Mrs. Benson are happy to hear from you. It is important for you to email your concerns or questions. Is your student struggling with recess, their homework load, or staying organized? Email your teacher. They can help.

We are lucky to have teachers who are dedicated to their students. We are also lucky to be part of a community that places such importance on education.

Did you know

At curriculum night we met two Math Specialists and three Literacy Specialists. They greatly impact each and every student at Clyde Hill. All five of these teachers are paid for by Clyde Hill's PTSA -- funded through your donations.

Clyde Hill also has six Educational Aides, one for every grade, who spend time in each classroom every day. All six of our EA's are paid for by the PTSA - funded through your donations.

Mrs. Benson mentioned Homework Club, a program for kids in grades 3 through 5. Homework Club is paid for by the PTSA - funded through your donations.

We need your support to make it happen. Rockathon, our second largest fundraiser, will occur on November 5th. When you consider your donation amount, remember all of the extra teachers and aides the PTSA makes possible. Your donation helps make Clyde Hill the BEST elementary school around!

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Lisa Brock
PTSA President

School News / Events

Announcing Clyde Hill Elementary's "2008 Rockathon!"

For those of you new to the school, welcome! For those of you anticipating Walkathon. Welcome to Rockathon! This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, but most importantly a favorite due to the community spirit involved. As new families several years ago, this event really made us feel as if we were a true part of Clyde Hill Elementary.

Rockathon will be held Wednesday November 5, 2008, from 12:15 until 2:00 pm in the Clyde Hill Elementary multipurpose room.

Get ready for a fun afternoon of dancing, snacks, prizes, hula hoop contests, 50's dance lessons and other Sock-Hoppin' fun! Wear your Rockathon t-shirts but feel free to add your own 50's flair-poodle skirts, leather jackets, suede shoes. Great Balls of Fire. This is going to be fun!

Packets will be coming home next week with more info. A separate email with more information will be sent out later today.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your enthusiasm for this event, and for your contributions, whether they be financial, volunteer hours, or both. We realize there were some financial hardships for many families due to the late start to school. When choosing to give, please remember that all money raised goes directly to your children and their education and enrichment.

Your Rockathon Co-Chairs,

Shama "Yakety Yak, Don't Talk Back" Albright
(425) 455-8917 or hukilau5@msn.com
Julie "Rockin' Around the Clock" Sturgill
(425) 688-0872 or jsturgill@msn.com

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE & KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Afternoon at the Movies is coming up!

10/6 - 2nd Grade

10/7 - Kindergarten

Students will head to the Multi-Purpose Room immediately after school.

Pick up is 4:30 pm.

If your child would like to attend, but has not turned in a permission slip, he/she can bring a completed permission slip to check-in with a suggested donation of \$20 the day of the movie (checks made out to Clyde Hill PTA).

10/21 - Principals
Coffee

10/28 - PTSA
General Meeting

11/01 - Emperor's
New Clothes

11/05 - All School
ROCKATHON!

11/11 - Veteran's
Day - No School



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Attendance:
(425) 456-5002

Attendance [email](#)

PTSA Office:
(425) 456-5046

Permission slips are available in the front office, or on the Clyde Hill PTA web site (click on "Forms" on the left hand side) www.clydehillpta.org.

Other Movie Day Dates:

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

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)

To volunteer to help with check-in/checkout, handing out snacks, and/or clean up, contact Cari Sapp at csapp@mac.com.

PACE

On Friday your student is bringing home information on PACE, one of our fundraising programs this year. As a PACE member, you save 20% at hundreds of local participating businesses and Clyde Hill earns 5% on every transaction.

PACE easily raises thousands of dollars for our school and rewards you at the same time. With over 400 participating businesses your personal savings can be significant. There are no order forms to track, funds to collect, delivery schedules to meet, volunteer hours, or door-to-door sales. However, you do need to register! In three easy steps you're on your way to helping Clyde Hill reach its fundraising goals:

1. Register any Visa or MasterCard at www.4pace.com
\$10 of your \$25 membership goes directly to our school.

2. You Save 20%

Shop and dine at hundreds of local restaurants and retailers. You save 20% on your first purchase at each and every one. The more places you visit the more you save! No coupons or discount cards required.

3. RAISE MONEY FOR Clyde Hill Elementary PTSA
We earn 5% with every purchase you make!

Contact the CH PTSA PACE Coordinator, [Lisa Aranovitz](#) if you have any further questions.

Ski Bus Sign Up - Time Change!

SIGN UP OCTOBER 8th, 6-7pm in the school gym.

First come first serve basis to fill the first bus.

We will need to have over 75 children to be able to open up the second bus, which we hope to do.

Grades: 1-5

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7- February 11

Time: 12:30-5:30pm

Cost: \$285 for six weeks of ski lessons & transportation, \$107 for ski

rental if needed.

A season pass will need to be purchased for each child for Snoqualmie Pass. Prices have not yet been released for the upcoming Ski Season, but will run approximately \$200-\$250

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

Clyde Hill Students Give Back Globally and Locally

The Obama and McCain campaigns agree on national service - that it's important to create opportunities to serve and integrate service into education. Clyde Hill students and their families already do much to give back. Drawing on the strong history of service at Clyde Hill, this year's Clyde Hill Service Team has committed to support a range of projects, some local and others global in reach. Clyde Hill families are encouraged to take the time to learn more about these projects and to identify one or more to support. There are many ways to give back to those less fortunate, and every member of our community can find a way to make a difference.

Here are different ways, click on the names to go to the web sites for more information.

[The Mockingbird Society](#)

[Heifer International - Read to Feed](#)

[Seattle Cancer Care Alliance](#)

[Union Gospel Mission](#)

[Make A Wish Foundation](#)

[Blue Mountain Project](#)

We will post Service Team updates throughout the year in the PTSA newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact [Anne Boyer](#), [Deb Eberhardt](#), or [Christine Topinka](#).

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-Phonathon update

Announcing that the dates for BSF's Phonathon fundraiser have changed to November 10-13, 2008 (instead of October 20-22). With your help, Phonathon will raise \$280,000 this year to support academic rigor, struggling students and excellent instruction in every Bellevue school.

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

Community News / Events

Bellevue School Board and Bellevue PTSA Council

Invite you to a conversation with our representatives

Rep. Ross Hunter (D-48)
Senator Rodney Tom (D-48)
Rep. Fred Jarrett (D-41)

R20;LetR17;s do something about state education fundingR21;
(A Proposal for the Basic Education Finance Joint Task Force)

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, 7pm
Sammamish High School Performing Arts Center

Washington State's education funding system is broken. Increasing costs and declining funds to public schools continue to create chronic underfunding which affects every student in Bellevue and forces the district to use levy dollars to fund basic education programs.

2008-2009 could begin the change. For more than a year, the WA Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance has been studying the education funding problems facing our state. Its report and suggestions to the legislature are due in December 2008. Finally, there will be a serious and open discussion in Olympia about what our kids need and how we can help them get it. The Task Force has been working on two monumental issues important to BSD and the State:

- redefining basic public education to include all that our children need for success
- developing an appropriate funding mechanism for our schools

This presentation will discuss a serious proposal to address these issues; and how we can help.

After the presentation, questions will be answered from the Board and the audience. For event information or to submit questions in advance, contact Bellevue PTSA Council President [Janet Suppes](#) or Legislative Chair [Connie Gerlitz](#).

For more info on the [BEFJTF](#)
The [Washington Learns report](#)
Learn more about the [WA education funding crisis](#)
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Bellevue School District Needs YOU!

We are currently hiring on-call Educational Assistants, Secretaries, Instructional Assistants, Child Care Aides, Bus Monitors and Special Education - Para Educators.

On-call work allows for flexibility.
You tell us what days and times you are available.
Shifts are usually 4-6 hours in length.

Please apply on-line at www.bsd405.org

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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