



October 10, 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.

School News / Events

ATTENTION 1ST AND 3RD GRADE PARENTS

Afternoon at the Movies is coming up!

10/14 - 1st Grade

10/16 - 3rd Grade

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). 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.

To volunteer to help with check-in/checkout, handing out snacks, and/or clean up, contact [Cari Sapp](#).

DON'T DELAY - REGISTER FOR PACE

Last week we launched our PACE fundraiser. Our goal is for every parent to participate! With a PACE membership you help Clyde Hill raise thousands of dollars. Over 400 local businesses participate and donate 5% of every purchase to our school. Even better, you save 20% on your first visit at each and every business.

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

TELL FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Once you've registered, spread the word to family and friends! It's effortless. Simply take advantage of the Tell A Friend link during the registration process. If every Clyde Hill parent asks two friends or family members to join - we will easily exceed our fall fundraising goal.

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REGISTER BY 10/20/2008

Your Student(s) can earn a prize! Be sure to register by the date above to qualify. Make sure your friends and family members complete their registrations by that date as well and your student selects a cool educational prize.

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

Hearing Screening: Need Volunteers

The hearing screening will be held the morning of 10/30. We are in need of 6 volunteers.

Contact [Melissa Campbell](#) or the school nurse [Caroline Gray](#) if you are available to volunteer.

Gently Used Books

Cleaning out? If you have any gently used Pokemon, Barbie, Hello Kitty, or Star Wars books you don't need, Student demand far exceeds our supply!

Thank you always, for your continuing support.

[April Hale](#)

School Librarian

Walk to School Week Poster Contest

Make a poster no bigger than 18x24 inches advertising Walk to School Week.

Include the words: "Walk to School Week, October 21-24, 2008" on your poster. Show a reason why kids should walk to school. You can use marker, crayon, pencil or computer.

When it's due: Thursday October 16, 2008

Who to give it to: Put entries in the box outside the Art Room with NAME, TEACHER and PHONE NUMBER written on the BACK!!!

What we will do: Posters will be hung up to advertise Walk to School Week. Prizes will be given to entries at each grade level for originally and creatively showing why kids should walk to school. All participants will receive a certificate.

Halloween: A Note From Mrs. Benson

As the calendar moves towards October 31st, I'd like to share a few guidelines regarding classroom celebrations. Thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines as student safety and nutrition, instructional time, and waste reduction guide our decisions.

- Classroom celebrations will be scheduled following lunch and

[PTSA Calendar](#)**Upcoming Events**[Movie Day dates](#)

10/21 - Principals Coffee

10/28 - PTSA General Meeting

10/30 - Picture retakes and hearing screening

10/31- Halloween

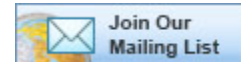
11/01 - Emperor's New Clothes

11/05 - All School ROCKATHON!

11/10 - Veteran's Day Assembly

11/11 - Veteran's Day - No School

[more dates](#)

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recess K/1 lunch/recess ends at 11:50 a.m., 2/3 lunch/recess ends at 12:20 and 4/5 lunch recess ends at 12:50.

- Costumes may be brought to school and students can change following lunch/recess.
- Please limit the amount of make-up, face paint, hair color, etc that are used to enhance costumes. Whatever enhancements students may choose to add should be done in the classroom. Adequate restroom supervision is unavailable.
- No blood, guts, gore, etc. Students have opportunities to make these choices during celebrations outside of school.
- "Go Green" ~ Limit the amount of throw away paper products and decorations as this is unnecessary trash and affects our environment. This might be a good time to purchase reusable party items.
- Consider healthy treats. We have a large number of students throughout Clyde Hill with food allergies and challenges with sugar. Fruit, vegetables, and other healthy snacks are alternate options.

Attendance:
(425) 456-5002

Attendance [email](#)

PTSA Office:
(425) 456-5046

Again, thank you for your support of Clyde Hill's holiday guidelines. Please don't hesitate to ask questions of your child's classroom teacher and/or me if you should have further questions.

Jen Benson
Principal

Veteran's Day Assembly

Next month on Monday November 10th, the day before Veterans Day, we will be honoring our communities' veterans with an all school assembly at 9:00AM. The students have songs and presentations and we would like to have you invite any Veterans or active military personnel that you know to join us. We would like to have as many guest Vets as we can get to share this experience with us.

Steve Holmberg

"Reading Allowed": A Note From Ms. Eberhardt

At curriculum night, several parents asked questions about how to get their kids interested in reading. One simple suggestion: read aloud. No student at Clyde Hill is too old for-and every student can benefit from-reading aloud with a parent or adult friend. Regular reading aloud helps literacy. When kids are read to, fluency, comprehension, and all writing improve; vocabulary takes off; and reading is valued and reinforced in a tangible way. We see it every day: the strongest readers and most articulate students, when asked, almost always say their families regularly read aloud.

Read more about this article on the Clyde Hill PTSA Web site

www.clydehillpta.org forms section.

Community News / Events

Bellevue School Board and Bellevue PTSA Council

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Invite you to a conversation with our representatives

Rep. Ross Hunter (D-48) Sen. Rodney Tom (D-48)

Rep. Fred Jarrett (D-41) Rep. Skip Priest (R30)

"Let's do something about state education funding"

(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](#)

[Bellevue PTSA Council](#)

Ross Hunter 10/6 Bellevue PTSA Council Presentation

View the presentation at www.whatittakesforkids.com

BSF Classroom Grants

Last spring, after conscientious deliberation, the Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) Board decided with regret to suspend the classroom grants program this school year, 2008-09.

Every spring, the BSF Board evaluates all grant and program requests and balances its financial commitments against expected contributions. This year, every request grew enormously, while our fundraising looked to be flat because of the challenging economy. Very difficult choices had to be made to balance the budget.

\$170,000 will be spent on math programs, affecting every K-5 student.
\$150,000 will be spent on science programs at the middle and high school levels.
\$273,000 will be spent supporting struggling students.

BSF wants our students to have outstanding teaching, so it is increasing its commitment to teachers in 2008-2009 by helping 100 teachers attain National Board Certification, an investment of \$190,000.

Please contact the BSF office at info@bsfdn.org or 425.456.4199 if you have any additional questions. Or visit <http://www.bsfdn.org/Grants/> for more information.

Thank you,
Bellevue Schools Foundation

Bellevue PTSA Council Endorses Bellevue Parks YES

What mixes well with kids, families, adults, seniors, all the community? Our wonderful Parks in Bellevue. There is still more work to be done to make them even better and more accessible to everyone in Bellevue. Bellevue Parks Yes, the citizen campaign group, needs your help and we need it now.

If you'd like to learn more or help us get the word out in other ways, visit our website at <http://www.bellevueparksyes.org/>. Thanks for your support.
John Stokes, BPTSA Council.

WSPTA Announces Online Version of The Child Advocate

The Washington State PTA is pleased to announce that its premier parent involvement magazine, The Child Advocate, is now available as an online membership benefit available to all 150,000 PTA members statewide. To see the latest online issue of The Child Advocate, visit http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/child_advocate.htm

Bellevue Ski School

Sign up starts on October 1st through December 15th with for discount pricing through November 30th. Get all the details and sign up on our website at www.bellevueskischool.com

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

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