



November 23, 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.

True Rumor of the Week

There will be an online auction. TRUE! While we're still holding the big event on March 21st at Overlake Country Club, our silent auction moves online, ebay style.

Not True Rumor of the Week

This year's Auction is black tie. NOT TRUE! Wear what you want. If you want to dress black tie, great! If you don't, great! The movie theme offers lots of options. I am very hopeful that someone will show up as Cher from the 1980s. Don't disappoint me!

Dear Families,

Amazingly November is almost over. The year has been very full so far and there is much more to come!

The [Book Fair Safari](#) is right around the corner, December 3rd, 4th and 5th. Kids LOVE to shop at our [Book Fair](#), so if you feel comfortable doing so you can send them in with money to spend all by themselves. Parent volunteers will help them pick things they can afford and get the right change. My boys like to bring their own money and buy each other Christmas gifts. A wide selection of books and inexpensive "stuff" is available and picking the perfect present all by themselves is special.

Most children will visit the [Book Fair](#) during their regular library time (unless their day falls on a Monday). Kindergarteners, First Graders and Second Graders will fill out their Wish Lists with help from their Reading Buddies. Look for those Wish Lists in backpacks. Order books from your child's Wish List or from the Scholastic flyer and we'll deliver the books to your child's classroom. Easy! The store is open before and after school plus during recess.

The [Book Fair](#) is a personal favorite because I love anything that promotes reading and also because proceeds go to support our wonderful

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school library which benefits every child at our school.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Lisa Brock

Parent to do list:

Would your child like some cotton candy? Click [here](#) for more information about how they could get some.

Mark your calendars for the [Clyde Hill Book Fair](#)

Printout book review form from the [PTSA web site](#) as part of the [Academic Challenge](#)

Attention all Sweet Toths!

We have approximately 175 bags of pre-packaged (fresh) cotton candy left over from Rockathon. We will be selling it Wednesday before Thanksgiving break for 15 minutes prior to school at the main entrance and then at recess until it's gone. 50cents per bag, correct change only. When it's gone, it's gone, so it will be first come first serve. We prefer the cotton candy not be opened at school, but instead brought home for extra energy over the break!! Thank you!

Clyde Hill Book Fair Safari

Weds. Dec 3, 2008 Through Friday, Dec 5, 2008

7:45 am - 3:45 pm

Wednesday Family Night

6:00-8:00pm

Check out our [Book Fair website](#)

The website makes previewing and buying books so easy! You can also get more information and volunteer to help with the event. The Book Fair is a really fun volunteer opportunity; the kids are so excited and their enthusiasm is catching. Please consider helping - any amount of time is appreciated.

Have questions? Interested in volunteering?

Contact Tina Goedde at tinagoedde@iconimagery.com or

Mishele Sullivan at dmkpg@comcast.net

Clyde Hill Elementary Ice Skating Night - Thursday, December 11th, 3-9 pm

Come celebrate the season with other Clyde Hill families at the Group Health Ice Area in Bellevue Downtown Park. Admission is \$7 and Skate Rental is \$3. Mention that you are from Clyde Hill student or parent and a \$3 donation will be made to our PTSA for each rink admission. For more

[PTSA web site](#)

[PTSA Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

11/27 and 11/28 - No School

12/3-12/5 - Book Fair

12/11 - Ice Skating Night

12/18 - Principal's Coffee

12/24 - 1/2 - Winter Break

1/7 - Ski Bus Starts

1/8 - Young Scientist Parent Training

1/11 - Mother/Son Event

[more dates](#)



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Young Scientist Week (YSW)

Interest is growing for our first ever Young Scientist Week. There were so many submissions to the t-shirt design contest the file folder was overflowing. We have the most enthusiastic students anywhere!

Young Scientist Week is MUCH more than just a science fair. Our YSW chairs Cindi Hawley, Jill Follet and Carrie Tu have planned a fantastic week for our kids, including Pacific Science Center Assemblies, Classroom Guest Speakers and Science Project presentations and displays. Get ready to celebrate the Scientist in you!

Service Team: "Do for others - Because you can."

Clyde Hill's Service Team is off to a running start. They kicked off the year by making Halloween Door Covers for Children's Hospital. Last week they collected donations for Hopelink and the Humane Society. Our school has much to be proud of; our generosity rivals none. Canned goods and pet food spilled out of classrooms and filled the front hallway. Thank you to all who donated. You help make our community a kinder place.

Introducing: The Ticket Jar

Do you have tickets to sporting events, lectures, dance or drama performances that you can't use? Do you have gift or restaurant certificates that are about to expire? Bring your tickets and certificates to the front office and put them in The Ticket Jar. We will make sure they land in the hands of a staff member who will appreciate them. Last minute donations are fine! For those of you who went to Medina last year this is the same as their Smile Jar program. Questions? Contact president@clydehillpta.org.

Reflections a Huge Success

This year's Reflections program was true to its theme: WOW! Over 100 projects were entered, the biggest number of entrants we've ever had. Most of our neighboring Bellevue schools get about 25 projects. Way to go Clyde Hill! A big thanks to Jubilee Seth for chairing Reflections.

PTSA Loves Our Staff

Staff Appreciation Week is in May each year, but that doesn't mean we don't appreciate our wonderful teachers and staff all year long! Last month we had PieDay Friday in the Staff Room. Thank you Lori Broznowski and Barbara Sowatsky for transforming the Staff Room and bringing in the delicious pies. This month staff will be treated to lattes from Mrs. Benson and the PTSA. What will December bring? Stay tuned.

Movie Afternoons a Hit

Popcorn, candy and an afternoon at the movies with your friends: \$20. Knowing that your donation helps fund all of our incredible PTSA programs: priceless! Thank you Cari Sapp, our amazing Events Chair, for heading up

this big undertaking. Six movies, 3 giant bags of popcorn, over 1000 pieces of candy and 250+ kids equals more than \$5000 earned for PTSA.

Kids are Taking the Challenge

The kids are SO excited about Clyde Hill's Academic Challenge. Mrs. Benson has a sample trophy in her office and another trophy is making the rounds in the classrooms. Students need to complete four out of the six challenges in order to earn a trophy. The next Challenge is Young Scientist Week. Students must turn in a Science Project Registration Form by January 12 in order to participate. Questions? Email academicchallenge@clydehillpta.org. For more information check out our website.

Car Magnets and Water Bottles

If you purchased a car magnet or a water bottle on the first day of school and did not get it that day, please email president@clydehillpta.org. As clarification, these items do not come free with a PTSA membership. Magnets (\$3) and water bottles (\$8) are still available -- if you'd like to purchase one send in a note with the money attached and we'll deliver it to your child's classroom.

Morning Rush Hour

Please be kind to our youngest volunteers, the hard working Crossing Guards. Rush hour in Clyde Hill can be stressful and negotiating 24th is often irritating, but honking or yelling at an 11 year old who is trying their best is not okay. These kids work in rain, wind and even snow and deserve our respect and kindness. Wag more, bark less!

How Your Money Makes a Difference

Did you know that Clyde Hill PTSA provides each classroom teacher, specialist teacher (i.e. art, music, p.e.) and facilitator (i.e. math and literacy) with a Start Up/Classroom fund of \$250? These funds allow teachers to buy things like globes, reference books, classroom library books, materials for class projects ... items that make your child's classroom a better place to learn.

PTSA also provides each grade level with \$1000 in Grants (\$1250 for the five 1st grade classes). Grants are non-competitive but each request is reviewed by the Grant Committee to make sure it's a good use of the money.

Trip Tips

That's almost \$13,000 going straight to your child's classroom. Your donations make it possible. Thank you!

If you are flying, visit the [TSA website](#) for quick tips about air travel.

Planning on driving? Check the Washington State DOT website for information on traffic, ferries, pass conditions, and more!

Local Events for the weekend of 11/28

- Bellevue Botanical Gardens Presents Garden d'Lights November 29, 2008 through January 3, 2009, 5pm to 10:00pm, daily. For more info visit: www.bellevuebotanical.org
- Seattle Center - Winterfest 11/28 - 12/31 For a list of activities, visit www.seattlecenter.com
- Gingerbread Village open daily through 1/4/09 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel and Towers 1400 Sixth Avenue Seattle. Admissions is free, donations collected for NW Chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Community News / Events

THANKS! You Answered the Call!

Bellevue schools are among the best in the nation, thanks to strong community support. Thanks to your support, Phonathon has so far raised \$176,413 from 2,216 parents to support a great education for Bellevue students! Our fall fundraiser is critical, because we need to pay for books and training that will be used this year.

More than 250 volunteers - parents, high school students, teachers, principals and BSF Trustees - called parents across the district to talk about the programs your donations help fund -from academic improvements and student support to teacher training and certification. This amazing effort will raise about 19% of our \$1.4 million budget, and improve all student learning across the district. That includes your kids! It's not too late to give! We need your help to reach our \$280,000 goal. Make a secure online gift at www.bsfdn.org.

For further information please contact Gillian Doyle, Bellevue Schools Foundation at 425.456.4199 or via email at gillian@bsfdn.org

Bridging the Achievement Gap

Bridging the Achievement Gap grants fund projects at schools with high poverty and significant English language learner populations. Principals identify struggling students who need extra academic support and design innovative programs to help them succeed. This year, Bridging the Achievement Gap funds:

- Elementary - After-School Reading & Math Programs (Lake Hills), K-2 classroom support (Phantom Lake), Kindergarten classroom support (Sherwood Forest & Stevenson), Strategic Reading Intervention (Spiritridge), and Literacy Assistance for Grades K-1

(Woodridge)

BSF is providing \$130,000 towards the Bridging the Achievement Gap grants this year.

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Want to help Schools while Shopping on amazon.com?

With the holidays approaching, here's a quick reminder to use the Bellevue Schools Foundation website link (www.bsfdn.org) for all your Amazon.com online shopping now and throughout the year .Click on the amazon.com icon and BSF will receive over 7% of each amazon.com order! Thanks to your generosity, we've raised over \$3,100 for student learning projects already this year!

On behalf of the students and teachers of the Bellevue School District, thank you for your support!

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