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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back everyone! We hope your Winter Break was relaxing and full of family, fun and food. We know our kids had a needed break and we are both looking forward to finishing up the second quarter. As you know this is rapidly approaching at the end of January.

November and December were very busy months at school and in our personal lives. We wanted to highlight a couple important accomplishments this quarter. **Book Fair was a big effort.** We raised



\$7086.03 for the Library this year and touched many student's lives with great reading material. We wanted to thank our two **Book Fair Chairpersons Jennifer Weiss and Ellen Brenden** for their outstanding effort and leadership. We also wanted to thank the many Book Fair volunteers. Set up, clean up, and staffing the store during the mornings, afternoons, and evenings made this event possible.

The Grant Committee has been busy this quarter as well. As you'll read in the article **"PTSA and BSF**

Award Grants to Tyee Teachers" many important grants were awarded through Classroom Bucks donations. These grants touch our student's lives and learning directly so again thank you to all who have donated. The truly unique part of this quarter's effort was thanks to the hard work of **Deanna Schuler, Julie Anderson, Kristen Fletcher-Hendricks, Brinda Virden, Vicki Mar Scroggs, and Jean Butler.** We were able to secure \$4,768 in matching funds from Bellevue School foundation to augment our Classroom Bucks donations. Thank you for your effort to write these BSF Grant requests. They made a big impact for our staff and students at Tyee!

We don't have time to mention all the volunteer activity from this quarter but we wanted to thank the **Chairpersons of the Social Committee (Charise Eliason, Jolie Mosier, Jeannie Shively and Jennifer Weiss)** and congratulate their team on the All School Sock Hop. Everyone had a great time!
Staff Appreciation com-



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, **January 21st** -- Non-school day in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Thursday, **January 24 @ 7PM**, Tyee Middle School – Curriculum Web Night & PTSA General Meeting / Dessert and Coffee Night
- Friday, **January 25** – Last day of the 1st semester.
- Monday, **January 28th** -- District-wide middle and high school professional day – No School for Students.
- Wednesday, **January 30th @ 7PM**, Newport HS – How Students Learn Educational Roadshow.
- **February 13**, PTA Legislative Focus Day, Olympia Washington

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IF YOU'RE ATTENDING NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FALL AND LOVE TO PERFORM, THEN YOU MAY BE JUST THE PERSON WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

COME TO THE NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL THEATER ON **MARCH 19 AND MARCH 20, 2008 (3:15-9:00 PM)** FOR THE **SPRING PLAY TRYOUTS.** BREAK A LEG!!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CURRICULUM WEB / PTSA GENERAL MEETING DESSERT AND COFFEE NIGHT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH FROM 7-9 PM.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONTINUED ...

mittee (Chairs: Barb Wolff, Julie Rooney, and Judy Carr) was busy supporting our staff with a Halloween celebration in October and Cookie Feast in December.

Walkabout Committee (Chairs: Mary Kate Uribe and Julie Rooney) continues to keep a watchful eye on our students before school and during lunches. To all volunteers, thank you for your efforts this year.

There are three upcoming programs which we wanted you all to be aware of.

Please mark your calendars for the **Curriculum Web / PTSA General Meeting Dessert and Coffee Night on Thursday, January 24th from 7-9 PM.** This is an excellent opportunity for you to get some hands on understanding of the Curriculum Web now available from the Bellevue School district. There will also be lots of delicious desserts available for you to munch on while you learn.

Second, the 6th grade camp is rapidly approaching in April.

Camp costs over the past several years have been rising due to the normal occurrence of inflation and raising expenses. Camp costs are funded through student magazine sales in the fall, a few small grants and the per student camp fee. This year to help educate everyone to the true cost of 6th grade camp the school administration has decided to share the actual per student cost of camp with 6th grade parents. They will be asking parents who can afford to pay the entire camp fee to do so. For those who need financial support, funds will be available to help them. All 6th grade students should get the opportunity to go to camp and we look forward to this fun hands-on learning environment. To support the 6th grade, the PTSA will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the 6th grade

camp. More details will be available in the next month, so stay tuned.

Lastly, **PTSA Nominations are open for the 2008-2009 school year.** If you have volunteered in PTSA in the past or this is your first year to invest your time we highly encourage your involvement. It affords you the opportunity to get to know your school administration, the students and their parents at a deeper level. If you are interested please read the article entitled **"Make Your Mark in PTSA"** and contact Deanna Schuler at theschulers@comcast.net.

Thanks everyone for a great second quarter! We are looking forward to a great finish!!

**Sheila Davis
Bobbie Brooks
PTSA Co-Presidents**

PTSA AND BSF AWARD GRANTS TO TYEE TEACHERS

Thanks to the generosity of BSF and also the Tyee community, several teachers received almost **\$7000 in grants** to enrich student learning experiences. These grants were awarded in November 2007:

- An educational presentation for 8th grade and 6th grade social studies classes

- Tri-pods for students learning videography
- T-shirts, badges and award certificates for students that pass the Presidential Fitness test
- Document camera technology that significantly enhances in-class instruction for selected



Math, LA and foreign language classrooms.

- Calculators for selected math and science classrooms

If you are interested in participating on the Grant Committee and reviewing future requests for funding, email tyeeptsa@comcast.net.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Tyee Families,
Happy New Year! I hope the Winter break provided you all with time to relax and enjoy your family and friends.

Soon the 1st semester of the year will be upon us and half of the school year behind us. It always amazes me to see how quickly time can fly by. In the last PTSA newsletter I told of an upcoming event for our Tyee community – **A Curriculum Web Tutorial Night** for our parents.



This event will be held on **Thursday, January 24th at 7PM** in coordination with the PTSA General Meeting / Dessert & Coffee Night. We will be providing you an opportunity to view and understand Curriculum Web in more detail so that you can use it to support your students here at Tyee.

In addition to the Curricu-

lum web Tutorial Night I also wanted you to be aware of another educational program. The district has developed an event, a part two to their first **“Road Show”** event from last year. **This year’s event will be called, “How Students Learn”**, showcasing the technology in the district and how it can and is supporting teachers, students and parents in their teaching and learning. The event will take place on January 30th. It is our hope that our program will provide you the hands on understanding of the Curriculum Web and will compliment the information at the district event.

Finally, registration is upon us already. With the multiple steps and stages involved in creating a student-choice driven schedule each year, it is necessary to begin the registration process as early as January. Tyee is and has been a closed school for the past six years.

The following was taken from the district web site regarding the dates for Open Enrollment across the district:

“The Open Enrollment period for the 2008-2009 school year will be January 7 through February 8, 2008. Additional information on this process will be posted over winter break and will be available on January 2, 2008. All Open Enrollment questions will be answered on or after January 2, 2008.”

On Page 5, I’ve provided a Tyee Registration Timeline with all related dates affecting Tyee students. Happy New Year and here’s to a great 2008! Thank you Tyee families for all you do to support to make Tyee a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow.

Laurie Harvey
Tyee Principal

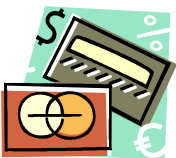


WE’D LIKE TO BEGIN ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHER AND PARENT VOLUNTEER AWARDS FOR 2007 -2008 SCHOOL YEAR.

THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY IN THEIR SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOL. IF YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AWARD RECIPIENTS PLEASE

E-MAIL THEM TO **TYEEPTSA@COMCA ST.NET**.

TYEE’S EASIEST FUNDRAISER!!!!



Thank you to all of those who have enrolled their

Safeway cards with ESCRIP to have Safeway match their purchases as a fund-

raiser to Tyee's PTSA!! We started the year with below 10 families and now have over 90 enrolled!! If you have not had a chance to do so, please enroll at WWW.Escrip.com.

For more information, contact **Kacie England** at KCEngland@aol.com or 614-1400.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TYEE TEACHERS WHO RECEIVED THEIR NATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATION THIS YEAR.

JUNGAH (BECKI) JOHNSON
NICOLE LILJEGREN
LASHONE SINGLETON
JILLIAN SORENSON
JEN SORENSON



DID YOU KNOW THAT AT LEAST SIX WALKABOUT VOLUNTEERS ARE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY? THAT'S THREE VOLUNTEERS FROM 8:00 AM TO 8:30 AM – THAT HALF HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST BELL RINGS IN THE MORNING – AND ANOTHER THREE VOLUNTEERS COVERING THE FULL LUNCH PERIOD.

WALKABOUT PROGRAM NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Most of you have at least heard about the Walkabout program at Tyee and many of you already participate in it. We're the extra adult eyes and ears on campus to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students when they are not in the classroom. **Did you know that at least six Walkabout volunteers are at school every day?** That's three volunteers from **8:00 am to 8:30 am** – that half hour before the first bell rings in the morning – and another

three volunteers covering the full **lunch period**. Having these extra adults at school helps administrators to do their job and it also enables the students to enjoy some extra privileges like eating lunch in the courtyard on dry days or playing on the basketball courts. Having Walkabout volunteers during lunch enables the students to actually leave the cafeteria before their lunch period ends to visit with friends, go to their lockers, and get some exercise be-

fore returning to class. If you would like your child to continue to enjoy these privileges, please consider joining the program as a lunch-time volunteer. We still have some openings in the schedule and would welcome your participation in the program. Please contact Julie Rooney (julierooney@msn.com) or Mary Kate Uribe (mkuribe@aol.com) to learn about the flexible opportunities with the Walkabout program.

MAKE YOUR MARK IN PTSA

Haven't had a turn helping with PTSA? Now's your chance! The nominating committee is currently looking for people to help in the 2008-09 school year. All types of opportunities exist: behind the scenes jobs, be-

ginning of the year jobs, jobs to help raise funds for the grants to teachers, jobs that can be done at home, jobs that need vision and leadership, jobs that work with teachers, jobs that provide leadership to students.

Whatever your skills, we have a position that could use your help.

For more information, contact **Deanna Schuler** at theschulers@comcast.net.



EMAIL ADDRESSES PLEASE!

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS FROM TYEE PTSA, SEND AN EMAIL TO TYEEPTSA@COMCAST.NET TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST. IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES, SEND IN A NOTIFICATION SO THAT YOU CONTINUE TO RECEIVE TYEE PTSA EMAILS.

EDUCATION ROAD SHOW - "HOW STUDENTS LEARN"

WHEN: Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Newport High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)

The highly successful "Education Roadshow" will be back for a second round. You may recall that our first presentation, "A Byte About Bellevue," offered parents a look at how the Bellevue School district uses technology to enhance education.

This year's presentation,

tentatively titled, "How Students Learn," will build on that message by offering parents great ideas about using the information available in the Curriculum Web to build understanding of daily lessons.

Dr. John Bransford, lead researcher on the book "How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School," will deliver the keynote address. Parents will then attend breakout sessions by grade level to learn

strategies for helping students at home.

Please mark your calendars now for this district-wide event. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

The Education Roadshow is **sponsored by the Bellevue Schools Foundation**, the Bellevue PTSA Council, Bellevue Quality Schools, the Bellevue School District, and the Bellevue School Board.

FIVE TEACHERS RECEIVE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION



Congratulations to **5 more Tye teachers** who received their national teaching certification this year. Receiving this certification shows tremendous dedication to their profession and provides a great benefit to all Tye students. Additional thanks goes to BSF for providing funds to cover much of the certification fees and costs. If you see these teachers, be sure

to congratulate them:

- **Jungah (Becki) Johnson**
- **Nicole Liljegren**
- **LaShone Singleton**
- **Jillian Sorensen**
- **Jen Sorenson**

Bellevue School District holds the distinction of having the state's highest percentage of teachers with this advanced certification. By applying for National Board certification, teachers volunteer to put their teaching skills and content knowl-

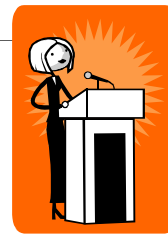
edge up against the highest national standards. The work included regular meetings on Wednesday afternoons, weekends, and evenings to discuss their teaching, curriculum, assessment tools, to evaluate student work samples and to evaluate video tapes of one another teaching. This work was assembled into a portfolio and was submitted to the National Board. After submitting their portfolio, each candidate had to pass

a three-hour exam on the content they teach.

Congrats to these teachers and all Tye faculty that have received National Board Certification.

TYEE REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Please note the items in **BOLD** are for Parent information and education. Please mark your calendar so you can attend if you are interested.



- **Thurs, 1/17** 5th Grade Parent Information Night/Open House, 7-9 pm
- Thurs, 2/1 Newport HS Registration Presentations for 8th grade (For students, and In school activity)
- Mon, 2/4 Somerset Presentations, 9:00 am (For students, and In school activity)
- Mon, 2/4 Eastgate Presentation, 1:00 pm (For students, and In school activity)
- Tues, 2/5 AVID Teacher Recommendation Forms due
- Tues, 2/5 Newport Heights Presentations, 9:00 am
- Tues, 2/5 Woodridge Presentation, 1:00 pm
- **Tues, 2/5** Somerset Parent Registration Meeting, 7:00 pm, Somerset Library
- **Tues, 2/5** Newport HS 8th Grade Registration Info Night, 7:00 pm, Newport
- **Wed, 2/6** Newport Heights Parent Registration Meeting, 7:00 pm, Newport Heights Library
- Fri, 2/8 AVID Student Information Meetings, 6th and 7th period (By Invitation)
- Mon, 2/11 Registration Presentations for current 6th and 7th grade at Tye (For Students)
- Mon, 2/11 Registration materials due for Somerset incoming 6th graders
- Mon, 2/11 Registration materials due for Newport Heights incoming 6th graders
- **Tues, 2/12** AVID Parent Information Night, 7:00 pm, Tye (By Invitation)
- **Wed, 2/13** Tye Registration Parent Meeting for current 6th and 7th, 7:00 pm, Tye Cafeteria
- Fri, 2/15 Registration materials due for current 6th and 7th grade
- Fri, 2/15 AVID applications due



TYEE PTSA NEWSLETTER

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**BOND TO MODERNIZE SCHOOLS TO BE
ON MARCH 11 BALLOT**

The Bellevue School District Board of Directors has just authorized a second phase of its school modernizations with a bond to be placed on the March 11, 2008 ballot. If the bond is approved, the average annual local school tax rate between 2008 and 2015 – projected at \$2.13 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation -- will be 7 cents lower than the actual average annual tax rate between 2000 and 2007.

The bond would pay for the rebuilding of Ardmore, Cherry Crest and Spiritridge elementary schools; improvements to Bellevue and Sammamish high schools that will bring them up to standards of recent work done at Interlake and Newport; and the **modernization of Tyee***, Chinook, and Odle middle schools. Tillicum may also be targeted for upgrades if escalation of construction costs slows to a lower rate than that of the previous five years. Decisions about the middle schools included in this package were based on whether additional space was needed to house growing enrollments, and on architects' assessments of the overall condition of the buildings. If funds remain after completing these scheduled projects, additional improvements – such as additional multipurpose space - could be made at Enatai, Bennett and Puesta del Sol elementary schools.

The board approved this option after considering two different packages. The board's decision to include as many facilities as possible within the bond package was based on several factors:

- the need to keep the district's building modernization program moving forward;
- the district's successful experiences in completing high-quality projects on time;
- the current climate in which construction inflation rates have slowed somewhat; and
- the knowledge that the average tax rate over the next eight years would likely be lower than the average tax rate of the past eight years.

The average of annual local school tax rates from 2000 through 2007 was \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If the bond package were approved, even with the renewal of a general fund levy in 2010, the average of annual local school tax rates between 2008 and 2015 is projected to be \$2.13 per \$1,000.

***NOTE from PTSA: Modernization for Tyee means modernization of the Gym and a total rebuild of the rest of the facility. This Bond Measure has direct impact on Tyee and the timing of our facility modernization.**



Interested in working with the 8th Grade Party committee but haven't signed up yet? Email tyeepsa@comcast.net and we'll let you know about the upcoming planning meeting.