

TYEE TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are only 7 weeks away from the end of the quarter and Winter Break! It has been a great start to another year at Tyee Middle School. But before we celebrate and thank everyone for their involvement toward making our fast start this year so successful, we wanted to remind everyone about our three goals for this year. PTSA is dedicated to:

1) *Understanding the needs of our students, staff and parents by building / supporting programs which address their needs,*

2) *Expanding Parent and Community involvement in Tyee Middle School for the benefit of our students,*

3) *Strengthening Communication & Coordination between Tyee Middle School Staff, the PTSA and Parents.*

This quarter has been full of events which reinforced these goals and brought our Tyee community together. Thank you for your involvement. Just to name a few of these programs, here's a taste of what has been accomplished..... We:

- Got students ready for the school at Taking Care of Business Days,

- Welcomed in the school year with the Back to School Coffee,

- Held our first PTSA General Meeting and enjoyed

a family night at the Back to School BBQ,

- Supported the first ASB fundraiser – Magazine sales!,

- Learned a lot at Curriculum Night and raised Classroom Bucks,

- Held our first Social of the year – 6th Grade,

- Funded several important classroom grants,

- Raised our PTSA Membership level from 288 members to 480 so far!,

- Distributed School Directory to all PTSA members and

- Participated in the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly.

As I said, it has been an incredible start to the year and in the following pages of the Tyee Times you will read more about these programs and also hear about future programs which affect you and your student.

Understanding your needs is key to ensuring PTSA is focused on the right programs for the year. One way you can contribute



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
12 NO School	19-31 WINTER BREAK
19 PTSA General Meeting	
22-23 HOLIDAY	JANUARY
26-30 Book Fair	1 WINTER BREAK
30 Harvest Social	15 PTSA General Meeting
	21 MLK HOLIDAY



**NOVEMBER 30
7-9 PM
IS THE
TYEE ALL
SCHOOL
HARVEST
SOCIAL.**

MORE DETAILS
ON SIGN-UP AND
ACTIVITIES WILL
BE AVAILABLE IN
THE COMING
WEEKS.

FOCUS

Mark your calendar for PTA State Focus day, **Wednesday, FEB 13**. During focus day PTA members from around the State travel to Olympia to speak with our elected officials about issues that affect our schools. More information about buses and carpools will be made available in the coming months.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONTINUED ...

and share your thoughts is by attending our upcoming PTSA General Meeting scheduled for **Monday, November 19th at 7 PM** in the Tyee Cafeteria. General Meetings are a great venue for you to ask questions and gather information about Tyee and our school district. Our keynote speaker for this meeting will be Dr. Mike Riley, Bellevue School District Superintendent. Dr. Riley will be sharing his vision for schools in the 21st century and taking your questions. We hope you can all join us for this every important and informative meeting.

Expanding parent participation in Tyee PTSA is our second goal and we are pleased to say we are well on our way. There are **over 30 Board / Committee Chairs involved with PTSA and 194 volunteers** who have invested their valuable time in our school. Many of you have volunteered for multiple activities which we appreciate, value, and, hope throughout the year to, recognize effectively. Your

involvement makes Tyee Middle School function more effectively for our kids.

But as you know we have 600+ families in Tyee and although we are completely grateful to all of you who already volunteer, we'd like to reach out to the additional 400 families in Tyee and ask for your involvement. Why is expanding our parent volunteer population important? Because **we can always benefit from your unique skills and leadership to make Tyee better** and middle school years are some of the most difficult growing up years for our kids. They need our continued focus and attention. Our students are faced daily with decisions, peer pressure and social interactions which is very different from when they were in Elementary School. Our involvement as partners also changes to guiding, mentoring, and monitoring. We believe one of our most powerful tools is information and by volunteering parents can gather informa-

tion from other sources. For example, volunteering for a once a month Lunch Walkabout session is and can an educational experience. You learn about each class, their personality, how they interact with each other, and whether they listen to staff and parent direction. As the Commercial says...."Gallon of Gas to drive to Walkabout \$3.50. Seeing who your child eats lunch with and what he eats, if anything Priceless!"

We encourage you to get informed and involved. To volunteer contact one of us, complete a volunteer form in the School office or send an e-mail to Tyeepta@comcast.net.

Thanks to all Tyee Parents, Students and Staff for a great start to the year and we look forward to a successful end of the quarter.

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Join us for the Book Fair -- **November 26th—30th**. The Fair will be open before and after school and for all of the evening concerts. There will be a variety of books available for all audiences. This is a great way to purchase gifts and support your

school at the same time. A flier will be send home with your child in mid November.

Volunteers needed: We are in need of volunteers to fill shift positions during the Book Fair. This is a fun opportunity to browse books,

chat with the kids, and meet new people. Please contact Ellen Brenden @ 425-747-4488 if you are interested.

**Ellen Brenden
Jennifer Wiese
Book Fair Chairpersons**

CLASSROOM BUCKS – THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The PTSA Executive Committee extends a big **THANK YOU** to all of the Tyeë parents who provided their generous support to the Classroom Bucks Fundraiser during Curriculum Night this year. **We raised over \$8,000 during this event.** As of November, the total Classroom Bucks collected has jumped to just **over \$11,500.**

Despite this excellent turnout we can still use your support! We have Grant requests exceeding \$14,000 to support additional classroom materials, software, books, guest speakers, and other enhancements to our student's curriculum. Classroom Bucks Flyers can be

found in the School Office. Make checks payable to Tyeë PTSA and drop them off along with a completed Classroom Bucks Flyer at the School Office. Don't forget to ask your employer about their corporate matching gift program. Classroom Bucks funds go straight to support our students' classrooms.

The Grant Review committee is currently reviewing 13 grant proposals. If you are interested in viewing these proposals, check out the PTSA Classroom Bucks webpage. The PTSA membership will vote on those Grants which the Grant Review Committee recom-

mends for approval during the November 19th Tyeë PTSA General Membership meeting.

Teachers, thank you for the time you afforded to Classroom Bucks during Curriculum night. Special thanks to **Steve Anderson** for being the "announcer," to **Kit Wheeler, Vicki Mar Scroggs, Deanna Schuler, and Villy Orcilla** for handling donations, to Counselor **John Coulon** for coordinating our Student Volunteers, and to **Shelly Buerger, Brenda Virden** for their help in staffing the PTSA tables.

Julie Anderson
PTSA Vice President



The All Family Back to School BBQ was held on Tuesday September, 18th and kicked off the first PTSA General Membership meeting of the new school year. This event was well attended and the food, provided by Bellevue Nutrition Services was a big hit. They did a fabulous job in preparing and serving us all a great meal. A big thanks to *Deanna Schuler, Shelly Buerger, Julie Gobel, Tracy Krawczyk, and Kacie England*, for their help in pulling off this all school event. Tyeë parent volunteers rock!

Julie Anderson
PTSA VP

6TH GRADE SOCIAL BIG SUCCESS!!!

Wow! Do we have some "social" 6th grade students! The 6th Grade Social was held on Friday, Oct 5th and **75% of students** attended. The kids enjoyed pizza, pop and cookies while listening to music played by Tyeë's favorite DJ, **Chad Gardner.**

It took a dedicated team of 22 volunteers to make this

event happen by selling tickets, purchasing supplies, chaperoning, checking in/out, making and displaying fabulous decorations, handling the candy raffle and serving food. Thank you to each and every volunteer: **Bill Skok, Camille Benveniste, Carol Calvert, Debbie Vinyard, Elizabeth Burke, Jennifer Chapman,**

Julie Waddell, Kathy Skok, Kimberly Stohler, Kristi Sahlinger, Kristin Butler, Kristin Nasman, Leena Shah, Loretta Bourree, Mala Chhetri Giri, Petra Vankeppel, Soheila Bodaghi -Danesh, Susan Meadows, Tina Burrell, Tracy Bury, and Suzi Kunster.

Anne Krypel
6th Grade Social Chair

WHAT IS BSF?

You've heard the acronym but do you know what it stands for? BSF is the Bellevue Schools Foundation. **BSF's mission is to promote and help fund the best possible learning opportunities**

for all students in the Bellevue School District. They accomplish this by directing your donations toward the purchase of curriculum materials, the purchase of books, additional teacher

training, costs for teachers who are applying qualifying for National Board Certification, and much more. Learn more about BSF by visiting the website www.bsfdn.org and click on ABOUT.



**BELLEVUE
SCHOOLS
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MEMBERSHIP
BASKET WINNER:
ADON AND
MINDY MAR
(PARENTS OF
JESSIE MAR, 6TH
GRADER)

AMAZON .com

Just go to the BSF website home page (www.bsfdn.org), click on the **Amazon.com** link, and BSF will receive over 7% of each sale. Remember, you must always go through the BSF website link for us to get credit for the order. Thank you!

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Tyee Parents and Community;

These past two months at Tyee have just flown by, and now we enter into November with the end of first quarter, the coming of day light savings time, and many holidays to celebrate.

This school year marks my return to Tyee, after four years away. It has been an incredibly easy and enjoyable transition back into the school and community, due largely to the welcome and support the staff and parents have extended to me. Secondly this is due to the fact that Tyee has wonderful students who are academically focused and socially well rounded. I anticipate the remainder of the school year to be very successful and enjoyable.

Over the past few years the Bellevue School District has

implemented numerous technology initiatives that have directly impacted student learning in the classroom. These technologies have been predominately funded with the support of our community through recent successful levies. This school year the district has added a new component to these technological advances, the BSD curriculum web. The curriculum web is not only intended to support the instruction and learning capacities within our schools, but also strives to create a seamless experience for students and their parents in homes as well. As we continue to develop the curriculum web, students and parents will be able to access unit overviews, lesson objectives, assignments, instructions and work examples. Presently we are at varying

stages of completeness throughout the curricular areas.

To assist our community in familiarizing itself with the curriculum web, **Tyee will be offering a Curriculum Web Night sometime in late November or early December.** This will be an opportunity to work on school computers and learn how to navigate the curriculum web. The final date will be provided in an upcoming Thursday Thunder. Look for the date and put it on your calendar.

It's great to be back to such a supportive community. Enjoy the coming holidays.

Laurie Harvey
Principal
Tyee Middle School

<http://schools.bsd405.org/tyee/TT/TThome.html>

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,

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.

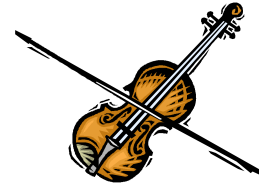


CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT & MUSIC GRANTS

A variety of schools have been awarded Music grants from BSF for upcoming events during the school year. Grant projects include: purchasing new ¾ size violins for the 5th grade

orchestra program; inviting guest teachers/experts for orchestra and band clinics; and participating in community parades and festivals from Ocean Shores to Vancouver, BC.

Curriculum enhancement grants for Fall will be announced on **Wednesday, November 7, 2007**. The complete listing will be posted on the BSF website www.bsfdn.org/grants.



WANT A 07-08 STUDENT DIRECTORY?

If you join Tye Middle School PTSA, you will receive a Tye Middle School 2007-08 Student Directory. You also join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. PTSA believes in building partnerships between families and our school because together we can make a difference.

The PTSA at Tye plans, implements and finds a variety

of projects every year in support of our students, staff and community. These projects include supporting health and safety programs like Walkabout and Health Room Volunteers. PTSA supports curriculum based programs to drive excellence in teaching through teacher generated classroom grants, the purchase of teaching aids and equipment, supporting 6th Grade Camp, assisting with Taking Care of Business Days and

the Book Fair. Also, PTSA supports the following programs: Staff Appreciation, Tye Newsletter, Tye Membership Directory, Student Socials, Back-to-School BBQ, Welcome Coffee, 8th Grade Party and Advancement Night. These programs are funded through your membership fees and fundraisers held throughout the year.

Join PTSA and help strengthen our school,

port our teachers and staff and provide our students more opportunities to grow, learn and advance in a safe and stimulating environment.

Please fill out the attached form and send with payment to school with your child.

Melinda Lilley
Membership Chair
 641.6158
melindalilley@mac.com

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Dues: **\$18/household**

Method of Payment:

Cash Check (Payable to Tye PTSA)

Parent/Guardian Names

Student's Name _____

2nd Student's Name _____

3rd Student's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email(s) _____

My employer offers a Matching Funds Program.

Employer(s) _____

Please list volunteer and/or special interests:

Please return Membership Form & Payment via one of these options:

- **Mail to: Tye Middle School PTSA**
 13630 SE Allen Road
 Bellevue, WA 98006
- **Hand deliver to front office in an envelope marked "PTSA Membership"**



All membership information will be added to the PTSA information list for PTSA use only. All membership information will be kept confidential and will not be shared.

Questions?
 Contact:

Melinda Lilley



Dr. Mike Riley, Superintendent of the Bellevue School District will be our Key Note speaker at the

November General Meeting

WHEN:

Monday Nov 19th

TIME:

7-8 pm

WHERE:

Tyee Cafeteria.

Dr. Riley will be sharing his vision for the future of education in Bellevue in the 21st century, discussing the impact of technology in the classroom and will take questions from parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our school district directly from the superintendent.

If you have questions you'd like Dr. Riley to address, please direct them to tyepts@comcast.net

MUSICAL - "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND"

International School Presents: "Once on this Island" an all-school musical presented by the International School students

Set in the Caribbean and based on the story of "*The Little Mermaid*," the musical tells the heartwarming tale of Ti Moune, a poor peasant girl who falls in love with Daniel, an upper class boy whose life she saves. As their worlds collide, the forces of the gods and fates, differences of class,

custom and tradition swirl around the young lovers and guide their destiny.

DATES:

Thursday 11/15 @ 6:00 pm - (opening night gala)

Friday 11/16 @ 7:00 pm

Saturday 11/17 @ 7:00 pm

Sunday 11/18 @ 3:00 pm

WHERE:

International Performing Arts Center, International School, 445 128th Ave. SE, Bellevue

TICKETS:

\$5 for students (except opening night)

\$8 for adults.

Thursday night opening gala - all tickets \$10

Buy at the door or contact Nicole Sleiers @ 425-456-6555



BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION – JOB OPENINGS

Announcing 2 part-time positions at the Bellevue Schools Foundation:

- 1) **Development Database Technology Associate** and
- 2) **Accountant.**

Both are part-time, year around jobs and are open NOW. Please check our

website www.bsfdn.org/About/Jobs for the job descriptions and further details.

Questions or inquiries, please contact Sherry Ladd, Executive Director, Bellevue Schools Foundation, email: sherry@bsfdn.org, tel: 425.456.4199.



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DOES YOUR KID HAVE A MYSPACE PAGE?

You can bet on it. Seventy percent of 15-34 year olds use social networking sites, and MySpace, with more than 100 million members, is the biggest of them all. Unfortunately, many parents, due to lack of Internet savvy, have no idea what their children are actually



posting online.

That's why MySpace is launching new software geared to help parents safeguard their teens. The ParentCare software, available for download at www.myspace.com/safety, will verify whether your child does, in fact, have a MySpace page, and will

alert you to any major changes your child makes to his or her profile.

Still overwhelmed? Contact the ParentCare hotline at parentcare@myspace.com and a technician will answer all of your questions.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR SPIRITWEAR YET?

If not, check out the samples available in the display case in the commons. There will also be samples available at the Nov General Meeting. You can submit your order by completing an order form (forms are in the school office) and drop them off at the Nov General Meeting or at the



Tyee Trader.

The first order of Tyee Spiritwear (ordered before the end of Sept) is available at the Tyee Trader (Student Store) to be picked up.

Also, we need one or two volunteers to help distribute

Spiritwear during lunch in early / mid Dec when our next order arrives. If you are interested e-mail tyeep-tsa@comcast.net.

Esther Woodman
Spiritwear Chairperson



Since 1999, BSF has directed **\$1,081,563** toward improvements in the language arts curriculum in the Bellevue School District. This funding has come in large part from parents like you and is the type of support your Phonathon donation provides – Thank you!

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Legislative Affairs Committee at Tyee works in partnership with the Washington State PTA to advocate for children and to ensure issues of concern to our community are heard in Olympia.

We participated in the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly which was held in October 5th and 6th. The Legislative Assembly is the forum for PTA members from around the State to gather, discuss and vote on priorities for the coming year. Washington PTA then focuses its resources and energy on these top five priority issues during the coming legislative session starting in January. The Top Five Priorities voted on this October were:

1. **K-12 Education Funding**
2. **Math and Science ED**
3. **Quality Teaching**
4. **Student Support Services**
5. **Special ED Funding**

The Washington State PTA is the largest grassroots child & youth advocacy organization in Washington State. When over 150,000 PTA members focus their voices to advocate for our children and youth, our legislators definitely take notice. Your direct involvement in staying informed and adding your own voice in support of our kids absolutely makes a difference. The following three electronic "listservs" will keep you connected with the latest legislative news, and

keep you in touch with other concerned folks around the state. To take advantage of these resources, go to the following link at the Washington State PTA website and sign up: <http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>.

If you would like to join the Tyee Legislative Affairs Committee, please contact Sally Caplan at sally-caplan@msn.com. This is also a great committee if you can only volunteer in the evenings.

Sally Caplan
Legislative Affairs
Chairperson



TYEE PTSA NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE ON THE WEB
[HTTP://WWW.TYEEPTSA.ORG/](http://www.tyeeptsa.org/)

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

PTSA is always looking for volunteers and you could be one of them! The impact you can make in PTSA directly affects your child's learning, school environment and safety. Please consider investing your time and effort into Tyee by being a part of the PTSA leadership in the 2008-2009 school year. The PTSA Nominating Committee, which is responsible for recommending to the PTSA General Membership a slate of candidates to lead our association each year, will be looking for candidate between November and January. If you are interested in serving on the Nomination Committee or would welcome a leadership position, please e-mail tyeeptsa@comcast.net.

Sheila Davis
PTSA Co-President

TYEE TRADER NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are needed to work in the Tyee Trader, our student store. We have shifts available any day except Wednesday during lunch.

Please contact Eileen if you are interested.

Eileen Kulman
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