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FROM THE PTSA

Dear Bennett Families,

With November elections only a couple of weeks away, the PTSA has many important issues that require the attention of our state legislators. As was evident from the difficult discussions between the teachers' union and the Bellevue School Board, we need to have a united front to initiate changes at a state level. The surveys sent home to Bennett parents have provided our legislative committee with solid information regarding what issues you care the most about. On October 18th and 19th, the PTSA legislative convention will be held in Ellensburg, WA. This convention is key to fine-tuning our legislative position and insuring the PTSA point of view is heard in Olympia!

In addition, we have available a candidate survey that was created and organized by a Woodridge Elementary parent. Each candidate was asked 3 questions and their responses are summarized in a packet which will be sent home to each Bennett family. The PTSA does not endorse any specific candidate but the answers to the questionnaire may prove useful in making your election decisions. Please remember to vote on November 5th.

We are also hosting our fall Book Fair on Nov. 5th and 6th which benefits the library, so make a point of visiting Bennett to vote and buy books for your student, the teachers or as holiday gifts.

We have our Multicultural Event on Thursday, October 24th. This is a special event for Bennett as we celebrate our wonderful diversity and how much we also have in common. Please sign up to bring a special 'family recipe'. If you have a unique or special talent you would like to share that celebrates your heritage, please contact Gitit Banai at 378-1625. We look forward to seeing the international flag display produced by Bennett students! Our next general PTSA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th. This is a general meeting and we encourage all Bennett families to attend. We will have principal and staff reports and a 'How to use the computers in class' seminar with our technical specialist Jim Shoemaker.

With classroom Halloween parties scheduled for Thursday, October 31st, please remember a couple things.

1. Please donate to your classroom fund if you can.
2. Please encourage your kids to wear fun and creative costumes with no weapons or scary masks.
3. This party is meant to be fun with a costume parade, in-class games, crafts and treats. Parents are welcome to join in the fun!

Sincerely,

Your PTSA Executive Committee
Kristine Keski, Cindy Mueller, Kris Kennedy, Terry Morrison, Laura Hammond and Michele Sweet

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PTA**

Multi-Cultural Celebration!

Mark your calendars. Don't miss the fantastic food and terrific entertainment! Bennett's very talented students will perform a variety of traditional and ethnic arts. Peruse the students' flag display. Check out the many countries represented here at Bennett.

When: Thursday, October 24th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: Bennett Multi-Purpose Room

Who: All Bennett Families

What: Potluck dinner/desert and multi-cultural entertainment
Please bring a traditional or family-favorite potluck item to share.

Questions? Gitit Banai at 378-1625 (gtbam@winisp.net)

Would you like to perform at Multi-cultural night? Call Maya Nutley at 885-6108 (maya@nutley.org)

Get Ready for Reflections

Contact: Carol Losi, calosi40@hotmail.com

Bennett PTSA kicks off the 2002-2003 Reflections Program in October. We are excited to bring you this year's program and look forward to celebrating the creative work of our fabulous Bennett students.

The Reflections Program is a National PTA arts recognition program that challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme. This year's theme is "Signs of Courage." Students are invited to submit creative work in the areas of Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts for the National competition. The Washington State competition includes these three additional categories: Theater, Film/Video, and Dance Choreography.

Reflections is a great way for kids to express themselves. In past years several Bennett students have gone on to be successful at the district and state levels. Workshops will be available in October to help students get started with their projects.

Reflections Writing Workshops

There will be two writing workshops held during lunch recess to help students get started on Reflections Literature entries. The workshops will be held **Monday, October 21**, and **Monday, October 28** in Mrs. Ball's E.C. classroom. The workshops can only accommodate 20 students, so first come first served! Students need to bring pencils and paper.

Reflections Visual Arts Workshop

A visual arts workshop will be held on **Friday, October 25**, from 3:25pm - 5:00pm. Come to the art room and get a good start on your Reflections project due in November. Supplies for your art project and snacks will be provided. Questions-call Deb Page at 643-6047.

Reflections Reminder!

Reflections entries are due November 25 - December 2. No entries will be accepted after December 2. Make sure an official entry form is attached to each entry. Turn in entries to the Bennett school office. There is no limit on the number of entries for each student. More entry forms are available in the kiosk outside of the main office.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15!!

School pictures will be re-taken for students if:

1. your child was absent on picture day (which was Oct. 4);
2. you forgot to send money and/or a picture order for with your child on Oct. 4;
3. you are unhappy with the quality of your child's picture.

If any of these apply to you, please send the original school picture packet to school with your child by Friday, November 15, with a note to his/her teacher that you wish him/her to have a re-take. Re-takes will be done in the Cafeteria starting at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, November 15.

Please call with any questions.

Tammy Stafford, (425)562-6619

Bennett Foreign Language Program

Curriculum Night

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Bennett LRC

An evening to meet the board of directors, the staff, receive your parent handbook, and meet your child's teacher for a

curriculum overview.

Enter to win a \$25 BFLP tuition voucher.

Please Join Us!

Bennett Pre-Holiday Bash!

IT'S A DATE...NOVEMBER 23rd, HARBOR CLUB, BELLEVUE, 6pm...

The first ever Bennett Pre-Holiday Bash is to take place on Saturday, November 23rd, beginning at 6pm. Several questions keep popping up...

Q: *What IS this Bennett pre-holiday bash?*

A: Basically, it amounts to the "4 F's"... Friends, Food, Fun and Fund raising! Lively conversation, great dancing and intriguing prizes are also in store. This is not a quiet sit down dinner. This is full on party, a.k.a. the Bennett Pre-Holiday Bash!

Q: *What will I wear?*

A: Don't even think about buying something new! Any old cocktail dress or evening outfit will do (men, no dresses, please...a suit or slacks & a top will be fine). Instead of dropping a boat load of money on a new outfit at the mall, spend your "clothing allowance" on supporting our students education!

Q: *What are we raising money for?*

A: At recent PTA meetings, we've learned how much our teachers and students have come to rely upon the expertise and help of Jim Shoemaker, our technology advisor. Your donations at the pre-holiday bash will help ensure that our Bennett Bulldogs continue to benefit from this invaluable technology education. Math, art and science programs are also greatly enhanced thanks to your generous donations to the Bennett PTSA.

Stay tuned for more information in the next Friday Flyer. If you'd like to help make this event a huge success or have questions, feel free to contact:

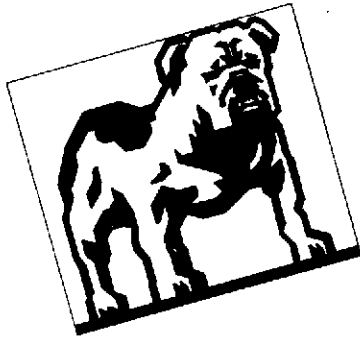
Alison House: alihouse@aol.com or, Margo Allan: margoballan@hotmail.com

Counselor's Corner

by Joan Spencer

I started off this school year with great intentions about including something in the first Friday Flyer, and here it is October already and I am just now getting to it. For those of you who are new to Bennett this school year, I am the School Psychologist/Counselor for Bennett and am here 3 1/2 days a week. The rest of the week I spend at Tillicum Middle School as their School Psychologist. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child and think I can be of help.

Many of you may not be aware that there is a parent checkout section in the school's library. Several years ago the PTSA provided funds for me to purchase resource material for Bennett parents. I bought numerous books, audio tapes, and some videotapes on a variety of topics. I encourage all of you to stop by the library when you are next at Bennett and take a look at the parent section (it is on the shelves to the right when you enter the library) and check out some materials through Jean Bolivar, our librarian. I recommend you check out some of the Jim Fay "Love and Logic" audio tapes and books as his parenting tips are especially helpful as well as entertaining. As parents we need all the help we can get in figuring out this difficult task of raising children and the library resources can be helpful.



Bennett Book Fair

Dive into Reading

Dive into Reading will be the theme for this year's book fair. The book fair will be held on Tuesday, November 5th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday, November 6th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Once again the Secret Garden Book Store will be providing us with wonderful books and a great selection. Please look for the volunteer sign up sheet, which will be posted in the window across from the office. We look forward to seeing you there.

Co-chairs, Debbie McDowell-McGough and Linda Sewell

Calendar

October 22: BFLP Curriculum Night

October 24: Multi-cultural Potluck Dinner

October 28 -30: BSF Phonathon

November 5-6: Bennett Book Fair

November 8: Professional Day, no school

November 11: Veteran's Day, no school

November 12: PTSA General Meeting

November 15: Picture Re-takes

November 23: Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash, Fundraiser

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

December 23 - January 3: Winter Break

January 14: Teacher Support Day, no school

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school

February 17- 21: Mid-Winter Break

March 3: Family Writing Event, 6:30pm-8pm - Author, Laura Kvasnosky