

THE FRIDAY FLYER

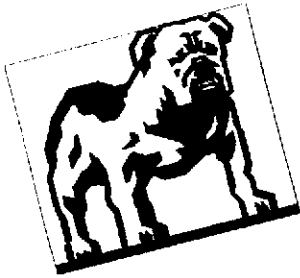
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PTSA Co-Presidents Cindy Mueller and Kristine Keski

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FROM THE PTSA



Dear Bennett Families,

What a great Walk-a-thon we had! A very hearty thank you to Eva Lorenz and Denise Deshaies for organizing this FUN, fund-raising event. It was their first time as co-chairs and they were so organized that the event came off without a hitch! The food was delicious (We especially loved those HOT baked potatoes with the works!), the music was energizing, and the kids had lots of fun! And most important, Walk-a-thon pledges totaled over \$25,500. We have had over \$13,000 turned in so far so please collect and turn in your pledge money if you have not already done so.

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We would also like to thank the wonderful volunteers who assisted Eva and Denise on the Walk-a-thon committee. Volunteer coordinator: Jill Wagner, Lap cards and Field setup: Susan Joy, Food: Ann Huseby and Lila Humai, T-shirt design: Blake Lewis, T-shirt production: Jane Henkel, Prizes: Heather Gibbs, Event MC's: Michelle Gervais and Sandy Eschen. Please take the time to thank each of these wonderful people for a job well done!

The next PTSA board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm. We will have a short business meeting with committee reports. We are heading into uncharted territory with the planning of the Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash fund-raiser. Alison House, Margo Allen and their committee have been ironing out details for this event scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd. This evening event is designed to give parents, teachers, staff and friends of Bennett an evening out while benefiting Bennett PTSA. Keep your eyes peeled for more details on this fun event!

We have our first Skate King date set for October 16th. Students are required to have permission slips to attend and will need to have a 'responsible adult' on the premises in order to attend. The Skate King events are so much fun and we need to make sure every student is safe and accounted for!

We look forward to a fun October and hope your children have settled in well to their classrooms and the routine of school.

Sincerely,

The Bennett PTSA Executive Committee

Kristine Keski, Cindy Mueller, Laura Hammond, Terry Morrison, Michele Sweet and Kris Kennedy

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Elementary Website:
[www.bennett.valuememb
ers.net](http://www.bennett.valuemembers.net)

Year Book Pictures

I am looking for any pictures from last spring's student productions such as the Sock Hop, Talent Show, 3rd Grade play, 4th Grade Musical, student picnics... and any thing else you might have from April through June. Please leave with Becky in the office in an envelope marked Yearbook. Please put your child's name and grade on the back of photo. Please be aware that these photos will not be returned so please only send your duplicates. Thanks so much!

Tammy Stafford 562-6619

From The Editors

Editors:

Karla Ostlund and Janan Carter

We are pleased to serve as editors of The Friday Flyer this year.

Send submissions to thefridayflyer@yahoo.com. Please do not send formatted text produced in a word-processing document. It's easiest if you just type the information directly into the body of your email program. Please advise us of any specific formatting request in your email.

The deadline for the next issue of The Friday Flyer is October 11th.

Free Computer Class

Training open to single mothers.
Saturday, October 12 8:00-5:00 p.m.
Presented by Zetec and Hopelink
Contact Jessica Baden at Hopelink
(425)943-7577

Reading Magic

Get ready for some Reading Magic! On Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 10:30 - 11:15, Jeff Evans of Reading Magic will entertain your kids at Bennett's first assembly of the year. Jeff is a magician who encourages children to enjoy reading for a lifetime. Students will help return overdue books and see what makes a library card like a magic wand. Curious George appears to perform the "World Famous Banana Trick." Jaws will drop when Jeff shows how reading helps solve the puzzling Rubik's Cube. Jeff also transports a volunteer to Hogwarts for a hilarious Harry Potter scene (complete with wig, glasses, and lighting bolt scar). It's a lot of fun, but most importantly the benefits of reading are woven throughout the show. Your kids will be talking about it for days!!

Skate Party

Get Ready... to skate the afternoon away with your school friends. Our first Skate King party is planned for Wednesday, October 16th.

Where: Skate King, Bellevue

Who: All Bennett Students

Cost: \$4.25 Includes quad skate rental. In line skates may be rented for an additional \$4.00 at the counter.

IMPORTANT: A signed permission slip is required to participate. Your child must bring the permission slip to Skate King the day of the event. If you don't find one in your child's binder/folder, extra permission slips will be available in the kiosk across from the office.

For more information please call Laura Hammond: 957-1203

Save Your Campbell's Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops

Collect labels and box tops and drop them in the BIG Campbell's soup "can" in the Library. The more labels and box tops we collect, the more money we can earn for our school!

SPECIAL NOTE: AT QFC STORES THRU OCTOBER 7, PURCHASE 5 CANS OF CAMPBELL'S SOUP AND RECEIVE A COUPON WORTH 100 LABELS! STOCK UP ON SOUP FOR THE WINTER!

If you have any questions, please call Terry Morrison at 641-9352

Multicultural Potluck

Bennett's Multicultural Celebration and Potluck is coming! Bring the whole family. Enjoy great International Cuisine and entertainment!

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

Where: Bennett's Multi-purpose room

Who: All Bennett Families

For more information contact Guitit Banai at 378-1625.

Would you (or family member(s)) like to perform at Multicultural night? Please call Maya Nutley 885-6108.

Adults For Your Eyes Only

Now that our kids have walked their socks off, it's time for the Bennett parents and staff to kick up our heels too (no, you don't have to walk around a dusty field). You won't want to miss the first ever **Bennett Pre-Holiday Bash!**

What? An exciting evening packed full of fun. Fabulous food, a huge array of beverages, wine tasting, exciting prizes, dancing and a chance to socialize with some awesome parents, friends and Bennett staff members.

Where? The Harbor Club, 777 108th NE, Bellevue, WA, 25th floor (you should see the magnificent view!)

When? Saturday, November 23rd at 6pm - mark your calendar

Why?! To raise funds to support the best teachers and students on earth!

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

Free Training

Job Search Classes at the YWCA Family Village in Redmond starting October 8th Contact:

Mary Lou (425)556-1350.

Office Skills Classes for low income parents at Lake Washington Technical College. Contact Christina Harter at Workfirst (425) 739-8385

Calendar

October 9: Assembly - "Reading Magic"

October 11: Professional Day, no school

October 16: Skate King Party

October 22: BFLP open House

October 24: Multicultural Potluck Dinner

October 28,29,30: BSF phone-a-thon

November 5-6: Bennett Book Fair

November 7: End of 1st quarter

November 8: Professional Day, no school

November 12: PTSA General Meeting

November 11: Veteran's Day, no school

November 15: Picture Retakes

November 23: Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash, Fundraiser

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

From the Nurse

My name is Lynn Bingisser. I am the School Nurse and will be at Bennett on Thursdays this year. Please feel free to call me if you have health concerns about your child or leave a message for me and I will get back to you.

With flu season just around the corner, I wanted to review a few recommendations on when to keep your child home from school. If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements.

- **APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR** – unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to exclude a child from school.
- **EYES** – thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (conjunctivitis).
- **FEVER** – temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE, AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH** – should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.
- **SORE THROAT** – especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- **DIARRHEA** – 3 or more watery stools in a 24 hours period especially if the child acts or look ill.
- **VOMITING** – vomiting 2 or more times within the past 24 hours.
- **RASH** – body rash, especially with fever or itching. Heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious.
- **EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER** – do not need to be excluded, but the child needs to get medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **LICE, SCABIES** – children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of lice and nits (eggs). Children with scabies can be admitted after treatment.

IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PICK HIM/HER UP FROM SCHOOL.

- Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick.
- If all parents keep their sick children at home, we will have stronger, healthier and happier children.
- While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, in the long run this means fewer lost work days and less illness for parents.