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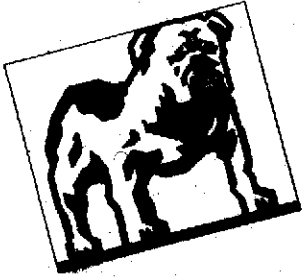
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## FROM THE PTSA



Dear Bennett Families,

Wow, it is amazing how fun and full of activities the fall is here at Bennett! The Multicultural Event on October 24<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Between the fabulous food and the impressive international entertainment, everyone went home with a warm feeling in their heart (and stomach). Thank you so much to Getit Banai and all of the Multicultural committee for organizing such a fun celebration of our diversity!

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Besides the upcoming vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>, please plan to visit Bennett on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, for our fall Book Fair. The Book Fair committee is still looking for a few volunteers to staff the event, even for an hour. This is a great time to pick out books as gifts for your student, their teacher or as a holiday gift and the PTSA raises funds to help stock our library with great books.

November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm will be our next PTSA General Meeting. We invite all Bennett parents, teachers and staff to attend this meeting. We will feature Jim Shoemaker, our technical specialist, who will teach us 'How to use the computers in class.' This is especially relevant for those of you who volunteer in class and are at a loss when the teacher needs computer help.

The PTSA is thrilled to have the invitations out for the Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash! This fund raising event is meant to be a wonderful evening out for the parents, teachers, staff and friends of Bennett. The evening will be full of great food, dancing, lively conversation and door prizes. We have planned this year's fund raising events to be spaced throughout the year so that everyone can participate in some way. Please come and join in the fun and get to know your fellow Bennett supporters! Reservations are due Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> so, don't delay.

The Reflections Art projects are due the week of November 25th. This judged event is a great way to get your child to think like an artist. The fun is in taking the theme 'signs of courage', and digging deep in yourself to interpret it in an artistic way. Please encourage your child to do a project and join us in December to discover what our kids have created.

Sincerely,  
Kristine Keski, PTSA Co-President

Check Out the Bennett  
Elementary Website:  
[www.bennett.value  
members.net](http://www.bennett.value<br/>members.net)

## Picture Re-Take Day is 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 form with your child on October 4th.
- 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

## From The Editors

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

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The deadline for the next issue of The  
Friday Flyer is November 8th.

## Bennett Book Fair

### DIVE INTO READING

Tuesday, November 5th - 9AM-8PM

Wednesday, November 6th - 9AM-3PM

The Secret Garden will once again provide us with a huge selection of books for our annual book fair. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience the joys of browsing through books they may want to purchase. The library receives 20% of the sales, so come on down and support our school library! The teachers will pick out some books they would like to have in their classroom. What a great opportunity to help them build up their library too. To make this successful we need your help as volunteers. Besides the 2 hours shifts, we need help setting up and breaking down (especially breaking down). The sign-up sheet is on the window by the office. If you can't get in to sign up please call Linda Sewell at 641-5007. Thanks and see you there.

## Bennett Alum Wants to Cook for YOU!!

David Thierry is the Executive Chef of The Harbor Club, Bellevue. Chef David Thierry is locally trained and began his career at the Georgian Room in the Four Seasons Olympic Hotel. After several years at the hotel he spent time traveling in Europe and attended the Escoffier Cooking School at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. Chef Thierry returned to the Northwest to work for The Herb Farm Restaurant, helped open a restaurant in West Seattle, and spent time at the Sooke Harbor House in British Columbia before joining The Harbor Club. We are very fortunate to have this distinguished chef and Bennett alumni preparing our savory dishes at the Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash on November 28, 2002. Invitations went out last week, if you did not receive one please contact Alison House at [alhouse@aol.com](mailto:alhouse@aol.com) or look it up on the Bennett website. What else is cooking at this event? Wine Tasting, Dancing and Prizes. We hope you'll join us for this fundraising event.

## Imagination Studio...

an exciting new program of The Children's Museum in partnership with Bellevue Art Museum, will open Friday, November 29, 2002 in the heart of Crossroads Shopping Center! It will be a community-based, inter-generational drop-in art making experience for kids (ages 3-13) and their adult caregivers. The internationally acclaimed Bread and Puppet Theater's magnificent 5-10 foot walking puppets will be the initial exhibit provided by BAM. Kids and adults will use colorful fabrics, found/recycled objects, fanciful papers, and other cool art supplies to create their own puppets from around the world.

# Bellevue Schools Foundation Phonathon

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made calls and received hundreds of pledges during BSF Phonathon 2002! Phonathon supports programs that make a difference in classrooms:

- Teacher grants to support innovative and creative classroom projects
- Mentoring/tutoring programs for at-risk students
- Classroom libraries, summer reading books, and science kits
- Support for teachers
- Middle school Arts Immersion.

BSF can fulfill its mission - to promote and help fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students of Bellevue Public Schools - with your support. Please send in your Phonathon donation today so your generous contribution can help our schools tomorrow. Thank you!

Tracy Bennett, Communications Bellevue PTSA Council

## Staff Appreciation Thank You

A big thank you goes out to all the parents who helped put on the teacher appreciation luncheon Friday, October 18th. The teachers were treated to a fall brunch which included a variety of egg quiches, potato specialties, sweet rolls, and plenty of desserts to satisfy the sweet tooth.

The semi-monthly luncheons will be given for the teachers throughout the year. It will hopefully remind them of how much they are loved and appreciated here at Bennett. They put in so many thankless hours of dedication and devotion to our children. We just want to show them that we care.

The luncheons will be sponsored by each grade over the course of the year. This is to allow all grades the opportunity to participate. If you would like to help on future luncheons, please contact Joyce Cole @ 643-1228 and she will be able to assist you with that desire.

The Autumn Brunch was put on by the third grade class. Much appreciation to all that helped: Pam Dunkley, Kathy Evans, Susan Joy, Bonnie Gong, Lori Olds, Vivian Price, Kathy Spading, Judy Giseburt, Marianne Harden, Dawn Kuipers, Lisa Northey, Dawn Oscar, Janet Bhatia, Karla Blackstone, Joyce Cole, Kim Dew, Shirley Fernyhough, Debbie Forsen, Kristine Keski, Jennifer Malocha, Marguerite Marvick, Julia Pratt, Shelly Schleiff, Linda Sewell, Susan Wenzl, Susie White, Mary Worley, Terry Morrison and Lea Fleming. Your dish might still be in the PTSA room if you did not already pick it up. If your name was not listed, it was an oversight and a heart felt thank you is extended. Please do not feel badly if you did not receive a call to assist. It was because we already had enough volunteers. Thank you again for being the most supportive parents in any school.

The Staff Appreciation Committee

## Calendar

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 Retakes

November 23: Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash,  
Fundraiser

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday,  
No School

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

January 14: PTSA 3rd General Meeting

February 3-7: Young Scientist Week

May 16: Mini Auction / Spring Social

## G.A.T.E. Program Information

A parent information night regarding the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) programs in the Bellevue School District will be held on Tuesday evening, November 19 at 7 pm in the Odle Cafeteria, at 14401 NE 8th, Bellevue. Parents who are considering nominating their children for testing for this program may be interested in attending.

## Walkathon Pictures

The Yearbook is looking for Walkathon pictures! If you have some, please send them our way! You can leave them with Becky in the office. Thanks so much! Tammy Stafford

# Washington State PTA Supports R-51

The PTA is an organization devoted to improving the education, health and safety of children. As an organization, we want our roads and streets to be safe for everyone, particularly our children. That's the reason why the Washington State PTA supports Referendum 51. It means safer roads and bridges, where school buses drive every day. It means providing money for improved crosswalks, flashing lights and paved streets for our children. R-51 will provide \$15 million to the state's School Safety Enhancements Program. Its future depends on these funds. Without R-51, there is no other source of funds for this program. Counties, cities, schools, school districts and tribes can apply to the program for grants to help fund projects that promote traffic and pedestrian safety improvements near campuses. Projects include improvements for sidewalks and walkways, school signage, signals, flashing warning lights and beacons and school bus pullouts. This innovative program provides grants up to \$200,000 for these projects. That's a bargain to help keep our children safe from dangerous traffic. They include simple improvements such as paving a road shoulder or adding high intensity pavement lights in the crosswalks when children want to cross the street, they push a button and the pavement lights up on both sides of a crosswalk. With state money, counties, cities and school districts are able to install the necessary traffic equipment, crosswalks and signals to make sure our children are safe when they go to schools. However, the future of these projects depends on the passage of R-51. There are more than 75 applications for the next funding cycle. Seventeen are from King County alone. If R-51 does not pass, these future projects that keep children safe from traffic are in jeopardy.

*Remember to vote on November 5!*

## WSPTA 2003 Legislative Platform

Prioritized by the delegates attending the 2002 Legislative Assembly

### 1. Protect I-728 and existing K-12 Funding

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that protect I-728 funding and resources to maintain effective K-12, non Basic Education programs.

### 2. Basic Education Act

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that establish a task force of parents, educators, and public policy makers to review the Basic Education Act and evaluate its relevance to a performance-based education.

### 3. State Tax Structure

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that design and enact a tax system for Washington State that is fair, equitable, stable, straightforward, easily complied with and administered, and provides ample revenue to meet the needs of all children for education, health, and human services; and, promotes a healthy economy.

### 4. Simple Majority

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that allow the people to vote on Simple Majority for school funding measures.

### 5. Funding for Prevention and Early Intervention Programs

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that maintain the funding of established, data-driven prevention and early intervention health and human service programs for all children and youth.

### 6. Flexible Compensation Packages for Quality Educators

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that create flexible compensation packages, including performance-based pay, and additional enhancements to attract and retain high quality educators.

### 7. Common School Funding System

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that design and enact a school funding system that is ample, flexible, equitable, straightforward, and accountable.

### 8. Safe and Healthy Schools

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that create safe and healthy schools by reducing environmental hazards.

### 9. Full funding a Performance-Based K-12 Education System

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that fund a study by a recognized research organization on the costs of fully funding a performance-based public school system.

### 10. Children with Developmental Disabilities

The WSPTA shall support /initiate legislation or policies that provide adequate funding for family support services for children with developmental disabilities.

## Coat and Mitten Drive

Get ready for the upcoming Coat and Mitten Drive starting November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting clean coats and mittens for children in the Bellevue School District. Place in the box outside the office. Questions? Call Laurie Cottle (425)747-5492.