

# 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,

We are quickly approaching the Thanksgiving holiday and we still have tons of activities planned for November! First, I would like to say thank you to all of the parents who volunteered in the classrooms at the Halloween parties. The kids love the parties, parade and goodies. I think everyone went out of their way to make the day fun for everyone!

A big thank you to Debbie McDowell-McGough and Linda Sewell for Organizing the Bookfair. The selection of books from The Secret Garden bookstore was wonderful and we had a lot of very helpful volunteers.

Thank you to Laurie Cottle for organizing the 'Warm Coats for Kids' coat and mitten drive. Thank you to all of the families who donated coats, hats and mittens. We will be having a follow-up food drive at the first of the year.

Our next upcoming BIG event is the Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash! The PTSA voted last year to replace the large spring auction with 3 smaller events. We wanted to spread the workload and donations more evenly throughout the year. The Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash is going to be a wonderful evening of food, wine-tasting and dancing with fabulous door prizes! Your tax-deductible donations during the evening will insure the continuation of our programs and events planned for spring. This is not an auction. We will have a mini-auction with the Spring Social in May. The PTSA hopes you will invite your fellow parents, your in-laws, or any friends of Bennett to share in the evening. We have a shared commitment to enhance the education of our children through PTSA support! We look forward to seeing you on November 23rd! If you have not RSVP'd, call Alison House at 653-5411 today!

More thanks go out to Karen Parker, Bennett's liaison to the Bellevue Schools Foundation, for organizing parent volunteers for the Phonathon. Thank you to all of the parents who donated their time and resources to this wonderful cause. The B.S.F. grants help support projects at Bennett and around the Bellevue School District.

Reflections art projects are due the week of November 25th. Please make sure you have attached a completed entry form to your project. Encourage your child to title and describe their project, as it will help the judges understand what the child's thought process was. As we appreciate the extra work you parents do at Bennett, I think we have taught our children a little more about showing courage and going the extra mile! We look forward to seeing all of the Reflections entries at the open house in December!

Sincerely,

Kristine Keski PTSA Co-President

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# "Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!"

Bennett Ski School registrations are due by December 1st. Registration forms were sent out with The Friday Flyer on Oct 4th. If you misplaced yours or did not receive one, additional registration forms are located in the kiosk by the kindergarten rooms. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a chaperone, contact Andrea Hardesty at 425.641.7780.

## 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](mailto: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.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the deadline for the next issue of The Friday Flyer is November 29.

## Halloween Pictures

The Yearbook would love to have any of those extra Halloween Pictures you took at Bennett's Halloween Parade or from any of the classroom Halloween parties! Please leave with Becky in the office in an envelope marked "Yearbook"! Thanks!

Tammy Stafford, Yearbook  
(425)562-6619

## Campbell's Soup Label Merchandise

Attention shoppers! We have 188,000 "points" saved up in our Campbell's Soup Label account, which means we can redeem these points for merchandise for our school. The PTSA Executive Board would like to invite input from as many Bennett families as possible, since you are the ones who have diligently saved and turned in all those labels!

We propose the following procedure to make the selection of merchandise as fair and streamlined as possible:

Look at the Campbell's Soup Labels website: [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).

Click on "Merchandise"; review the products in the on-line catalog.

Write the item number, quantity and number of points the item "costs" on a piece of paper.

Submit your written request to any PTSA committee chair or teacher (names of committee chairs are listed in the back of your Bennett Parent Handbook).

The "wish lists" will be presented at the December 10 Board of Directors meeting (a meeting of all committee chairs; any PTSA member is welcome to attend).

A vote will take place at the General Membership meeting on Monday, January 13, 2003 to determine which supplies/merchandise should be purchased.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Morrison (641-9352) or Cindy Mueller (644-5061).

## Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash

The **Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash** is planned to be a wonderful evening of friends, food, fun and fundraising. The event takes place on Saturday, November 23rd, at the Harbor Club, Bellevue at 6:00pm. Your contributions at the event are tax-deductible and you will have the opportunity to eat, drink and be merry with fellow Bennett parents and friends. You could even win one of the fabulous door prizes including jewelry, vacations and more! So, call Alison House NOW at 653-5411 and RSVP for the **Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash!** Today is the last day for reservations!

# Bellevue Ski School

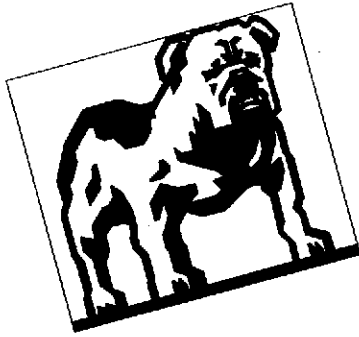
Bellevue Ski School sign-up Grades 2-5:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Sammamish High School

Saturday, December 7 9:00am - 12:00pm, Sammamish High School

First day of ski school: Saturday, January 11, 2003

QUESTIONS? Call (425) 456-4071 (Please leave message)



## Book Fair Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Bennett Book Fair a grand success! We earned close to \$1500 to purchase new books for our library. Linda Sewell and Debbie McDowell-McGough fabulously organized the fair and deserve more thanks than I can give.

Thank you as well to our many volunteers: Marianne Anderegg, Dawn Oscar, Ann Huseby, Cheryl Hamamoto, Kris Kennedy, Maggie Bentley, Laurie Cottle, Debbie Page, Kim McDermott, Mary Gianopoulos, Marian McDermott, Terry Morrison, Shirley Fernyhough, Laura Hammond, Lori Olds, Ruth Kinane, Dawn Kuipers, Marianne Harden, Val Rabbitoy and Judy Giseburt. I hope I did not forget anyone; with so many volunteers sometimes a name gets missed.

Jean Bolivar

## Calendar

November 23: Pre-Holiday Bennett Bash, Fundraiser

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

December 10: Board of Directors Meeting (incl. all committee chairs)

December 23 - January 3: Winter Break

January 13: PTSA General Meeting

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

March 19: Skate King

March 21: No School

April 14-18: Spring Break

May 16: Mini Auction / Spring Social

## No School on January 14th!

Instead, a teacher support day was put into the calendar to allow a day off for advocacy in Olympia! This is not a strike day which impacts the 180 days of excellent education your children receive. This is a non work day administration and teachers agreed should be used to communicate our concerns about the state's funding of education. We have chosen this day because January 14th is the beginning of the 2003 Legislative year. Teachers and administrators will be going to Olympia together, and we hope thousands of parents and students will join us. No schools in Washington State can afford another cut in student programs or teacher pay. For example, there can be no cuts in funding for the I-728 Class Size Initiative and I-732 Teacher COLA Initiative. Will you join us in support of education in Bellevue schools?

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Riley, Superintendent

Mr. Steve Miller, president, Bellevue School Board

Ms. Debby Nissen, president, BEA