

# THE FRIDAY FLYER

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## FROM THE PTSA

Dear Bennett families:

Happy Valentine's Day! We have had a wonderful friendship week at Bennett. Your kids are probably full of sweet candy hearts. It's a fun time to have kids think about all of their special classmates and teachers!

Winter break is right around the corner but we have some upcoming events we don't want you to forget. If you forgot to return the MARINER RAFFLE permission slip, please do so on Monday, Feb. 17th! The RAFFLE committee will be putting together the ticket packets for the participating students. This is going to be a fun, all-school activity like the Walkathon. This fundraiser is the 3rd of our 4 events for this school year. The RAFFLE committee has procured 10 sets of MARINER game tickets including Diamond Club seats (valued at \$500). You can sell the tickets to your family, friends and neighbors! Only \$5 gives you a chance to take a friend or your family to a Mariner game! Let's show our team spirit and sell those MARINER RAFFLE TICKETS! The tickets will be on sale from Feb. 28th until March 16th with the drawing on March 31st! GO BENNETT!

Our next big PTSA sponsored event is the Young Scientist Week beginning March 24th. Thanks to Marian McDermott and Ann Huseby, we have had a couple of very successful science workshops. Please order your display boards for your young scientist's presentation. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers going up around school so please give a few hours of your time if possible. Good Luck to all of the students who participate!

Our nominating committee is busy putting together a recommended slate for next years' PTSA executive committee. If you have chaired a committee, I would invite you to put your name into the hat. Truth be told, I think it is easier and less stressful to be the president than to head a committee. The executive committee is made up of 2 co-presidents, 2 vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. Our job is to plan the PTSA meetings and to be liaisons to the various committees. We are NOT a decision making body. That is your job as PTSA members! Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and energy volunteering on a committee or the executive board. You are the reason Bennett is so great!

Sincerely,  
Kristine Keski

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# Family Writing Event

All Bennett families are invited to join Laura Kvasnosky (Young Authors Guest author) for an evening of family stories on February 25th from 6:30-8:00. Mrs. Kvasnosky will facilitate as families work as teams to illustrate and then write a treasured family story. Materials will be provided. Refreshments will be enjoyed as you read and celebrate your finished pieces. Please RSVP with your child's classroom teacher for each individual from your family that plans to attend. RSVP's need to be made by February 21st.

Thank you,  
Bennett Young Authors Committee

## Highlights from Bellevue PTSA Council Meeting Feb. 3, 2003

Thank you to all the schools who have donated to the council scholarship fund. Each year the council scholarship committee awards five \$1000 scholarships to a senior from each high school. Also, five \$500 scholarships are awarded from the Alice Hurd Memorial Scholarship fund. This award recognizes students with outstanding community service. All seniors can pick up an application at the counseling center at their high school.

Our new council legislative board member is Dennis Gerlitz from Bellevue high School. Welcome Dennis!

Our last evening council meeting will be Monday, March 3, at 7pm at the ESC. Dr. Mike Riley will be our featured speaker. He will bring us all up to date with budget and curriculum issues. Please try to attend.

Dates to remember:

March 15, Secondary PTAs workshop, Shoreline Community Center, 9-12.

May 2-4, WSPTA convention, Doubletree Hotel, Seatac.

May 13, region 2 spring conference, Sammamish High School, 6:30-9:00pm.

Council Spring Celebration, May 16, 9:30am, location TBA

## Young Scientist Week Display Board Orders

To order a discount-priced display board for student Young Scientist Week projects, please call Denise Deshaies at 644-4689 today. Order forms are available on the Bennett web site at

<http://www.bennettelementary.org/SP/science.htm>.

Tri-fold White Econoboard \$2.50

Tri-fold Colored Econoboard \$3.00 (specify red, green, blue, yellow, or black)

A limited number of extras will be ordered and made available for sale at the Wednesday student store.

Boards are also available at area craft and office supply stores (at a higher price).

## Thanks to After-School Science Workshop Volunteers!

The after-school science workshops were enthusiastically attended. There are now lots of great science project ideas buzzing about the halls at Bennett! Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped out (especially the last minute volunteers who helped with the overflow).

Mid-winter break is a great time to get started on your science experiments! For more information on Young Scientist Week and for a copy of the Bennett Elementary Science Project Handbook go to the new Bennett Elementary web site at:

<http://www.bennettelementary.org/SP/science.htm>. If you are unable to connect to the web site from home, you can access it from any King County library or kids can access it from the computers at school.

# MARINER RAFFLE

The third of our four PTSA fundraising events for this year will be an all new fun and exciting raffle of Seattle Mariner tickets! We are asking each student to sell \$5 raffle tickets to family, friends, and neighbors for baseball tickets to the upcoming Mariner season. Raffle prizes will include 6 sets of 4 Mariner baseball tickets and 3 sets of 2 Terrace Club tickets. The GRAND PRIZE is a set of 2 Diamond Club tickets (valued at \$500) and an Ichiro autographed baseball!

- Detailed information and permission slips go home on February 10th. Permission slips due back to school by February 14th.
- We will have a Mariner Day pep rally on Friday, Feb. 28th, including parents!
- Information and raffle tickets will go home with the students on Feb. 28th.
- The selling of the raffle tickets will run from Feb. 28th through March 16th.
- All money/unsold tickets will be due back on Friday, March 21st.
- The final raffle drawing will be held on Monday, March 31st, 2003.

To reach our goal, we are going to have each class work together as a "team". We will be having fun contests for the grade level teams, classroom teams and even several MVP awards. All students will be rewarded for their efforts whether they're a player or an enthusiastic fan!

Start practicing your pitches! The competition is about to begin. GO MARINERS! GO BULLDOGS!

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Wilson at (425) 747-6973 or Dee Hoglund at (425) 957-0445. Thank you for your support, 2003 Mariner Raffle Committee.

## Jerry Wyckoff, PhD, Author, to speak on "Endowing Your Children with Discipline and Character"

Best-selling author, Jerry Wyckoff, presents the teaching steps required, the use of "teachable moments," the importance of good discipline, and how to help your children keep their moral compass. Passing on lessons of character to children is one of the most important obligations we have as parents, but aren't always sure how to go about this task.

Dr. Wyckoff will discuss topics from his books:

- How To Discipline Your Six To Twelve Year Old Without Losing Your Mind
- 20 Teachable Virtues
- Discipline without Spanking or Shouting
- The Eight Seasons of Parenthood

Wednesday, March 26, 2003  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
The Meydenbauer Center  
Bellevue, Washington

Reservations (\$15) available thru Chestnut Hill Academy at (425) 576-1212.  
For more information, contact cha\_ptp@hotmail.com.  
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## 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 Feb. 28th.

### Bennett Has a New Web Site!

<http://www.bennetelementary.org>

Bennett Elementary has a new web site and its very own domain!

Go to <http://www.bennetelementary.org> and check out the new look! Many thanks to Bennett parents Gitit Banai and Tom Gordon for their hard work getting this new site up and running

### Support Your Children's Future

Make plans to attend "A Fistful of Dollars", the Interlake High School Booster Club Auction on March 29th at Glendale Country Club. Tickets are \$50 each for a fun-filled evening. Doors open at 4 PM for early silent auction bidding and socializing. Dinner is served at 7 PM followed by the live auction. The evening concludes at 10 PM. Get eight friends together (tables of 8) and attend this year!

All proceeds from the auction benefit the athletic programs, spirit groups and student activities at Interlake. Continued budget cuts threaten the future of these programs. By supporting the Booster Club Auction, athletics and activities will continue to be available for your children in the future.

Call Susie White for reservation information at 644-1428. Or email her at [susie.white@attbi.com](mailto:susie.white@attbi.com). If you can't attend but want to make a cash donation contact Susie.

### BENNETT FOOD DRIVE IS HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Thanks to everyone who brought donations to help needy families in our area. We raised 654 pounds of food and it was happily accepted by Hopelink. They will pass it out to many hungry families that they support. We also want to give a great big thanks to the Service Club kids. They did a fabulous job with making posters, talking to classes about it, and helping collect the food from the rooms. Mrs. Holmes and Service Club are the greatest! Thanks again for everyone's generous donations!

Social Concerns Committee

## Calendar

February 17- 21: Mid-Winter Break

February 25: Family Writing Event,  
6:30pm-8pm - Author, Laura Kvasnosky

February 28 - March 16: Mariners Baseball  
Ticket Raffle

March 5 or 6: Cultural Afternoon

March 11: PTSA 4th General Meeting

March 12: The Reptile Man Assembly

March 19: Skate King

March 21: No School

March 24 - 28: Young Scientist Week

April 14-18: Spring Break

May 16: Mini Auction / Spring Social

