

THE FRIDAY FLYER

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FROM THE PTSA

Dear Bennett Families,

We would like to enthusiastically welcome everyone back to Bennett Elementary. We have finished our first 3 weeks back at school and the students and teachers have slipped right into their routines. We are lucky to have such skilled and dedicated teachers, specialists, staff and principals to provide our kids with such a wonderful elementary school experience. Their dedication to preparing our children for their future scholastic years is commendable.

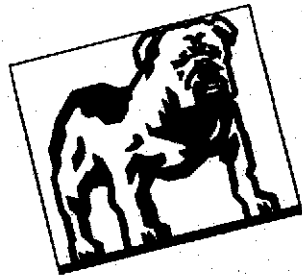
We held our first of four general PTSA meetings on September 10*. We had the pleasure of hearing from Jim Shoemaker regarding our portable laptop computer lab and what our students and the teachers will be working on this year. The PTSA is proud that we were able to make the computer lab and Jim's time at Bennett possible for the students.

In response to the teacher contract negotiations, Bellevue School Board member, Peter Bentley and the Bellevue Education Association president, Debbie Nissen made presentations at the meeting. Each shared a substantial amount of financial and historical information pertaining to the teacher's contract negotiations. It was evident that both sides had a lot at stake and it was a difficult situation to settle. We are pleased that an contract agreement has been made and the teacher strike has been averted.

We are looking forward to our Walkathon on September 20*. Hopefully, the kids are out collecting pledges from family, friends and neighbors! We hope your whole family joins in the festivities and supports the PTSA!

We are thrilled with the response by the parents in signing up as volunteers in the classrooms and on all of our committees. We rely on your help to make all of our projects a huge success. You will find, as always, the more you invest yourself in a cause; the more you actually get out of it! We are glad to have you here at Bennett Elementary and look forward to getting to know everyone a little better!

Sincerely,
2002-03 Bennett Elementary
PTSA Executive Committee



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

Bennett Foreign Language Program

We are extremely fortunate to have Bennett Foreign Language Program (BFLP) offer language instruction at Bennett. Classes offered this year include Basic- and Introductory-level Spanish, French, Japanese, and American Sign Language (ASL). At the time of submitting this article, there is space remaining in Introductory Japanese and limited spaces available in French and ASL. If you have a child in 3rd-5th grade with no previous foreign language exposure, consider enrolling them in Japanese to expand their horizons! Please call Terry Morrison at 641-9352 for up to date enrollment information.

From The Editors

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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 September 27.

Picture Day!

Student Picture Day is coming up on October 4th, with re-takes on November 15th. Information and order forms will be coming very soon.

Contact Tammy Stafford at (425) 562-6619 or tstafford1@earthlink.net with any questions.

Postcards with information on class placement will be mailed to parents the week of September 24, 2002. Assuming Bennett is in session, the first class (ASL only) will begin on Friday, September 27 at 8:00 AM. Spanish, French, and Japanese classes will begin the week of September 30th. If Bennett is not in session, parents will be notified of the new start dates. If you do not receive a postcard prior to the start of classes, please call Terry Morrison (641-9352) or Susan Joy (865-8337).

BFLP will have an evening Open House for parents in October. Look for an announcement for the date in the next Friday Flyer. This event provides an opportunity to meet the language teachers and find out more about the benefits to children of learning a second language.

Volunteers Still Needed

By Alison House

Thank you everyone for attending the Welcome Tea on the first day of school. We had a wonderful turn out and many folks volunteered for many of our committees. Unfortunately some did not even have one person volunteer, like the Scholarship and Awards Committee. I would like to encourage you to look on our website for definitions and contacts for many great volunteer opportunities.

Lastly, I would like to thank Julie Pratt for helping me with the tea. As well as other parents who helped at the last minute, including and not limited to Jill Wagner, Eva Lorenz, Cheryl Rogers, and Tom Gordon. Please thank them when you see them for their help on that morning.

Save Those Box Tops And Labels !!

Before you throw away those soup cans and cereal boxes—STOP! Bennett can earn extra \$ for our school by submitting Campbell soup labels and General Mills box tops. Save as many as you can at home, then deposit them into the box in the office labeled "Box Tops and Labels". If you have any questions, please call Terry Morrison, PTSA 1st Vice President, at 641-9352.

NOTE: A big Thank You goes to Trinh Vo, an employee of Overlake Safeway, who donated 3,500 Campbell soup labels to Bennett Elementary last spring!

Childfind

If you have concerns about your child's development, the Bellevue School District offers free developmental screenings/assessments for children age birth through preschool who live within the Bellevue School District. The screenings help identify children who are having problems with speaking, thinking, social or motor skills. The program is called Childfind.

For information on:

- Assessments for children from 0-2 years, call Kinderling Center at 425-747-4004.
- Preschool screenings for children from 3-5 years, call the voice mail of Stacy Clark at 425-456-4171.
- Concerns about the development/school progress for students from kindergarten through 21 years, contact the counselor at your child's school.

Volunteer Opportunity

Energetic, dedicated volunteers are needed to work in an exciting program on the eastside, at the Bellevue YMCA. Friends of Youth and the YMCA have collaborated to serve homeless young adults ages 18-22. The Landing provides food, shelter, shower, laundry, hygiene products, and case management. Come be a part of this wonderful program. Volunteers are needed to provide food (snacks & breakfast), to supervise and hang out with young people for a variety of shifts: 9pm-12am, 6:30am-8:30am, Monday through Thursday nights, and to help with set up, take down, and laundry. If you are interested in making a difference give Troi Coram a call at 425-869-6490 ext. 315 or email at troi@friendsofyouth.org. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated, but our greatest need is for people committed to helping make a positive difference in other's lives.

Parents Eyes Only

Did You Hear the News?

Bennett is having a different kind of *FUNdraiser* this year. Be sure to read all the details in the next addition of The Friday Flyer.

Art Appreciation

We are looking for volunteers to bring art appreciation into the classroom. Here's a great opportunity to work in your child's class and really make a difference. You do not have to be artistic, just enthusiastic! The time commitment is only once a month with time for planning (if you have the time).

If you're interested, please contact Lana Pimenova at 425-497-9192 (email: spimenova@hotmail.com) or Paula Miller at 425-644-0999 (pfmiller05@aol.com).

Calendar

(Clip it out, hang it on your fridge.)

September 20: Walkathon

September 24: Curriculum Night

October 4: Picture Day

October 8: PTSA 2nd General Meeting

October 28, 29, 30: BSF Phonathon

November 15: Picture Re-takes

December 23 - January 3: Winter Break

February 17- 21: Mid-Winter Break

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

April 14-18: Spring Break

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