



The Lion's Den

Bethesda Elementary School & Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Newsletter

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Principally Speaking...

Dear Families-

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are well rested and ready for 2012!

On January 18th, we will be holding the next Principal's Coffee. We are changing the time to 9:00-9:45 AM in hopes to get some additional families to join us for an open discussion after arrival. Please plan to join us in the All Purpose Room at 9AM on the 18th.

One final reminder about Lice...if he/she has had Lice, make sure to notify the Health Room and have your child go to the nurses office upon their return to school (prior to going to class).

Lisa Seymour



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Calling all Volunteers...WE NEED YOU!!!!

New Recess Activities at Bethesda Elementary!

~SIGN UP ONLINE~

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/recess37>

- **Wheels Day**~ *SUSPENDED until Spring. Due to the colder temperatures, we will not be having Wheels Day during the winter months. We will open up Wheels Day again after Spring Break.*
- **Exploration & Drawing Station**~ Students explore and observe their environment with science and art materials. This takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30-1:00 and 1:00-1:30.
- **Field Group Games**~ Students play with the parachute, scarf tag, walk a mile, and other games. This takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:00-12:30 and 12:30-1:00 and 1:00-1:30.

Important Dates:

- January 14th
SKATE NIGHT- Cabin John
- January 16th
NO SCHOOL- MLK Jr. Day
- January 18th
PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE
9:00-9:45 (APR)
- January 23rd
NO SCHOOL for Students
- January 28th
Washington Greenhawks vs. BE STAFF
Walt Whitman HS 6:30 pm

BETHESDA ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES THE MANY COLORS OF DIVERSITY



We need parents' help for one of our projects. We have a large flower pot which we want to fill with a multitude of house plants. The diversity of plants will symbolically celebrate the wonderful variations which makes up each class. Do you have houseplants that you could share? We would like cuttings that we could re-root. Just cut some pieces right before school, slip them into a baggie and send them in with your child. We will put them in water, root them and in a few months plant them in our "Many Colors of Diversity" pot.

Thanks,

The BE Inclusion Week Committee

THANK YOU PARENTS AND MR. REESE...SCULPTURE IS FIXED!



Thanks to the hard work of artist Kevin Resse and some of our BE Dads, the sculpture in the front of our school is fixed. The sculpture was a gift from the Class of 2007. It is now repaired and has a new coat of paint!

Thank you Mr. Resse and our dedicated Dads: Mr. Garcia, Mr. Prill, and Mr. Dulany.

NOTE FROM THE HEALTH ROOM...



Is your child scratching his/her head lately?

Upon our return from winter vacation, we've had a few reports of head lice among our students. We want to do everything we can to keep it from spreading. Thank you to the families who have been forthcoming with this information. Here's how you can help:

- Let the Health Room know about suspected cases of lice, so we can keep cases contained.
- If your child has been treated at home, please have him/her checked in the Health Room before returning to class.
- Check your child's "Fridays Folder" for more information on the topic.

Please contact the Health Room with your questions or concerns.

Joan Kaplan, CNA, SHRA / Christine Rostami, RN, SCHN

Attention all 5th Grade Students



The Counselors from Westland Middle School and Pyle Middle School will be coming on Friday, January 27th, at 1:30pm to speak with you about middle school registration. The Counselors will be here to explain how to register for classes and answer any questions you might have. Be sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss this important meeting!

Good Grief Group

I am planning to run a Good Grief Group again this year. This group is for students who are grieving the recent (or no-so-recent) death of a loved one. With the assistance of a trained Hospice Caring volunteer, students will learn ways to cope with their loss. The group provides a place to talk about loss and the feelings they are experiencing. Students are welcome to return even if they have participated in previous years. Please email me at Jessica.L.Nicholson@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions or are interested in signing your child up.

Mrs. Nicholson

From the PTA...

Be sure to save January 14th on your calendar for the BE Skate Night.

6:30 to 8:00 PM Cabin John Park

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Sibbald at Sarah_J_Sibbald@MCPSMD.org.

Happy skating!



Are you ready for some BASKET BALL?!?!?



Come see Bethesda ES teachers and staff defeat the Washington GreenHawks!

We need everyone's support to cheer on our BE team!

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Where: Whitman High School Gym

What Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$5 per person by January 20/\$8 at the door

Check out the GreenHawks- the first "green" professional sports team- at www.gogreenhawks.com

Special thanks to our sponsors The Sherry Davis Team of Washington Fine Properties and BGR The Burger Joint.

To R.S.V.P., complete and detach the order form below and send it with your payment (cash or check payable to BEPTA) to the school office or in your child's backpack by **Friday, January 20th**.

Tickets will be sent home the week of Jan 23.

You can also sign up online at www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com.

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Washington GreenHawks vs. BE Lions Ticket Order Form

Family Name _____ **Childs Teacher (for ticket delivery)** _____

Number of Children _____ **Number of Adults** _____

Total Cost:----- \$ _____.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for this event,, please contact Amy Bucher at AmyBucher@aol.com or Deborah Gitelson Krauth at Deborah@webstergroupinc.com.