



Buckman Arts Focus Elementary School Wednesday News Bulletin

January 13, 2010

From Our Principal...

Dear Buckman Families,

Well, we are back in the swing of things and it feels great to be on track after the long holiday break. Our students had a good week and we are all excited to move on with the new year. I would like to mention a few things about this past week. First, our Superintendent Carole Smith and Deputy Superintendent Greg Baker met with me to talk about how things are going, and then we toured the school. As I expected, everywhere we went in the school, great things were happening. There was solid evidence of rigor in writing, reading and math. We saw creativity and collaboration in the arts and classrooms, volunteers everywhere we went, and many smiling, eager faces on our students and staff. Can you imagine how great it feels to show off this kind of environment? I want to thank our entire staff for making their visit a memorable one. I know I constantly talk and write about our volunteers, but I can never say enough, my friends. Never have I seen such dedication at any school I have been in or visited.

Speaking of volunteers, the Marysville Auction held last week was such a huge success. It was an emotional yet fun event, and Buckman was highly represented. I know how much it meant to the Marysville staff to have the support they received that night and have received over the past six weeks. I managed to do pretty well in the silent auction but mostly spent the last 15 minutes stalking my bids.

Last, I want to thank parents for helping get their students to school on time. I am very impressed with the changes that occurred practically over night. Let's continue to do all we can to get our students here and ready to go! Have a wonderful week and thank you all for everything you do for your children.

Thank you,
Brian Anderson

Events

Weatherization Workshop Tomorrow Come tomorrow night (1/14) from 6 to 8pm. This free weatherization workshop will help homeowners and renters with ideas for saving money on energy bills and keeping warmer while conserving energy. Qualified participants will receive a free kit of weatherization materials valued at \$150. Registration forms are right by SUN door or call (503) 284-6827 x108 to register by phone. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

Art Show & Sell Planning Meeting Tomorrow! Please come Thursday at 6:30pm in the Buckman Library. The 20th anniversary of this fantastic community event and important fundraiser is just eight weeks away. We need a couple more heavy lifters on the team for this event to be a success. We also need a cast of many more people willing to take on smaller jobs. Don't be shy. This is a great way to get to know other parents working on behalf of Buckman. We need help with planning for food, PR, ad sales, accounting, house management, kids' art activities, music and entertainment, wrapping and packaging, and more. If you can't come to the meeting but want to get involved, please contact Frances Kappes, volunteer coordinator, at volunteer@buckmanelementary.org.

MLK Assembly January 15th, OUR ROOTS—OUR DREAMS

An annual celebration and school assembly for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is Friday, January 15 at 1:30pm in the Buckman cafetorium. Parents are welcome to attend. Special guest speakers include Michael Grice and Polo Catalani. There will be performances by Buckman Chorus, Advanced Boys Dance and Buckman Marimba Ensemble. It is a time for us all to reflect and celebrate an individual who has made a huge impact on our American and global culture of peace, justice and freedom.

On Monday, Jan 18, Buckman Chorus and Advanced Boys Dance will also be performing at a city-wide celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Highland Center on NE 76th and Glisan. More information about the speakers and both events is posted on BigTent, or contact Chisao Hata or Regina Pirruccello for more information.

Special Education PTA Portland (SEPTAP) Meeting

January 19th 6:30–8:30pm, at the Beverly Cleary Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd Avenue, featuring an IEP workshop by Oregon FIRST. Bring your student's IEP for tips and guidance! SEPTAP was founded by families raising the approximately 6,300 children with disabilities in the Portland Public School District. SEPTAP is a district-wide Special Education PTA currently focused on representing the K-8 population in PPS. SEPTAP meets bimonthly throughout the school year. Please visit septap.blogspot.com for meeting

Mark Your Calendar

1/14

- Weatherization Workshop (With Free Materials) 6 – 8pm
- Art Show & Sell Meeting, 6:30pm, Library

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- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assembly, 1:30pm

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- SCHOOL CLOSED (Martin Luther King Jr., Day)
- Chorus and Advanced Boys Dance perform at Highland Center celebration 4:30pm

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- SEPTAP Meeting 6:30-8:30pm (Beverly Cleary/ Fernwood School)

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- LATE OPENING (School Begins at 10:40am)
- Site Council Meeting, 4 –5pm
- Foundation Meeting, 7–8pm

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- Communications Team Meeting 5:30–6:30pm, Library

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- Buckman School Tours Begin 9:30am

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- Kindergarten Roundup for Buckman Neighborhood Families, 6:30–7:30

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- Buckman Family Dance

Volunteer News

Volunteer Recognition Moment Thank you to **Rosa Comas** and **Vickie Rothrock** for spending their day last Friday assisting the students and staff with Health Screening. Kudos to **Brian Ryer** for his great work revising our buckmanelementary.org website. It's still a work in progress but much improved, and just in time for parents all over the city interested in Kindergarten enrollment. **The volunteer contributions at Buckman make a tremendous difference.**

Volunteer Opportunities Await Your Help! Please take a look at the Volunteer Description sheet that was included in this Wednesday's envelope for a listing plus description of current volunteer needs. We reeeaaally need your help! Some jobs are small, some jobs are big. Find the right job for you and help support Buckman! Thank you!

Academic Enrichment Volunteers Still Needed The following classes still need volunteers: Bigelow, Scott, Custer, Danielson, Brown and Ekelof. Please consider spending 30 to 60 minutes per week leading a small group of students who are ready for additional challenges in reading and math. You do not need to have a child in one of those classrooms in order to volunteer. For more info, contact Frances Kappes, frances.kappes@gmail.com. Thank you!

Additional Important Information

Buy SCRIP and Raise \$\$ for Buckman! The SCRIP program has raised over \$3,000 so far this year to fund programs at Buckman . . . all at **no cost to you!** We're working toward a year-end goal of \$10,000 in SCRIP profits. We also hope to increase standing orders from 30 to 50 by the end of the school year. SCRIP is sold Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at drop-off time and Friday afternoons at pickup. Congratulations to Leslie Hunnicutt, winner of the December raffle, a \$25 gift certificate to Moxie. And thanks again to Dee Bell, Moxie's owner, for her generous donation.

Head Lice Information Historically, there is often a spike in head lice cases after a school break when families and friends have gathered to visit, so now is the time for all parents to resume checking their children's hair regularly for head lice. **Head Lice Facts and Tips:** (1) Head-to-head contact is the most common way lice are spread; (2) lice don't jump or fly, but they are fast crawlers; (3) pets do not carry human lice; (4) lice treatment products help remove lice, but you still must physically remove the lice and nits by combing or picking them out. *Remember these important steps to getting rid of head lice:* **Examine** the hair. **Treat** with a lice treatment product. **Comb** out nits and any live lice you find. **Clean** your environment using normal methods such as washing clothes, vacuuming and soaking combs and brushes in warm soapy water. **Repeat.** Most head lice products recommend a second treatment of your child's hair in 7 to 10 days after the first treatment. **Recheck** daily for two weeks after treatment is complete. **Clearance.** If your child has been treated, he or she must be checked in the school office before returning to class. If you have any questions contact your child's health care provider.

A Reminder to Pick up Children on Time Please be sure to pick up your child(ren) after school on time. The close of the school day is one of the busiest times for the office staff. It is helpful if arrangements for late pick-ups and changes to students after school schedules are made early in the day. Please avoid end-of-day phone calls to the office, as it is difficult to get messages to and from classrooms when the closing bell is about to ring and it is disruptive to student learning. Thanks so much!

SUN News

Adult SUN Classes There is still plenty of room in adult SUN classes for the winter term—Yoga, Qigong and Knitting Circle. Please sign up on registration forms outside the SUN office as soon as possible, as we need to know the exact number of enrollees to ensure the classes will be held.

Second-Grade Dental Sealants Tomorrow OHSU will partner with Buckman SUN to provide dental hygiene education to all second-grade students. Your child will be bringing home information on a free dental sealant program (up to a \$240 value). Please watch for this paperwork and send it back as soon as possible, *regardless of whether you choose to participate*, so that we can get ready for dental screening by February 5.

Winter SUN Classes If you need to make any changes, please fill out a change form near the SUN door before the second Friday of the term (1/22). **Please remember to make your SUN payments.** If you cannot pay the full amount contact us with a payment plan or to discuss other options.

Mentors Needed SUN is still looking for one-on-one mentors to meet weekly with students, particularly as they prepare to transition to middle school. If you know of solid adults who might be willing to make a commitment, please have them contact Diane in the SUN office.

Late Day Opening If you need childcare for the late day opening this month, Art Seeds Adventures has registration forms on the SUN door.

Mark Your Calendars for the Buckman Family Dance Feb. 5th, 6:30 pm

To submit Buckman School-related news items to this weekly bulletin, please e-mail newsletters@buckmanelementary.org. **All submissions (50 words or fewer, please) must be received no later than 3pm on Sundays to be included in that week's bulletin.** Staff and teachers, parent committees, PTA, SUN, BCP and the Buckman Foundation are welcome to submit news items.

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