



CHINOOK NEWS

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Letter from the President

Summer is over and the dreaded first day of school is upon us once again! Welcome back to the 2007-08 school year! I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new 6th graders, new students to Chinook and their families. To the returning students and families, it will be good to see you all again! I hope everyone had a terrific summer; are charged and ready for the new year. I am looking forward to another wonderful year of middle school fun and having the chance to meet many new families at our school. My son was a new student to Chinook and the Bellevue School District last year as he entered the 6th grade. I took the first step in finding ways to volunteer in order to meet new people and get acquainted with the school community. The staff and families at Chinook were very warm and welcoming as I was immediately swept into the myriad of activities—you can see where it lead me today! There are so many ways to volunteer and I encourage each and every one of you to find what suits you best and go for it!

motivated group of volunteers to coordinate and lead the various administrative and social functions as well as to coordinate the two fundraisers we conduct during the school year. Those two fundraisers are the Magazine Drive and the Annual Fund Drive.

The first fundraiser, our Magazine Drive, will be conducted in the Fall. At this time, it is our foremost function for raising money for our school. Renay Bennett has graciously agreed to chair this well known event again this year and does a terrific job rallying the troops for this effort. We are able to use the money to fund grants to Chinook in various ways to benefit the education of our children.


One of the main differences I have found between elementary and middle school is the way we, as parents, receive information regarding both our children and the school happenings. No more Friday notices in the backpack—thankfully because I'm fearful to even put my hand in my son's backpack anymore! You never know what you'll find in there. Take a look at page 7 to see the how our PTSA communications team worked over the summer to streamline the different ways you will both receive and be able to access information—thanks team!.

Lastly, I am excited to let you know that MA Sangeorzen has offered her time to help me co-lead this group as Co-President. MA is a concerned, proactive parent of an 8th grade daughter and has experience volunteering in several aspects at Chinook. I look forward to her election at the upcoming General Meeting.

Wishing all a terrific start for the new year!

Best regards,

Debbie Davis
PTSA President



The annual PTSA Back to School Brunch is scheduled for September 6th at 9:30 am at the lovely home of Chanel Federspiel, 9804 NE 19th Street, right across the street from the school. The cost will be \$10 upon your arrival. Please make plans to attend this fun and casual morning as it is a perfect time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones all the while seeing what PTSA is all about! This is especially true for the new families joining us this year. We encourage everyone to join the PTSA. It is a wonderful way to support your child and the highly talented educators that we have at Chinook.

The first PTSA General Meeting will be held at 8:40am on September 13th at the school. This will be a great time to meet your 2007-08 Board members. Some are returning and others, like me, are new! We are very lucky to have such a talented and

Come Join Us!! For the Annual PTSA Back to School Brunch

When: Sept 6th, 9:30 am

Where: The Federspiel's

9804 NE 19th St
(across the street
from Chinook)

Cost: \$10 at the door

Reconnect with old
friends and meet
new ones



PTSA Meeting

Date: Sept 13

Time: 8:40am

Location: Chinook
Library

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Chinook Annual Magazine Drive

The Magazine Drive is our biggest fundraiser of the year and together we can provide great opportunities for our school.

This fundraiser supports most of the activities and events that benefit our students, such as: Clubs, Athletics, Fine Arts, Assemblies, Student Recognition, Dances, and MORE!

Magazines may be purchased at the **lowest possible price** through our campaign. The website allows you to pay with a credit card and track your order.

Our school profit will be 45% of the gross sales from the magazines ordered this year.

Your satisfaction is guaranteed!

ORDER NOW!!

Order from your student or order online.



EASY ONLINE ORDERING

1. Log on to www.4schoolsonline.com.
2. Click on **Option #1, BUY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD.**
3. Enter **CHINOOK-YES** when it asks you to enter your school code.
4. **Select the catalog** you wish to shop from.
5. **Add magazines** and/or products to your shopping cart.
6. When you're done shopping, select **LOGIN TO CHECKOUT.**
7. If you don't have an account you will need to create one.
8. Before check out, **select or add your Chinook student.**
9. Review your information and click **PURCHASE.**
10. **DONE!**

Thank you for supporting our kids and school.

Volunteers Needed
September 25th, 28th, and October 2nd

Would you like to help? When the students turn in their subscriptions, we will need parent volunteers to count them up, starting at 8:30 a.m, September 25th, 28th, and October 2nd. We would appreciate it if you could make all three days for continuity, but will take any time you will give.

Please come to enjoy coffee and pastry, meet the fun bunch of parents at our school, and help with the Fundraiser.

Many hands make light work.

Please call or email Renay Bennett renaybennett@msn.com, (425) 637-8670, if you would like to help or have any questions.



"I can make a difference by"

2007-2008 Reflections Program

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts program. It recognizes students' creative talents, providing an opportunity for them to express themselves through original works of art in six categories:

- Literature
- Musical composition
- Dance/Choreography
- Film/Video Production
- Photography,
- Visual Arts

Each year, a new theme is chosen for the students' work. The theme for this school year is "I can make a difference by...".

Students may submit one or more entries in one or more categories. Each entry must be the original work of one student only and are awarded on interpretation of the theme, artistic merit, and creativity. Only new work can be accepted and plagiarism is NOT allowed.

Flyers with rules are in the Chinook office or visit www.wastatepta.org/reflections.

Questions or if you want to help (parents or kids), please contact:
susanhughes@my.tupperware.com.

Submissions due Wednesday, October 31, 2007 to the Chinook office.



BSD Needs You!



We are currently hiring:

- **on-call** Educational Assistants,
- **on-call** Secretaries,
- **on-call** Instructional Assistants,
- **on-call** Child Care Aides,
- **on-call** Bus Monitors
- **on-call** Special Education
- Para Educators.

On-call work allows for flexibility. You tell us what days and times you are available. Shifts are usually 4-6 hours in length.

Please fill out an on-line application at www.bsd405.org. Information orientations will be held every Thursday morning through the months of August and September 2007, 9:00AM in the Human Resources office at

12111 NE 1st Street
Bellevue, WA 98005

- **A minimum of three references will be checked by telephone.**
- **If hired, all employees must be fingerprinted.**



Welcome back to School!

It's been a busy summer! Bellevue's high school Biology and Chemistry teachers and 8th grade Physics teachers spent time together studying the revisions to their curriculum in preparation for teaching these new lessons to students this coming year. Funding for this professional development is courtesy of YOU and your generous support of the Bellevue Schools Foundation.

Back to School Shopping on Amazon.com?

Simply go to the BSF website home page (www.bsfdn.org), click on the Amazon.com link, and BSF will receive over 7% of each sale.

Please note **you must go through the BSF site** (www.bsfdn.org) for BSF to get credit for the order. Unfortunately, bookmarking the link or going directly to Amazon.com won't identify the purchase as a BSF order.

Thanks for shopping on Amazon.com

For further information on any of these programs, please contact:

Gillian Doyle,
Bellevue Schools Foundation

tel: 425.456.4199,
email: gillian@bsfdn.org

BSF Phonathon is Coming! October 22, 23 & 24, 2007

*Do for every child what
we would do for our own*

You can make a difference for the children in our schools! Please make a generous donation when volunteer parents from our school call.

This year, BSF is raising \$1.6 million for **world-class, district-wide academic programs and support services for teachers and students** in Bellevue's schools. BSF relies on financial support from parents like you to provide these valuable programs for our students. Your dollars also support **curriculum enhancement grants, teacher training, book purchases, middle school science, and VIBES mentoring**. Funds raised during Phonathon benefit **all students** in **all Bellevue schools**.

Company matching funds double your contribution. Microsoft and Boeing are among the companies matching employees' donations. Please contact your employer for a matching gift form.

Donate online at www.bsfdn.org/donate by October 10 and we won't need to call you.

For more information on Phonathon, see the BSF website: www.bsfdn.org/Events/phonathon.asp. Or contact our office at 425.456.4199, email: info@bsfdn.org.

Want to Volunteer at BSF Phonathon?

Volunteers (parents & high school students) help call parents in our school during the Phonathon evenings of Oct. 22-24 and prepare the follow-up mailing on Thursday morning, Oct. 25, 2007. Please contact the following Phonathon leaders or our school's BSF rep to volunteer:

Phonathon 2007 Chair: Diane Paukstis
(dpaukstis@comcast.net)



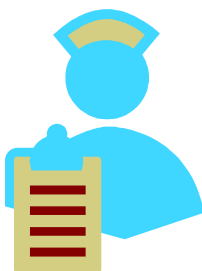
Nurse's Notes

Student Medication

If there is a valid health reason which requires that your student have medication during school hours, you **must** provide a written request and authorization form to the school nurse. This form "Authorization for Medication to be taken at School" must be filled out by the parent/guardian and by a primary care medical provider. You can pick up a form in the Health Room at school, or find it online at <http://www.bsd405.org> under Parent Resources / District Information / Health Services.

Please note that this applies to all medications:

- prescription or non prescription (over the counter)
- for daily or occasional use carried by the student or stored in the Health Room.



Health Information and Forms Online

The Bellevue School District website www.bsd405.org has health information and forms online. If you need a CEHI form, information about when to keep your child home from school, or an "Authorization for Medications at School" form, you'll find them on line at www.bsd405.org under Parent Resources / District Information / Health Services.

Please contact me if you have any questions, Nancey Goforth RN:

goforthn@bsd405.org, 425-456-6308

Keep Your Emergency Contact Information Current

Fill out the "Confidential Emergency Health Information" (**CEHI**) form and turn it in by the start of school each year. The school nurse should have a way of contacting you in the event of an emergency, as well as a back-up contact should you be unavailable during the day.

I look over every CEHI form. Use this form to note any health and medical issues your child has, such as allergies, vision or hearing problems, etc.

The Role of the School Nurse

To students, the school nurse is the person who tends to minor maladies associated with the school day. But school nurses do so much more than provide direct health care. The school nurse has a multi-faceted role that supports the physical, mental, emotional and social health of students, ensuring student success in the learning process.

- For starters, we conduct state mandated health screenings for vision and hearing and scoliosis in 7th grade. We refer and follow up on any concerns that arise from these screenings.
- We write and manage care plans for students with life threatening health conditions; we work with families and health care providers to ensure that these students have a safe and secure school environment.
- We monitor all medication use, keeping records and following state laws that dictate medication use at school.
- We handle medical emergencies and any emergent need that walks into the health room. We teach and monitor staff training for all front office staff that covers the health room. We teach the teachers so they'll have information to handle a medical emergency in their classroom. We assist teachers with health, hygiene and sexuality curriculums. We monitor communicable diseases. We assist teachers when they plan for field trips or camp. We review immunization records to ensure compliance with Washington state law. We assist the school psychologists and counselors in evaluating students who may need special services. We attend continuing education classes to stay current with "best practices" for our profession.
- Whether your child has a condition that must be managed by the school nurse, or if she just sees me for the occasional "I don't feel good" visit, it is important to partner with your child's school nurse.

Don't send your child to school sick, especially if he is running a fever. Notify the nurse if your child develops an infectious disease or condition such as pinkeye, chickenpox or head lice.

Keep your child up to date on her immunization schedule. Make sure your child has all the appropriate shots and boosters for her age, and give a copy of those records to the school nurse at the start of each school year.

Communications Streamlined: PTSA to Parent

The PTSA thanks our communications team for the summer hours they've put in to streamline communications for you.

Gigi Baker has taken some serious summer hours to develop a functional, informational and timely website and she has done a marvelous job for us. Our website is: **www.chinookptsa.org.**



It has all of the information you will need as a parent and will be continuously updated throughout the year. I invite you to log on and navigate it for yourselves. You can monitor your child's homework, grades, get information on activities coming up and find out about volunteer opportunities. You name it, you'll get it, and if you don't there is a spot on the site for you to express your concerns to Gigi, our webmaster.



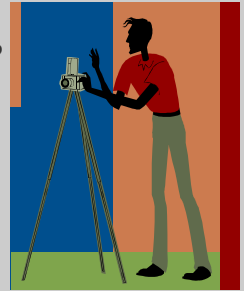
Jackie Wydrowski has done an outstanding job in coordinating our Newsletter for us for this school year. You will find a link on the website to read the most current newsletter and newsletters of the past. You can also find a hard copy of this publication in the main office at school.

 Randi Leggett has volunteered her time to keep each of you in the loop via weekly emails updating you with timely information that you'll want to know. If you haven't already, please register your email address at: **mailadmin@chinookmiddleschool.com.**

So, prepare yourself to be informed about the onslaught of middle school happenings here at Chinook.

Yearbook Photographers Needed

Do you like to take excellent photos of your friends and classmates? Do you have experience with digital cameras? Would you like to help make this year's yearbook fabulous?



Any interested students who would like to be involved with the yearbook this year are welcome to attend an informational meeting, September 25th. At this meeting, you will learn: what the expectations are, what the qualifications are, and help narrow down choices for this year's yearbook cover.

Mrs. Wallas, seventh grade language arts teacher, is also Chinook's Yearbook Adviser. She will be taking applications from interested students attending the informational meeting.

Date: Tuesday, Sept 25th 2007

Time: 3:48pm— 4:15 or so.

Place: Room 501, Mrs. Wallas' room

Bring: something to write with

Please Note:

- **In order to be considered as a photographer, you must attend the meeting.**
- **There are a limited number of photographers needed, please attend the meeting for more information.**

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