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Beaumont Newsletter for September 15, 2019



We're not quite there but today feels like fall is here for real. With summer over and the transition to school behind us, the next couple of months can get a bit hectic. A presentation on Mindfulness next week may be the antidote to get us through the busy-ness of the fall. This week's newsletter is chock full of really fun upcoming fundraising events and school happenings. Be sure to check out the calendar below and put some of these events on your schedule.

As always, we appreciate your support of the school and your volunteer time!

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Calendar

- September 18: Beaumont
Foundation Meeting
- September 26: Mindfulness
Presentation
- October 2: Picture Day!
- October 2: Walk n Roll Day
- October 8: Pizzicato Day for BMS
- October 9: PTA General Meeting
- October 11: No School
- October 12: Beaumont Grounds
Maintenance
- October 25: Foundation Happy
Hour
- October 31: Corn Maze Final Day

Pedestrian Safety
Newsletter Deadline

October 31: All School Dance
December 16: PTA Clothes Closet
Beaumont Day

SCHOOL NEWS



"In today's rush we all think too much - seek too much - want too much - and forget about the joy of just being."
~ Eckhart Tolle

Please Join Us for a Presentation on Mindfulness

Teachers and administration at Beaumont Middle School are excited and feel very lucky to partner with local author and Portland resident, Kat Mulvaney, to jumpstart our focus on mindfulness this school year. Kat will be hosting a family mindfulness workshop on **Thursday, September 26 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Beaumont Library** which will be followed with a similar presentation for Beaumont students at a school assembly on the 27th. Our hope is that if families, students, and faculty all share an understanding of Kat's **five mindfulness principals**, we can work together to support our students at school and your children at home. To learn more about the presenter, Kat Mulvaney, check out [her web site](#).



Take Pride In Your School - Beaumont Fall Maintenance

We've heard from several teachers and staff that summer cleanup efforts REALLY made a difference. A fall season maintenance event will be held soon.

On **October 12th from 9 am to 12 pm** volunteers will help get the school grounds ready for winter. [Please sign up](#) to help for as much time as you can!

A special thanks to our neighbor John Thomas, a former Beaumont parent, along with Cindy Marker (not pictured), also a former Beaumont parent, who are leading the Beaumont grounds maintenance efforts. Please [email John](#) for more information or [to](#) get involved in ongoing Beaumont grounds maintenance.

A heartfelt thank you to John and Cindy!



SUN School Begins Soon!

Check out the [great class list and get your student registered](#) for SUN School. The term runs **September 30 through December 6!** Classes like Fencing, Basketball, Conexiones, African Student After-School Club, Homework Club, Chess and Robotics will be offered plus Community Evening Courses for adults and families like Colegio de Padres, guitar and watercolor. Register now! Questions? Contact Malcolm at (503) 916-5165 or [email](#).



Corn Maze Fundraiser for Beaumont

[Bella Organic Farm](#) on Sauvie Island in Portland is partnering with Beaumont Middle School on an A-MAZE-ING fundraising opportunity. Bella Organic offers a family-friendly corn maze **September 1 - October 31**, plus a pumpkin patch, organic farm store, farm animals, and much more!

The Beaumont PTA is selling tickets for the maze and we get to keep half the amount of each ticket sold! Adult (13+) \$8.00, Child (6-12 years old and Seniors 65+) \$6.00, 5 years and under are free.

This is a great activity for family, friends, sports teams, etc. Please contact [Marty Stockton](#) for ticket purchase and delivery. Tickets are being sold now through the end of October.

Have you Joined The PTA Yet?

The Beaumont Middle School PTA would like to welcome you back to another school year! We invite all families to join PTA. Membership is \$20 per person -- and you don't have to commit time or anything more when you join PTA -- unless you want to! Your membership supports PTA in all we do for students, teachers and our school. Last year, we were able to support the teachers with cash for classroom supplies, musical instruments, and brand new computers for the library!!

There are several ways to join - choose what works best for you!

- Find us on PayPal (PTA Beaumont Middle School)
- Venmo (PTA-BEAUMONTMIDDLESCHOOL)
- SchoolPay (click on "Nonprofit Groups" and add PTA Membership to your cart.)
- Checks (Checks should be made out to Beaumont PTA and brought to the front office.)



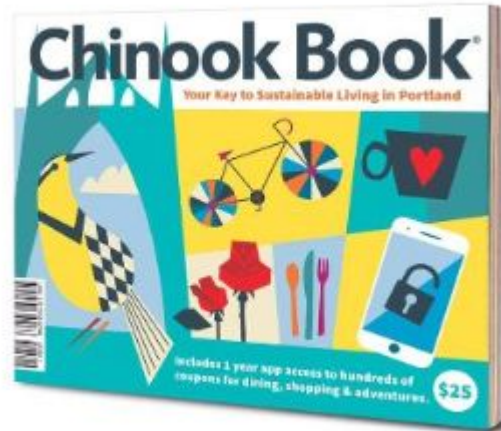
Beaumont Recess Help Needed!

It is extremely helpful for teachers and administrators to have an extra set(s) of eyes and ears on the Beaumont field during recess after lunch each day. [Please sign up](#) if you can volunteer once or on a regular basis. Thank you!

Beaumont Recess Volunteer, Penny Haggard, was quoted as saying: "I volunteer for lunch and recess duty every Thursday. Here's why. Today, out on the

playground, a little girl came up to me and said 'I am not having a very good day. Can I have a hug?' Just melted my heart. Hugs were dispensed and now I have a new friend! Best feeling in the world!"

The 2019-2020 Chinook Book Is Here!



Buy your Chinook Book here at Beaumont first -- 1/2 the price goes to the Beaumont PTA and benefits our students! Purchase and download your mobile subscription on your phone [here](#).

While supplies last, the Beaumont PTA now has a very limited number number of:

- Chinook Book Print Editions (20) for \$25.00 each
- Chinook Book App Cards (5) for \$15.00 each (great for gifts)

Please [contact Marty Stockton](#) for personal delivery or pick up from the Beaumont front office. Chinook Book sales will run through the end of October or while supplies last.



THE 100 CLUB

Did you know 2001 is the average publication date of the book collection in the Beaumont Library? That means **many of the books were printed before your students were born!** Friends of Beaumont School have set modernizing the collection as one of our goals

for this school year through the **Honor With Books program**. Last spring, we were able to raise funds to purchase **32 new books** for the library. We have set an ambitious goal of adding **100 new books this year**. We need your help to reach that goal!

Your donation of \$25 will purchase a new hardback, high-interest book for the students at Beaumont Middle School. Options exist for you to honor someone special with your gift by placing a student designed, custom bookplate in each book. You and your honoree will each receive a written acknowledgement, and you, as donor, will become a member of The 100 Club. Please help us reach our goal by going to www.pps.net/beaumont. Click on the Library link and look for Donate to the Library. If you have any problems, contact [Penny](#).

Please note: We have a sponsor who underwrites our Honor With Books program, so every dollar you donate goes directly to purchase new books for the library. Teacher Librarian Julie McMillan makes the selections based on student interests and purchases the books locally, so all money donated remains in the community. We hope you will let other friends and relatives know about this initiative and will choose to support it yourself.



Got Bottles and Cans?

Help Beaumont continue its fundraising success this school year [by grabbing a blue bag](#), filling it up with with containers from all your bottled and canned beverages and drop the bag at the Bottle Drop center at the Fred Meyer on NE Broadway. Just scan the bar code on the blue bag and when the door unlocks - just drop it in. The containers are counted and the money is deposited in the Beaumont PTA's account. Over the summer, Beaumont exceeded its fundraising goal of \$500 and earned \$568 through the BottleDrop program. Thank you to all those who collected for us!

Questions? Contact [Marty](#).



Grandparents Unite!

A group of grandparents is trying to grow its ranks of people power to help Beaumont teachers and students. If you have grandparents (parents) in town who would like to be involved with your child's school, please pass this information on to them. The only way we have to reach grandparents is through this Newsletter and the Beaumont Facebook page.

Potential grandparent volunteers should visit [Friends of Beaumont](#) for more information.



New Computers for Beaumont

I would like to thank everyone that participated in fundraising last school year. With the money raised over the year, the PTA was able to purchase eight new computers for Beaumont. Two of these will be in the office and six will go in the library, joined by more Chromebooks procured through a technology grant.

Library computers are heavily used throughout the day and last year we learned the computers were so old that PPS would no longer support them. The PTA knew it would be a challenge to fund the new computers through the district, so our fundraising team led by Marty Stockton really stepped up. Through parent support of our Apple and Tulip sales, Chinook Books, Amazon Smile, BottleDrop, Fred Meyer rewards program, merchant nights and more, we were able to raise \$8000 that went towards the purchase of these new computers.

I am amazed at what we can do when this community comes together to get things done. Thank you everyone! Let's do more this year! ~ Kelli Rosenquist, former PTA President

A Belated Thank You to A Neighborhood Business!

At the 40th Anniversary Bash for **McPeet's Pub** in early August, approximately \$1,200 was raised for Grant Athletics and the Beaumont Middle School Arts Program. For new parents - we're fundraising to replace the ceramics pottery kiln.

We thank McPeet's Pub and all of those who attended and partied to raise this impressive amount. Keep an eye open for other ways to support the purchase of a kiln for the Beaumont art program this year.



Walk + Roll to School Day is on October 2

International Walk + Roll to School Day is on **Wednesday, October 2!** This fun, community-focused event takes place at schools across the globe. It is a fun opportunity to celebrate families walking, rolling, scooting and skating to school. Most importantly, the event can introduce some families to a new way of traveling to school.

Are you or do you know someone who would like to organize an event? Find [more information here](#).

Save the Date for Beaumont Days at the PTA Clothes Closet

During the school year, each school takes turns sending volunteers to assist PPS families and students find new and gently used clothing. Beaumont's days will be December 16 and February 13. The PTA Clothes Closet is located at Marshall High School (3905 SE 91st Ave). Sign ups will go out as we get closer to the dates. **Volunteers always have a great time and we are looking forward to a super Beaumont team to support PPS families.**



It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking About the 2020 East Coast Trip

Is your 8th grade student interested in traveling to the East Coast with fellow Beaumont students next summer? It's not too early to start contemplating making it a reality.

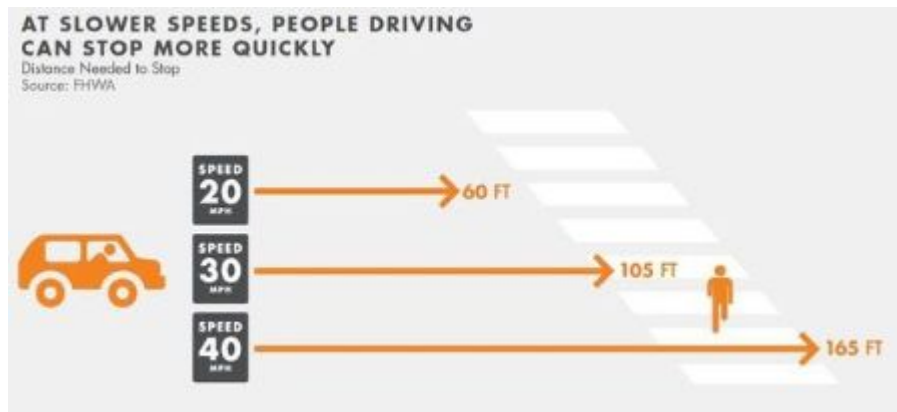
Beaumont works with [Educational Travel Services Inc.](#) to provide the trip and it is led by 8th grade teacher Valerie Turner. If you're interested, check out the ETSI web site. The trip will likely be 6 days/5 nights and include Washington, DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia, PA, and New York City. For questions, contact [Valerie Turner](#). Keep an eye open for an upcoming informational meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

As the School Year Begins - Watch for Kids

As the school year kicks into gear, families might be rushing to get to school on time. You can contribute to a safer school environment by reducing your speed on your drive to school. A few miles per hour could make all the difference when it comes to avoiding a crash. **Children walking or biking to school can sometimes be unpredictable; slow down and set the pace!** Also, remind your student if they walk to school on their own to keep their eyes up and off their phones - especially before crossing streets!

Credit: [Vision Zero Portland](#).



Driving?



Stay sober, take it slow and put phones away.


See and be seen

Many Portland streets are dark.



Stay alert

Use your eyes and ears to protect yourself & others.



Make eye contact

The majority of people hit and killed while walking in Portland are walking legally.



Reminder: Newsletter Deadline

If you have an announcement that would be of interest to the school community, please email to the [Beaumont Newsletter Coordinator](#) for inclusion in the newsletter. Submissions by 10 pm on Thursdays will be included in that week's newsletter.