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Beaumont Newsletter for October 13, 2019



AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU!!





Thanks to John Thomas and Cindy Marker who led the efforts to beautify the Beaumont grounds before winter sets in. A handful of volunteers joined them to spruce up the outdoor area around the school. Thanks to John and Cindy and the few who joined them on Saturday morning, Beaumont looks fantastic.

Thank you!



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Beaumont Day

SCHOOL NEWS

Only 2 Weeks Left to Get Early Bird Ticket Prices



Erika and Aaron Kohn have graciously opened their home for us to enjoy an evening of drinks and delicious bites. You won't want to miss the ¿Por Qué No? taco bar! This annual event is a great way to meet other Beaumont parents while benefiting Portland Public Schools.

Early bird tickets are \$30 each and will increase to \$35 at the door.

Purchase your ticket(s) today!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event successful! Please sign-up to volunteer your time or skills and receive a complimentary ticket.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! Over the past several years, Foundation donations have helped fund electives and create opportunities for smaller class sizes.

Can't join us for the party? You can still donate multiple ways:

- Online: select 'Beaumont' in the drop-down menu then select "one-time gift" or set up monthly giving.
- Bring a check payable to *Fund for PPS* with "Beaumont Middle School" in the memo line

Thank you for your support!

It's Halloween Dance Time!

Beaumont's All School Party will be held on *Thursday, October 31st from 4:00 - 6:00* pm. There is no school on Friday, November 1st.

The All School Party has been a fun WEB Leader tradition at Beaumont for many years. More than half of the school comes to this event to play games, dance, and go through the WEB Leaders Haunted House. *In order to make this event fun for everyone, we need your help with donations and volunteers.*

Students who would like to attend the All School Party need to bring a <u>signed permission</u> <u>slip</u> and \$5 on the day of the dance and present these items at the door (enter on Fremont near gym/cafeteria). Schoolarships are available by contacting your child's School Counselor<u>Paula Inman</u> for students with last names A-K or <u>Ria Goodwin</u> for students with last names L-Z.

Donations Needed:

We need a DJ! Do you have Dj skills that you would be willing to donate to Beaumont? Please Ria Goodwin or call 503-916-5610.

We need Halloween Candy for games prizes. Halloween candy donations can be dropped off in the main office for Ms. Goodwin

Please sign up to help today!

- **1:45 3:45 pm** Two to four Haunted House set-up helpers to help set up in the recess area outside of cafeteria.
- 3:45-6:15 pm Lots of volunteers needed to help let students into the dance, sell concession, monitor the doors inside the dance area (new gym), monitor the Haunted House and line, and float to different areas to be sure students are having fun and being safe and appropriate. More than half the student body will be in attendance so there is no such thing as too many adults.

Questions? Contact Ria Goodwin



"It's really nice being able to have upto-date books in the library that make current references to people and issues that are current right now. It's also really exciting to be able to get next new book in a series just as it comes out." ~ Dani, Beaumont 7th grader

Your Donations Are Making a Difference

Thanks to our Beaumont community for the donations you have provided to the *Honor With Books 100 Club*. As you can see from the comment above, students are getting excited about reading the new books in Beaumont's library!

Currently, the Honor with Books program has received donations for 37 high-interest, hardback books. Teacher-librarian, Julie McMillan, commented, "We are really excited to have so many new books in our collection. The kids are requesting them faster than we can stamp and ready them for circulation!"

We have set a goal to add 100 new books to the Library this school year. We are over 1/3 of the way there but we still need help from parents, grandparents and neighbors. A \$25 donation provides one book with a student-designed bookplate for the Library and membership in The 100 Club for you. You may honor someone with a donation and that person will receive a handwritten notification of your gift. Visit our site to make a donation or for more information. Thank you so much for your support!

Questions? Email Penny.



Beaumont Families! - Let's Send the Mercury to the Top!

We started the year with a goal of reaching 200 members. *We currently have 124.* If you haven't joined the PTA yet, it's not too late! Membership dues provide funds for teachers, classroom supplies, library, art and PE equipment as well as helping to fund events and school dances.

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.)



Do you love reading? Want to help with a program that promotes reading and teamwork? Beaumont is looking for help with this year's Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) program. You would work with Teacher -Librarian Julie McMillan to organize meetings, coach kids, and run battles to determine which team will represent Beaumont in our region. We understand busy schedules and hope to build a team of adults who can support our kids in this fun academic competition. Please be in touch soon as we'd like to *kick things off by the end of October.*

Rain Schmain

Don't let the weather stop you from helping Beaumont teachers and administration during the lunch hour. Put



on your rain slicker and galoshes and grab your umbrella for an Oregon outdoor recess! Teachers appreciate the extra set(s) of eyes and ears on the Beaumont field each day. Please sign up if you can volunteer once or on a regular basis.



We in the Beaumont Library want to make sure the students have what they need to succeed, and be more comfortable when they come to the library. We are trying to get 8 Wobble Stools so the kids have other options as to where and how they sit while in the library. If you'd like to contribute, please visit my DonorsChoose page for Flexible Library Seating! Your support would mean so much to the students of Beaumont. Thank you so much, Julie McMillan & Jenifer Mittelstadt



Last Days for Corn Maze

Get your tickets to attend the Corn Maze on Sauvie Island before Halloween is here. We have 2 more weekends before it ends. Hours for the maze are Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 10 pm and Sunday - Thursday, 9 am to 6 pm.

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 <u>Marty</u> <u>Stockton</u>for ticket purchase and delivery. Tickets are being sold now through the end of October.



RSVP by November 10. Thank you!



TEEN SUBSTANCE USE and OTHER RISKY BEHAVIORS

PPS schools have identified concerns about youth vaping. School personnel have observed students engaging in risky behaviors such as buying, exchanging, and selling

vaping devices, cannabis, and other illegal substances. Schools also report that there is a growing concern among their parent population that youth use is impacting their ability to function at school, home, and with friends. In response to these concerns, we have collaborated with Big Village to host a presentation to provide more information and allow space for parents to ask questions.

When: October 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Grant High School, 2245 NE 36th Avenue

Contact: Catrina Knoerzer, School Social Worker - Grant High 503-916-5160 Liz Kobs, School Counselor - Beverly Cleary 503-916-6480

Girls Night Out - November 22nd!

Girls Night Out is an evening of fun, activities, dinner, a craft, a "Give Back" activity chosen by participating girls and everyone's favorite - hide and seek in the school!

Keep an eye out for the date and registration information.

But right now you can help support Girls Night Out by donating to a project that Mrs.

Goodwin has posted on DonorsChoose.

Please take a look and help out if you can! Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR 8th GRADERS

Benson Polytechnic High School

Tuesday, October 22, 6-8 pm

<u>Jefferson High School - Middle College for Advanced Studies</u>
Wednesday, October 30, 6-8 pm

Madison High School

Tuesday, November 5, 6:15-8 pm

Grant High School

Thursday, November 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

Roosevelt High School

Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 pm

Franklin High School

Wednesday, December 4, 6-8:30 pm

Trick or Treat for Bottles and Cans

Hosting a Halloween party? Going to a Halloween Party? Ask your host and/or hostess to collect beverage containers for Beaumont! Bring them a blue bag or two for them to fill up with empties and help Beaumont continue its fundraising success this school year! Once it's filled up with containers the bags can be dropped off at any Bottle Drop location (the closest one is at Fred Meyer on NE Broadway), scan the bar code for the drop door to open and voila! instant money to support students and programing at your favorite middle school. Questions? Contact Marty.



RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



Conexiones, through <u>Latino Network</u>, is a program offered at Beaumont supporting 7th and 8th Grade students to develop self-confidence as Lations/as and to achieve academically and socially. Register through <u>SUN School</u>.



The <u>Black Parent Initiative (BPI)</u> provides a parent group supporting parents of black students, to strengthen family and school communications, increase child advocacy, and build a cultural presence within the school.

Contact Bobby Bridges, Jr. for more information.



Full scholarships are available for the annual <u>Shoulder-to-Shoulder Conference</u>, October 27-28 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion in Portland.

This conference is a community collaboration focusing on topics pertinent to those parenting a grandchild or another relative's child.

Some topics include: trauma informed care, attachment/bonding, and special needs. Scholarships and funds are available for additional needs such as transportation and childcare.

<u>Ties That Bind</u> and <u>AGE+</u> aim to provide necessary resources for grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children in Oregon. An <u>online support group</u> is available 24/7.

For more information, call Beth at 503-408-4088



Be Safe. Be Seen.

» Be visible by carrying a flashlight or flashing pedestrian safety strobe, apply reflective stickers to your rain coat and backpack, and/or sew-on retro-reflective tape on your jacket and coat.

- » Be alert by taking out your ear buds and putting away your phone or other distractions while you cross.
- » Cross busy streets at a signal or marked mid-block crossing drivers anticipate pedestrians at these locations more than unmarked crossings.
- » Look in all directions before crossing the street and cross after all the cars have stopped or passed.
- » Make eye contact with drivers before you cross to help communicate that drivers see you.
- »Stop and look to make sure cars have stopped for you before crossing the next lane of traffic

Missing Anything?

Beaumont's Lost & Found, located in the southwest corner of the cafeteria, has been straightened and organized by a volunteer. There are more than two dozen sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets, now on hangars, as well as a few other items of clothing. Moms and dads, if your students are missing any of these items, have them drop by the cafeteria to see if any of these might belong to them.



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Reminder: Newsletter Deadline

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