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# Beaumont Newsletter

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## School Dance a Success!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and/or donated to our All School Party on October 26th. The dance and haunted house were a great success with over 1/3 of our students in attendance!

## PTA Needs You

Have you considered being a part of the PTA officers? We are looking for someone that would be interested in the ***President Elect position***. You would have the rest of the year to learn the roll of president under Kelli Rosenquist, current president of the PTA. She is excited to share her knowledge and pass this roll onto an interested parent that would then take on the president role next year. Please email [Kelli](#) if you have any questions or would like to talk more about this opportunity.

## Got books?

Beaumont Middle School is partnering with [The Children's Book Bank](#) to collect a whopping 20,000 books for kids in need. Bring in your gently used or new Children's and Teen Books to help us reach **our school goal of 300 books** donated.

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Drop off boxes will be in the Library and front office November 5th - 20th and in the gym during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Of particular need are books that feature children of color and books in languages other than English. Consider donating new books that reflect the wonderful diversity of the PPS community. Families who wish to contribute cash to support the Children's Book Harvest may [donate here](#). Please help us put a book in the hand of every child.

For more information contact: Teacher Librarian, [Julie McMillan](#)

### **Don't Forget To Vote!**

The Beaumont PTA has pulled together a list of important dates and resources for both students and adults to support conversations and decisions in this year's political season. Students are naturally curious – especially if their parents are preoccupied with the upcoming election. From PBS Parents, let these helpful ideas and resources guide your election discussion at home at [Helping Kids Understand the Election](#).

- \* You can track your ballot and make sure your vote is counted by visiting the [Oregon's My Vote website](#)
- \* November 6 – General Election Day for Oregon
- \* Please read up and consider joining the Oregon PTA in voting NO on Measures [103](#), [104](#) and [105](#).
- \* For more information on allowed activities during an election for the Oregon PTA, Portland Council PTA or Beaumont PTA, please review this [National PTA Checklist](#).

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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Family Night at OMSI**

Monday, **November 5th** is family night at OMSI. You and your kiddos can see the new King Tut exhibit for a reduced price. This event is sponsored by the Department of Talented and Gifted Education/PPS. More details are available [here](#)

### **High School News**

8th grade families! Benson Shadow Day for Beaumont students is November 16th from 8 am to 11 am. More information and permission slips are available in the Beaumont office or on [Benson's website](#). Benson is hosting an Application Night on

## Beautifying Beaumont

### **Community News**

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### **Calendar**

11/2 Backstage Pass  
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Drive  
11/6 Last Day to Turn in  
Ballots - Vote!  
11/7 Picture Retake Day  
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School  
11/16 Benson Shadow  
Day  
11/27 Benson Application  
Night  
11/29 Grant HS Info Night  
11/30 HS Lottery Closes

November 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

If your student is interested in attending [Jefferson](#) or [Benson High School](#), the lottery is open from November 8th - 30th. You must fill out an application and turn it in by 6:00 pm on November 30th to be entered into the lottery.

Grant High School's 8th grade Information Night is November 29th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at their Marshall Campus (3905 SE 91st Avenue).

### **Community Agent Available for Vietnamese Families**

My name is Anh and I am a PPS community agent for the Vietnamese community. Please find the Vietnamese CA Menu of Services [here](#). If you need me, please call (503) 320-5354. I'm looking forward to working with our Vietnamese students and families at Beaumont!

PPS Community Agents are also available in Spanish, Somali, Maay-Maay, Russian, Chinese and Arabic. If needed, call the Beaumont office at (503) 916-5610.

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## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Ping Pong for PE!**

The PE department is looking for 8 ft. long folding tables. We've obtained 8 sets of ping pong table tops. We could use the tables as bases. Please email [Mr. Eltagonde](#) with any questions or information on how you can help. Thanks!



### **Do You Drink Canned or Bottled Beverages?**

Did you know Oregon Bottle Drop centers offer an easy way to donate your 10 cent beverage deposits to charitable organizations? There are [2 easy ways to donate](#): 1) sign up for your own account and link it to Beaumont or contact the Beaumont PTA and we can pick them up and get them counted. All money raised through this program will support Beaumont staff and students.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Recess Monitors Needed**

The fall weather is upon us and it may not be as pleasant to be outdoors some days but teachers still need help during lunch recesses. Please consider sharing 20 minutes of your time to help staff monitor students at either recess period. ***There are only 2 slots filled between now and winter break.*** [Sign up](#) for a spot or many spots! Staff really, really appreciate it!

### **The Morning Mile - Volunteers Needed!**

Beaumont is launching an internationally acclaimed walking/running program called The Morning Mile. Mr. Eltagonde is seeking a few parents willing to spend about 30 minutes before school on Friday mornings supervising students as they walk or run. It's an easy job (play music, pass out straws, record some numbers on a spread sheet) which provides fresh air, happy faces, a blast of energy each morning and a bunch of amazing kids destined to live better and longer. Please [sign up!](#)

### **Beautifying Beaumont**

The school grounds require volunteer help a couple of times a year to keep things looking spiffy. If you are interested in helping maintain the grounds, we are looking for volunteers to help out again one Saturday morning in the winter and the spring. Please contact our [volunteer coordinators](#) if you are interested in helping out.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Beaumont Field Health Concerns**

If you are a family with dogs and take them to the Beaumont field to run around, please consider using Wilshire Park to exercise your dog instead. Please encourage your neighbors with dogs to do the same!

Each year students experience playing in the field as a fun activity until they step in dog feces or roll around on the grass ending up where dogs have urinated. This has caused some to have skin irritations and rashes. Our students should be safe at all times including playtime. Safety includes health concerns for the inside/outside areas of our campus. Thank you for your consideration and help spreading the word!

### **Wilshire Park Needs You!**

Love Wilshire Park? Love to garden? Need

community service hours? On **Saturday, November 10th** community helpers are needed to get the new NatureSpace planted near the group picnic tables. We will have hundreds of plants to get in the ground that day. Volunteer leads and Parks staff will teach you the proper way to plant. Gloves and tools will be provided but you can bring your own. Snacks provided and we can sign community service hours sheets. [Sign up](#) for a shift. Although the website lists an 8:00 am start time 9:00 is a good time for student volunteers to show up - we will be organized and ready for helping hands. Stay an hour or 2 or 3, we will continue until the work is done. Be a part of beautifying Wilshire Park!

### **Dance with the Grant Gendrills!**

The Grant Gendrills dance team invites all K-8 students to Grant High School for a day of dance and fun on Saturday, December 1st. Dancers will be divided into age groups and will learn a dance routine. There will be a showcase for parents later in the day. Cost is \$35 (scholarships available). You can pre-register by [email](#) or fill out the [registration form](#) and pay at the door. [Email](#) Coach Kali or check out [the flyer](#) for more information.

### **Madison Cluster Portland Interscholastic League**

[PIL Youth Sports](#) have many benefits. Children learn to be confident on the field, and it positively impacts their self-esteem. When they achieve their goals in a contest it influences goal-setting later in life. Working as a team helps them achieve a common goal and develop communication and problem solving skills that will benefit them on and off the field. The memories made playing youth sports last a lifetime.

All students must turn in the appropriate [paperwork](#) (student participation form and student physical) to participate. Students must play in the High School Cluster where they reside and provide proof of enrollment. If you don't know which Cluster you live in, please [click here](#) and type in your address. Fees are \$150 or \$60 for free/reduced lunch families for the season. For more information, call the PIL District Office, (503) 916-3223

Practice and tryout information (all held at Madison High School)

### **Boys Basketball**

**11/4** 10am (6th); 11am (7th); 12pm (8th)

Cluster Coordinator: [Ellis Mathews](#)

### **Girls Basketball**

**11/4**, 2-5pm (all grades)

Cluster Coordinator: [Cliff Vogl](#)

### **Wrestling**

Practices begin **11/12** on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (Madison Mat Room)

Cluster Coordinator: [Sarah Holmes](#)

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**11/3** 11-12:30pm (7th); 12:45-2:15pm (6th); 12:45pm (8th)

**11/4** 8:30-10am (6th); 10:15-11:45am (7th); 12:00-1:30pm (8th) Cluster Coordinator: [Jennifer Zamora](#)

### **Girls Basketball**

**11/3 and 11/4** 3:30-5:30pm (6th), 5:30-7:30pm (7th & 8th) Cluster Coordinator: [Jean Marshburn](#)

### **Wrestling**

Practices begin **11/13** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:30pm Cluster Coordinator: [John Taylor](#)

## **Safe Routes to School**

Fresh air and exercise in your child's day are great reasons to add in a walk or roll but there are other

benefits too. Take a look at PBOT's [Safe Routes website](#) to learn more. You can find out about bike safety community rides and tune-up sessions, where to report safety concerns and a calendar of active, family-friendly events.

### **Idling Gets You Nowhere**

Vehicle idling means running the engine when you're not going anywhere. Unnecessary vehicle idling is bad for our air, wallets, car, and especially our kids. School pick-up and drop-off times are key opportunities to reduce the amount of idling that happens near children, who are the most vulnerable to idling's health hazards.



### ***What Can You Do?***

- \* Turn your vehicle off after 10 seconds - If you are waiting for your student for more than 10 seconds, turn off your engine.
- \* Park and Walk – Help reduce idling and get some exercise by parking a few blocks from school and walking to drop-off or pick-up your child.
- \* Spread the word - Talk to your family, friends & neighbors about the health and environmental benefits of reducing idling.

Beaumont Bobcats want to be idle free!

### **In-Home Guitar Lessons**

Playing guitar can be more fun than playing video games! [Guitar lessons](#) for kids 6-18 years old.



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