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# Beaumont Newsletter

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## BEAUMONT PTA NEWS

### Stay Connected!

Thank you for reading this Beaumont Newsletter that the PTA publishes each week. We do our best to include messages from school administration, teachers and staff as well as updates from the Beaumont PTA and Foundation. There are two other ways to stay connected, we suggest you:

\* Visit [Beaumont Middle School's Website](#) !

On the Beaumont website you'll find a calendar of events including district, school, PTA and Foundation events. In addition, there are many resources that can help you navigate the school year at Beaumont.

\* Like us on Facebook? We will provide quick reminders of events and share fun photographs from special school events on the official [Beaumont Facebook page](#).

### PTA Needs You

Have you considered being a part of the PTA Board? 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 role of

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president under Kelli Rosenquist, current president of the PTA. She is excited to share her knowledge and pass the baton to an interested parent who would then take on the president role for the 2019-20 school year. Please email [Kelli](#) if you have any questions or would like to talk more about this opportunity. It's a great group of people and lots of fun!

### **We Can't Do It Without You!**

A huge "thank you" to the more than 170 parents who joined the Beaumont PTA this year! Your membership directly impacts the students and helps fund necessary classroom supplies, PE equipment, software, and more! Keep a look out for your digital membership card, which should be emailed to you soon. ***If you have not yet joined and still wish to***, you can make checks out to Beaumont PTA and bring to the front office or you can visit your [SCHOOLPAY account](#), click on "Nonprofit Groups" and add PTA Membership to your cart. Thank you!  
Questions? Please [email us!](#)

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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Girls Night Out**

Girls - it is that time of year!!!! Ms. Mittelstadt, Mrs. Goodwin, and Mrs. Inman are hosting Girls Night Out on **Friday, December 7th** from 5:00 - 8:30 pm. Permission slips are in the LIBRARY! There are 75 open spots so get your permission slips turned in early. Return ALL slips to Ms. Mittelstadt in the Library **by 4pm Tuesday, December 4th**. See you there. Questions? Email [Ms. Mittlestadt](#)

### **Beyond Differences**

Beaumont counselors are really excited about [Beyond Differences](#) and what our school community can do to end social isolation. We will be hosting **"Know Your Classmates Day" on Thursday, November, 29th during both lunches**. During "Know Your Classmates Day", a group of student leaders will run activities geared toward helping end social isolation. The activities encourage us to find new classmates we don't typically hang out with, get to know them and their backgrounds, and make new friends! The more people that participate, the better it will be! Please encourage your student(s) to join us. Questions? Email [Ms. Inman-Balazar](#)

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## Happy To Share! – Clothing & Food Drive

Beaumont's annual food and clothing drive organized by Cynthia Plank began this week. In support of this, did you know Beaumont has both a clothes closet, "Shop 16A", and a food pantry, "The People's Pantry"? Both are located in the basement to serve Beaumont students and families. While all donations are generous and will be accepted, here are suggested ways to support the drive:

\* Shop 16A needs: 1) NEW underwear, 2) athletic shoes, and 3) winter coats and warm clothing. Please supply **junior and young adult sized** clothing items as these need to fit middle school students.

\* The People's Pantry is low on key food staples: pasta, peanut butter, rice & cans of tuna fish.

Items can be dropped off in the band room or main office during school hours or an evening drop off can be arranged by emailing [Marty Stockton](#). As the holidays get closer, please stay tuned for additional ways to support our Beaumont community.

## High School News

8th grade families! 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).

Benson High School is hosting an Application Night on November 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. You can find information and an application on [Benson's website](#).

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.

## 8th Grade East Coast Trip in June 2019!

6 days/5 nights (June 14-20, 2019)  
Destinations include: Washington, DC; Gettysburg, PA; Philadelphia, PA; New York, NY  
Estimated cost is \$3,319 (includes: round-trip airfare, evening activities, all meals and admission fees, quality lodging (quad occupancy), nighttime security, on-site escort, motorcoach transportation, and tour guides/drivers)

Want to find out more?

~ Flyers are in the main office in the literature rack

~ There will be an information table near Ms. Turner in the cafeteria during conferences but you can also check out [details](#) or updated [itinerary](#) information online at any time

~ Email [Ms. Turner](#) with questions

### **Don't Miss Your Chance for a Yearbook!**

Our award winning Yearbooks are \$22. You can buy one on SchoolPay or by picking up an order form in the office and having your student return it to school with payment. If you think you may have already purchased a yearbook, you can send an email to [Ms. Bennett](#) and see if you are on the list.

### **Attention 8th Grade Parents!**

Interested in submitting a baby photo ad for the Yearbook? It has become a tradition at Beaumont with more and more ads each year. The deadline is **February 15th**. I won't be able to extend the deadline this year so don't delay, submit today.

#### ***To place a Baby Photo Ad:***

- 1) Find an adorable photo of your child as a baby/toddler.
  - 2) Get the photo to Ms. Bennett; either hard copy in her mailbox in the Beaumont office OR [email](#) as an attachment
  - 3) Include a message on the back of the photo or in the body of the email - 2-3 simple sentences MAX
  - 4) Pay \$15 [online](#) or by noting at the bottom of Yearbook order form (SchoolPay is not set up to accept wording for photo ad). Simply write "purchased baby ad" in the white space at the bottom of form (available in office). Yearbook plus 8th grade baby ad is \$37 total.
  - 5) If submitting original photo, please include a contact number so you can pick up the photo.
- Questions? Contact [Ms. Bennett](#)

### **Chromecart Gifted to BMS by Parents of the Class of 2022**

Last year, 8th grade families under the direction of parent Jon Hays, pitched in together to purchase a Chromecart for Beaumont. Chromecarts are rolling carts with 30 Chromebooks that can be used in any classroom. Hopefully your student has had a chance to use one this year. The parents of last year's 8th graders wanted to give a little back to the school that guided their kids through those "middle" years.

We at the PTA wanted to say **THANK YOU!** to

those parents and share this story with all current parents to let you know good things are happening at Beaumont Middle School. If any parent from the current class of 8th graders would like to carry on this tradition, please email [Kelli Rosenquist](#)

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## FUNDRAISING

### **AmazonSmile - Just In Time for the Holidays**

Smile! - a simple way to fundraise for Beaumont! AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you or your business shop on [AmazonSmile](#), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Simply search for and add or change your charity to Beaumont Middle School PTA.

### **Board Games & Playing Cards Wanted**

The winter season is in full swing and we would love for our students to have something fun to do indoors during recess when the weather is too bad to be outside. Do you have a board game or set of playing cards you can donate to Beaumont? If so, please bring your donations to the front office. Many thanks!

### **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.

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## 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!

### 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!

### 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.

### 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.

### **Clean Air Starts with Us**

With the recent poor air quality due to out-of-state wildfires, pollution and winter wood burning, it's more important than ever to consider our own personal habits and actions. Do you ever find yourself waiting in the car for your kiddo and leaving the engine running? Or jumping in the car, starting the engine and then checking your phone for several minutes? We all do it. But maybe it's time to think about the bigger impacts of those little habits.



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. Beaumont Bobcats want to be idle free!

#### ***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.

### **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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