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# Beaumont Newsletter

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Only one more week of school before Winter Break begins. Looking for ways to share the spirit of giving at this time of year? Support your Middle School!

\*Make a donation of clothing or food to Shop 16A and/or The People's Pantry

\*Donate board games or playing cards for indoor recess

\*Sign up for volunteer shifts in the New Year to help at recess or at the Morning Mile

\*Make a cash donation to the Beaumont Foundation or the PTA

Thank you and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

***Don't Forget - Fremont Holiday Fest Tonight! Bundle up and come visit the Beaumont Art Booth and hear the Beaumont Band play in the Pizzicato parking lot***

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**FREMONT**  
*Holiday Fest*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**  
NE FREMONT FROM 42ND-52ND STREETS  
*3:30pm - 7:30pm*

Photos with Santa Claus and Santa Paws  
Stores Open Late with Festivities  
Holiday Crafts \* Games \* Carolers

For more information and to sign up for  
a photo with Santa Claus, please visit  
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### Support the Beaumont Library at "A Children's Place Bookstore"

When you shop at *A Children's Place Bookstore* on **Wednesday, December 12th** between 10 am and 6 pm and simply mention Beaumont Middle School, the bookstore will **donate 10% of sales** to support our library.

### Battle of the Books Meeting

Is your student planning on participating in OBOB? We are finalizing our teams and have a mandatory meeting **Wednesday, December 12 at 8:15 am**. Your student should be prepared to turn in their OBOB Permission Slip Agreement at this meeting. If your student is unable to attend, have them contact [Ms. McMillan](#) in advance to make alternate arrangements.

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### THANK YOU, BEAUMONT!

A huge thanks to the Beaumont community for making our Children's Book Harvest prior to Thanksgiving Break an enormous success! A whopping 758 books were donated and given to the

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12/17-1/1 Winter Break

Children's Book Bank! The Beaumont Library is grateful for your support and participation in our book drive.

### **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.

### **Winter SUN Schedule Input Needed**

Hello Beaumont Parents/Neighborhood,  
This is Malcolm Parker, Site Manager for Beaumont SUN School. I would like to know if there is any interest for an Adult Watercolor Class and Guitar Lessons through Beaumont SUN School? As I formulate my Winter schedule, I'm curious to see if these classes would generate any interest. If you have any feedback, please respond as quick as possible - my planning time is winding up fast! I would also love to hear what kind of SUN and community classes you would like to see at Beaumont. Maybe you have something you would like to instruct during SUN or as an evening class? [Email me](#) know your ideas or call 503-916-5615.

### **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](#)

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### **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!

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## BEAUMONT PTA NEWS

### **A New Year - A New You**

It's the season of giving. Maybe you've decided to make a commitment to give a bit more of your time in the New Year. If so, please consider being a part of the Beaumont 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 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!

### **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](#).

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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.



## **Your Holiday Parties**

### **Can Make Money for Beaumont**

Will you be hosting a holiday party this season? Maybe just a big family dinner at some point? You can enjoy the festivities and help raise money for Beaumont too!

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](#), get some pre-labeled bags, fill them up and we can pick them up and get them counted. All money raised through this program will support Beaumont staff and students.

### **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!

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Recess Monitors Needed**

The rain and colder temps are upon us and it may not be as pleasant to be outside but our teachers still need help during recess. If the weather is really bad then recess will be indoors where kids can play games. Please consider sharing 20 minutes of your time to help staff monitor students at either recess period. [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

### **Multco Library Host "Take Apart Mechanic" Class**

Your curious mind can't help but wonder how mechanical stuff works and you love taking gizmos and gadgets apart just to see their inner workings.

Do some serious forensic work on our pile of "stuff" by using tools to dismantle things like old radios, motors, toys and more. There's a mystery inside these everyday mechanical items and you're invited to unlock the secret of how things work. Bonus challenge for fanatic mechanics: Put it back together again!

For kids aged 8 and older. Visit the [library website](#) for dates and locations.

### **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!

### **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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