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### **Beaumont Newsletter for April 28, 2020**





The Beaumont PTA sends you good wishes and hopes you're all safe and healthy. We hope you and your students can find a few moments in the next week to share a word of gratitude for Teacher Appreciation week. We are looking to fill PTA Board positions for next school year - Please join us!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, would like to know how you can help those in our school community or you have a need we may be able to help fulfill, please reach out.

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### **SCHOOL NEWS**



# Seeking Officers for 2020-2021 Beaumont PTA Board!

The Beaumont PTA will be electing a new board in May of 2020. Please consider serving. Never attended a PTA meeting? That's ok! A little rusty on parliamentary procedure? No problem! *The only qualification needed to serve on the PTA Board is a desire to support Beaumont's students and staff.* 

The Beaumont PTA needs committed individuals willing to step up during this critical time, plus your enthusiasm, creativity, and a free evening each month. Please contact <u>PTA President Liz Erickson</u> with your interest *by May 8th*.

A new board will be elected at the *virtual General PTA Meeting on Wednesday, May 13th*.

**ALL** board positions are up for election. Board positions may be shared by two people (e.g., co-coordinator). So, if you have a friend who'd like to share a position with you, grab them and nominate yourselves!

# **Board positions include:**

- President
- President Elect
- Membership (Outreach to Beaumont community to join PTA for benefit of students and staff)
- Communications (newsletter)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinators
  - Merchant Night Coordinator (partner with local restaurants & businesses to promote Beaumont)
  - Merchandise Sales Coordinator (T-shirt/sweatshirt sales, other fundraising opportunities)
- Member-At-Large

The PTA Board meets one evening per month (typically, the 2<sup>nd</sup>Wednesday of the month). If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, or simply learning more about service on the Board, please<u>email Liz</u>.

The PTA is responsible for planning activities that build our community and raise funds to support students' academic and social-emotional needs. The Beaumont PTA coordinates volunteers, organizes support for school events (e.g., Grandparents/Special Friends Day, school dances, 8th grade vs. staff games, etc.), raises money to fund grants for teacher materials, school equipment, field trips and Band scholarships. We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

Please consider serving –
The Beaumont Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you!

Thank you!

# Save the Date!

Beaumont PTA General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, May 13
7:00 pm
Virtual Beaumont Library

Please attend to vote on allocating PTA funds and for a new slate of PTA Board officers



# Virtual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 4th - 8th

Teachers and staff at Beaumont have been working extra hard since mid-March to bring distance learning to our students. While we may not be able to thank them in person, provide lunch or deliver them coffee, flowers or handwritten notes we can still provide them words of support and encouragement and gratitude.

Please encourage your students to participate at least one day next week. We hope you will also find a way to thank the teachers and staff at Beaumont next week as well - we know they will appreciate it more than ever! (PS: Don't forget staff that make things run smoothly too - teaching assistants, secretaries and other support staff, cafeteria leads, custodians, nurses, SUN School, etc!)

## Let's make this the Best Teacher Appreciation Week Ever!

- **1. Musical Monday:** write a rap, change the words of a familiar tune, or even make up a dance to your favorite song. Record it and <u>email it to your</u> teacher or share it online.
- **2. Teaching Tuesday:** share with your teacher something that they have taught you. It can be a lesson that stuck with you or an experience. Make your teacher's day! <a href="Email it to your teacher">Email it to your teacher</a> or share it online. This is not limited to this year's teachers. Feel free to reach out to previous teachers to share their impact.
- **3. Watercolor Wednesday:** get out your art supplies! Make your teacher a piece of art! <u>Email a picture</u> of it to your teacher or share it <u>online!</u>
- **4. Thankful Thursday:** write a letter (email) to a teacher or Beaumont staff person that is being extra helpful with you at home right now!
- **5. Fortunate Friday:** we are appreciating our Beaumont community! We are fortunate to be surrounded by teachers, neighbors, family, friends, and the people we love. Write a note of gratitude, contribute an uplifting quote or take a selfie or other inspirational photo (send as a jpg) and we'll

put together a special edition of the Beaumont Newsletter and share on Beaumont's Facebook page a dedication to all those in our community who are helping us get through this difficult time.

We hope you'll take a moment to choose one way of letting Beaumont staff and teachers know next week how much they mean to you. <u>Any</u>and all ideas you have to show your appreciation are welcome.

**Online sharing** of photos or videos can be done by emailing to beaumontnewsletter@gmail.com



# Calling Video and Graphic Design Experts! Help Needed - Deadline Friday, May 1

This year our 8th Grade Promotion will be celebrated digitally, and we need your help! To make this special, we are looking for someone with video editing expertise who can develop a digital montage to premiere at our virtual promotion. We are looking for a second volunteer with graphic design expertise who can create a promotion poster and an invitation for students and their families to our digital celebration. If you are able to offer your time to support this endeavor, *please notify us by Friday, May 1*. You can email Chris Bach at <a href="mailto:rbach@pps.net">rbach@pps.net</a>

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Friday, May 1 is
National Principal's Day
- the perfect day to take
a little time to thank the
educational leaders of
Beaumont - Ms. Harriette
Vimegnon and Ms.
Tonya Arnold.

Thanks for all you do!



# Need Some Assistance? Here Are Some Resources That May Help

<u>This Extensive List of Resources</u> was compiled and is being updated by Congressman Earl Blumenauer and his team in Portland. Please contact resources and businesses for verification of services.

### Oregon Food Bank Food Finder

https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/find-help/find-food/

### **COMCAST**

Comcast is offering two months free service for those who meet certain requirements.

### **SNAP**

You can now use <u>EBT to order food</u> online through Amazon and Walmart for home delivery in select zip codes in Multnomah County. Please note that there are delivery fees (which SNAP benefits cannot pay for). You can <u>apply online</u>for SNAP benefits

### **Sunshine Division**

In the next ten weeks, PPB officers will home deliver 200 food boxes to families

and individuals throughout Portland and Gresham, five days a week (Monday-Friday), for a total of 1,000 home deliveries every week.



# BottleDrop Is Still Open and You Can Still Help Beaumont!

BottleDrop thanks you for your understanding and patience during this time as they work through this crisis and trying to find the best ways to keep the public and their workers safe. Be sure to <u>check their website</u> for the latest news and updates from BottleDrop.

If you need more blue bags or want help getting them to a BottleDrop Center, contact Marty.

### **RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

# More COVID-19 Resources From the City of Portland

### **Food Access**

Information about SNAP, WIC, school meals and more

### **Mental Health and Wellness**

- Oregon YouthLine Teen Crisis Helpline and Support Resources
- Talking with kids about COVID-19
- Multnomah County Mental Health & Wellness Resources
- Culturally-specific Behavioral Health Resources

## **Transportation Information**

- COVID-19 Transportation Questions and Answers
- PBOT News Blog about COVID-19 and Traffic Safety
- TriMet service updates as of April 5

## Ways You Can Help

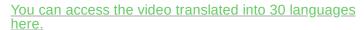
- Donate or volunteer with Multnomah County
- Oregon Food Bank
- Free Geek Technology Donations

# **COVID-19 Information in Multiple Languages**

- Información sobre el coronavirus
- 新型冠状病毒相关信息
- Thông Tin Về Vi-Rút Corona
- Информация О Коронавирусе
- Lus Hmoob
- <u>العربية</u> •

# Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (video)

The City of Portland and Multnomah County Health Department developed a video to make sure all community members get important messages about how to stay safe, slow the spread of the virus and get updated information.





### **COVID-19 Resources from the National PTA**

To help ease the emerging challenges the COVID-19 pandemic presents, the National PTA has compiled resources, tools and information that will support families and teachers who are navigating working, teaching and learning at home. Check out their web page of <a href="mailto:family resources here">family resources here</a>. (En español)





Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the families we serve are struggling more than ever before. Schoolhouse Supplies is responding to the shifting needs of Portland-area families by providing at-home learning kits to students in need. As we distribute thousands of kits to help students and parents adapt to learning at home, we are asking for your help. Your gift helps Schoolhouse Supplies staff continue assembling at home learning kits for students in need.

<u>Any gift, big or small,</u> to Schoolhouse Supplies, will make a difference in the lives of local students. Help support the success of local students by donating today. We can't do this alone, *your action is needed now.* If you are unable to give at this moment or have already given, please consider sharing this with your family and friends or on social media. *Thank you.* 

# **Safe Disposal of Medications**

Did you know there are places in the Portland area you can <u>drop</u> <u>off</u> unused <u>medications</u>? Safe disposal protects family members and our water supply. <u>This link lists</u> sites by city.

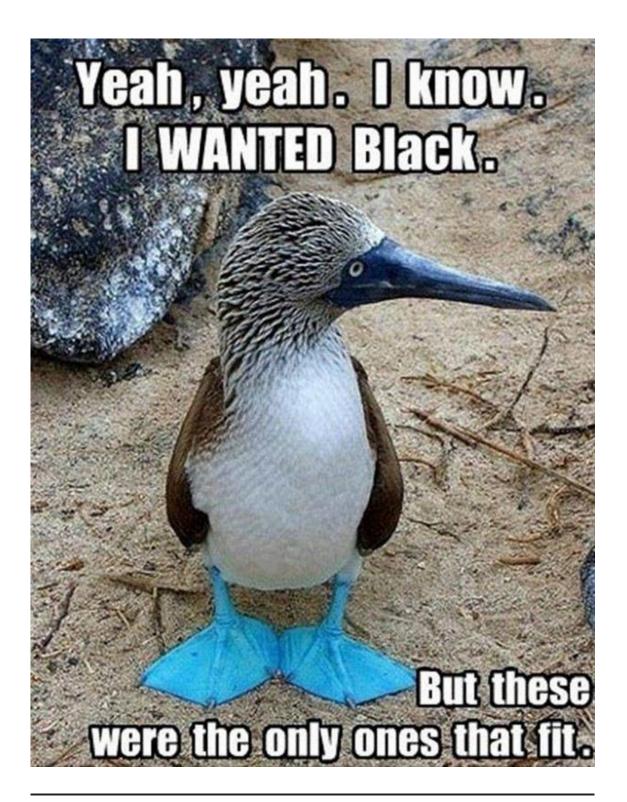
¿Sabía que hay 11 sitios en el área de Portland donde puede dejar medicamentos no utilizados? La eliminación segura protege a los miembros de la familia y nuestro suministro de agua. Este enlace enumeralos sitios por ciudad.

# Want to Show Off Your Graduating 8th Grader or Senior?

8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation are important celebrations for most families. During COVID-19 distancing, we aren't able to hold the large, public ceremonies for these milestones as we normally would. Some local businesses are providing a way to show your student how proud you are and let the neighborhood know too. Precision Images is just one print shop offering this service. Contact them or others for products and pricing.



And because it's important to laugh during tough times...



### **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.



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