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Beaumont Newsletter for June 1, 2020



We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all citizens, whatever their background. We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization. ~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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SCHOOL NEWS

Bobcat Proud

Dear 8th Grader,
Congratulations on your upcoming promotion! This



culminating experience is one of the many milestones in your life that prepares you for endless possibilities. Your teachers and the staff at Beaumont recognize how some of the activities celebrating this promotion won't happen as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. However, we want to thank you for being part of the Beaumont community and for all of the hard work you accomplished that brought you to this point. Thank you for the resilience and tenacity you've displayed during these challenging times. We wish you the best of luck in high school and beyond!

Sincerely, Beaumont Staff

Class of 2024

Please join the Beaumont Middle School Community in celebrating the promotion of its 8th grade class

Thursday, June 11
12:00 pm

The digital ceremonies will be live at www.pps.net/beaumont

The digital link will remain live throughout the summer.



Introducing the 2020-2021 Beaumont PTA Board!

A new Beaumont PTA Board was voted in at the General Meeting on Wednesday, May 13. Their terms begin July 1. Thank you to the Beaumont community members who volunteered to step into these roles and to those Board members continuing or extending their service. The PTA Board for the 2020-21 school year will be:

President: Marty Stockton

President-Elect: *vacant*

Secretary: Monica Kearsley* & Sandy McDaniel*

Treasurer: Eve Parshall

Merchant nights: Kimmie Whitman* & Emily Greene*

Fundraising: Marcelle Furrow-Kiebler*

Volunteer coordinator: Emily Merrill & Leah Marshall*

Communications: Pamela Bock

Member at Large: Norana Cooper

Membership: Jennifer Cockrell* & Heather Spain*

**indicates new Board member*

And a thank you to those who have served for two years or more and are moving on:

Liz Erickson

Jackie Partch

Jaylen Schmitt

Leah Starr

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.

In addition to voting on a new slate of Board members, attendees at the PTA General Meeting on May 13, voted to **allocate \$2,000 each to Hacienda CDC and Living Cully** to help provide direct support to Beaumont families in need.

We Are Community - We Are Here for Each Other

Since day one of this pandemic, Rigler teachers and parents have been collaborating to make sure that basic needs are met for the hardest hit families.

Here's how you can help:

- **Think of us when you do your shopping.** Bring regular donations of staples to Mr. White's house (5508 NE Alberta) before 10 am Thursday each week. **Check here for needed items.**
- **Sign up for Friday food delivery.** We need 5 - 6 volunteers every week. Volunteers will need their own vehicles & masks. Time is somewhat flexible, but ideally the late mornings, for one to two hours.
- **Donate** to our GoFundMe campaign.

Thank you for giving meaning to “*We’re all in this together!*” I’m always here. Please reach out about the hardships of this pandemic, or if you have ideas about building community. My thoughts are with everyone.

[Emily Giugni](#)

Padres Unidos/Rigler PTA president

Help for our Community La Colectiva will update as needs change:

Deliver donations to: 5508 NE Alberta, place by back gate

Time: Before 10 am on June 4th

Serving: 40 households

Items needed:

Diapers size N-6

Toiletries (shampoo, handsoap, sunscreen)

Period packs

Cleaning supplies

Home container gardens

Containers for Macetas (container gardens)

5 gallon pails

Buckets

Please divide up donations equally for 40 bags

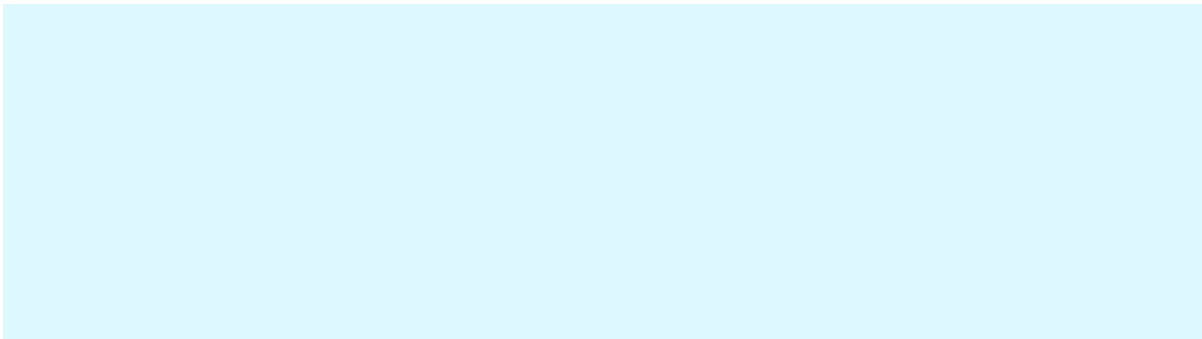
Bags of fresh produce

Produce bags

Cleaning supplies

Gift cards to Albertsons

Handwritten cards of care (pictures are good too!)





Beyond Differences Invites Beaumont Bobcats To Be Kind Online!

Beyond Differences is an organization devoted to combatting social isolation in schools with initiatives like would like "Know your Classmates" or "No One Eats Alone". These are obviously difficult to facilitate while not in a physical building together. But there is a way to engage from a distance.

Be Kind Online™ is a social and emotional learning initiative (SEL) created by Beyond Differences for middle school students that focuses on creating nurturing and healthy relationships online while teaching children to be activists that work to combat social isolation. Original SEL curriculum, worksheets, and presentations available to educators, parents, and student leaders at no cost [right here](#).

Something that parents can do at home with students is to [take the pledge to #BeKindOnline](#).

Students can write out their pledge, take a selfie, and post on social media. They can also create a [video](#) sharing how they plan to be kind online and tag Beyond Differences using the hashtag #BeKindOnline. Download the Beyond Differences #BeKindOnline pledge sign [here](#).

We look forward to seeing your pledges, Bobcats!

Young Scholars Program

The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. Learn more [here](#).



AmazonSmile Now Supported on Android

Calling all Android users! AmazonSmile is now supported on your mobile device! Follow [these quick steps](#) and support **Beaumont Middle School PTA** with all your Amazon and Wholefoods purchases made from your mobile! (Apple iOS support coming soon!)



BottleDrop Raises Big Money for Beaumont!

Thank you for donating your bottle and can deposits to Beaumont - it really adds up! As things begin to reopen, grocery store drop locations are as well. However, this may change again quickly in the future, so be sure to [check the BottleDrop website](#) for the latest news and updates.

If you need more blue bags or want help getting them to a BottleDrop Center, [contact Marty](#).

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



Extra Food Benefits for Families During School Closures

If your children normally get free or reduced price school meals, you're eligible to get extra grocery money. It's a new program called Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT).

For each month that school is closed and you are eligible, you will get \$5.70 per day for each of your children a K-12 school, school-based preschool, or school based Headstart that normally participate in the National School Lunch Program. AND you can still get "grab and go" meals from school during the pandemic! **Immigration status does not matter for Pandemic EBT. Pandemic EBT will not count in a public charge test.**

Here are the ways your family can receive the Pandemic EBT benefit:

1. Already get SNAP? The extra money will be loaded on your Oregon Trail EBT card automatically.
2. Don't have SNAP, but already qualify for free or reduced school meals? A new EBT card will be automatically mailed to you with instructions. **If your whole school gets free meals, you will qualify too.** Even though Pandemic EBT uses the same type of card as SNAP, Pandemic EBT is NOT SNAP benefits and is not considered in a public charge test.
3. Never received SNAP or free and reduced price school meals before?
 1. A simple way to access the P-EBT benefit is by applying for free school meals here: <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>.
 2. Receiving SNAP benefits can also qualify you, here's how to apply <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits>.
 3. You will automatically be given Pandemic EBT benefits starting the month you're approved for either free school meals or SNAP.

To find out more information, you can visit oregonhunger.org/covid-19 or call 2-1-1. You can also find some commonly asked questions and answers [here](#).

More food resources can be found here, please visit <http://needfood.oregon.gov/>

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay fed.

Need Some Assistance? Here Are Some Resources That May Help

[This Extensive List of Resources](#) 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.

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.

PTA Resources for Parents

[Camp Kinda](#): A different kind of camp for a different kind of summer. Online camps for K-8 students with curriculum and activities to keep kids busy during the summer. [En español](#)

[Notes from the Backpack](#): Podcast for parents on all kinds of topics. The latest episode "Keep Your Cool - Tackling Behavioral Issues" [En español](#)

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](#)
- [العربية](#)

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.

[You can access the video translated into 30 languages here.](#)



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 [family resources here](#). ([En español](#))

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Choose from one of these designs and add your school colors!



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Show those Grads some love!
24 x 18 yard signs w/stake.

Reminder: Newsletter Deadline

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

