



Byrom Buzz

The Byrom Newsletter

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Dear Byrom Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Back-To-School Night on September 27th. In addition, our Jog-A-Thon on September 30th was also a big success. We truly have a terrific and supportive learning community!

Buses

This year, all schools in our district will be working towards improving our students' experiences while riding the bus. Specifically, we want the bus rides to be safer, quieter, and more enjoyable. At Byrom, we have taken the following steps towards these goals:

* All bus drivers participated in three hours of training related to our Positive Behavior System (PBS). We want our 'in school' PBS program to expand to the buses. Key components of PBS include: 1) Three rules (Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Responsible). 2) Clearly defined expectations (for student behavior). 3) Acknowledgement of students who are meeting our expectations (Students can earn 'Bus Bucks' for positive behaviors). 4) Clearly defined consequences for not following expectations.

- After this training, Byrom bus drivers met with Mr. Fraisse and Mrs. Nicoli, with the following results: 1) We decided how to acknowledge students with 'Bus Bucks', including what students could use the bus bucks to purchase (e.g. Recess with the Principal; School Store supplies; etc.). 2) We planned an assembly where our fifth grade Ambassadors will put on a 'demonstration/play' that models safe and appropriate bus behavior (we will present the play on October 6th). 3) When concerns arise, Mr. Fraisse and Mrs. Nicoli will review bus video-tape, and address those concerns in a timely manner. 4) Students who are not meeting bus expectations will receive appropriate consequences/discipline, followed by re-training of bus expectations.

We will continue to work on making a bus ride an increasingly enjoyable experience for all students. If you notice something positive, please contact me so that I can share this with our drivers and students. And if you notice concerns, please share those too.

Library

Our district no longer has school librarians. At Byrom, Mr. Achilles — our former librarian, is now serving as a Technology Specialist, spending equal time at Byrom and Bridgeport Elementary.

We are, however, still committed to making the library an active environment for students to explore and read books. To keep our book circulation active, we've done the following:

- All classroom teachers have been trained on how to check-out/check-in books.
- A schedule has been developed that allows teachers to bring their students to the library one period each week for library check-out/check-in.
- We've begun to train parent volunteers on these procedures, and expect to add parent volunteers to our weekly check-out schedule.
- We will continue to find ways to open up our library for additional check-out time for our students.

If you are interested in helping in our library, please contact our PSO Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Finnegan. She is developing an 'on-line' sign-up list for volunteers who want to help in our library.

Thank you, Mr. Fraisse

Dates to Remember

- October 5th – Walk/Bike to School
October 8th – Cinderella Performance
2:00 & 5:00 pm-TuHS Auditorium
October 8th – **Free One-Day Health Clinic Tigard HS**
8:00 am – 3:00
October 12th – Latino Night- Library- 7-8:00 pm.
October 12th – 3rd Grade Field Trip-Oregon
Garden- Bowman & Rieks
October 13th – 3rd Grade Field Trip-Oregon
Garden- Koss & McDill
October 20th – First Grade Musical Program
Byrom Cafeteria – 7:00pm.

October 27th – **NO SCHOOL**- Parent/Teacher
Conferences
October 28th – **NO SCHOOL**- Parent/Teacher

Jog-A-Thon

A huge thank you to all parents (and grandparents,too) who put in volunteer time to help make this year's Jog-a-thon such a great day!

This fundraiser would go nowhere without your help. Our students still have the opportunity to bring in new pledges and collect money to help make our school a better place. For every \$30 they collect, their name will be entered into a raffle for a grand prize of an iShuffle and iTunes gift card!. There is also a prize for the most money collected. Envelopes must be turned in by 2:30 pm on OCTOBER 11 to be considered for prizes.

Thanks again for all your support in helping to make Byrom a better place for kids!

Lesley Clanton, JAT Chair

Coming Soon!!

"Colors!"

The First Grade Music Program!

When? Thursday, October 20,2011

Time? 7:00 p.m.

Where? The Byrom Cafeteria
(Students report to classrooms at 6:40 pm.)

Scrip Program

The scrip program is in desperate need of more volunteers! The scrip program funds go directly to the classroom, where teachers can use the money for art supplies, paper, incentives, field trips, teaching materials...whatever they need to improve learning in the classroom. We are in need of an individual to help process the orders on Mondays after school. Depending on the number of orders received, this process generally takes about an hour, and is done at school in the PSO room. (You can bring your children with you.) We could also use someone on Thursdays to pick up and/or distribute the cards to teachers. If you are available on Mondays or Thursdays, contact either

Michelle Grider at michellegrider5@gmail.com or Sue Wise at wise.swise@wisefamilynet.com right away.

This is such an important and successful fundraiser program...please help us keep it going!

Our Byrom 5th Graders Leading to Make a Difference

During these hard economic times, two groups at Byrom have stepped forward to lead two amazing service projects! Please help our ambitious 5th Grade Ambassadors, and our wonderful 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 40531 to make a difference in our community by getting involved. It is easy and together we can all make a difference.

Byrom's 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop 40531 will be leading the first annual **Drive-By Can Drive** to benefit the Caring Closet. Throughout October, sort and save your cash-redemption cans and water bottles. Then donate them at the curb at Byrom! On Wednesday, October 19th and Wednesday, November 2nd, drive by Byrom and drop them off anytime from 2:20pm (after school) until 5:30pm. Please look for the girls in the green junior vests and they will help collect and sort for you. Nickel by nickel, we will raise money to help supply new socks, underwear, and hygiene items for needy children in our school district.

Byrom's 5th Grade Ambassadors will be collecting canned food items to donate to the Oregon Food Bank. Starting Monday October 24th until Friday November 4th, please send canned and nonperishable food items to Byrom with your child. These items are to be placed in boxes in your child's classroom. Then on November 8th and 9th, the ambassadors will be delivering all of the food items to the Oregon Food Bank. They will also be sorting, shelving, and bagging items onsite to volunteer their helping hands even more.

Please help support these two great service projects at Byrom! It is amazing what a community can accomplish when we all work together. In celebration, the class that donates the most combined cans/bottles AND food will earn an extra free recess with popsicles. Let's go Byrom, using the power of one, working together as a team, and making a difference in our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Chamseddine (chamseddine@comcast.net) for Drive-By Can Drive OR Kim DeMarchi (kimldemarchi@gmail.com) for Canned Food Drive.

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The PSO wishes to thank all of Byrom's volunteers. Our Programs just wouldn't work without the help and support of Byrom families. This month we especially want to recognize Lesley Clanton for her organization and planning for this year's rockin Jog-a-Thon! It's a big job and she made it look so easy!
Thanks Lesley!