



Byrom Buzz

The Byrom Newsletter

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If your child should be absent or late, please call our ATTENDANCE LINE (503) 431-4320

Dear Byrom Families:

There are so many wonderful events and activities going on at our school that I struggle to figure out what to write about in my section of the Byrom Buzz. For this issue, however, I'll focus on the following items as examples of 'great things' that have happened — or will happen, at Byrom.

Back-To-School Nights / September 28th and 29th:

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending one or both of these evening meetings. Those who attended noticed that we've changed the format of these meetings. Instead of meeting in the cafeteria for 15-20 minutes of speeches and/or announcements, we had you move directly into the classrooms, thus allowing you more contact time with your child's classroom teacher. Many parents had positive comments about this format, and we intend to do something similar next year.

Jog-A-Thon / October 1st:

This fund-raising event was a true success. The Chair for this activity was Leslie Clanton, and her energy and leadership contributed to a fun day for all. But Mrs. Clanton would be the first to tell you that this was an event where dozens of parents and family members contributed to the event's success. I want to thank each of you for your time and efforts. The students had a lot of fun running around the track at the high school, and it looks like we've raised enough funds to continue the 'extras' we do at Byrom because of your generous contributions. We took a lot of photos of this event, and you will soon see a bulletin board in the main foyer with the joyful faces of students as they participated in this healthy and fun activity.

Walk/Bike To School / October 6th:

This is Byrom's second year participating in this community event. Bridgeport and Tualatin Elementary also participate in this activity. In fact, the City of Tualatin recently earned national recognition for sponsoring this healthy and positive event. Last week, about 200 Byrom students walked or biked or scootered to school that day. Our bikes racks were filled with bikes, over five times the usual amount. The Chair of this committee, Monique Biekman, has provided excellent leadership for this event for the past two years. We intend to participate in the spring version of this activity, where students will try to walk/ride/scoot their way to school for as many days possible in a month.

Missoula Play / October 9th:

For the past 3 years, Leigh Anne Hadley has taken the leadership in bringing the Missoula Theater group to our school. In the course of a week's time, tryouts occur, play practice ensues, and a high quality play is presented at Tualatin High School. It's really amazing to see so much excitement and growth over the course of just a few days. It truly was fantastic! Congratulations to our wonderful student-actors, and thank you to Mrs. Hadley and all the parents involved for supporting your child's participation in this exciting experience.

Playground Improvement Update:

Good news! So far, it appears that the drainage improvements made to our playground by our district are actually working! Now we will be able to start our re-design and painting of the playground. We have also raised enough money to add a new play structure to our play area. Over the course of the next several months, companies will present their ideas to our playground committee. Before making our final choice of equipment, we will be sure obtain widespread input — from students and families, before our playground committee selects a new play structure. Also, our Peaceful Playgrounds curriculum has fully arrived, and we will begin to introduce those concepts to our students over the course of the next several months.

Thank you,

Mr. Fraise

Volunteer News:

Thank you to Michelle Hagberg & Kate Schafroth for leading our recent vision screening and picture day! They did a great job. Thank you to everyone who helped that day.

Thank you also to Leigh Anne Hadley, Anne Ashley, and Leslie Matlick for coordinating the Missoula Children's Theatre Production last week. The many, many hours you spent helping the children, really paid off! It was a very fun production with 54 kids participating!

Please consider the volunteer openings below. We are in need of some very important items that will greatly benefit our school community. If you can help, contact one of the volunteer coordinators or the person listed. Thanks!

Co-Volunteer Coordinators:

Chris Gordin, christine.gordin@gmail.com or Melissa Burton burtonrm4@gmail.com

We have the following Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Byrom Library Book Fair:

The bookfair will run as follows and needs volunteers to help during checkout, shopping, etc.:

Fri, October 15th: 5PM to 7:30PM

Mon - Wed (18-20): 8AM-8:30, 11:00-1:00, 2:00-3:00

Thursday, 21st: 8AM - end of conferences (6PM ?)

Friday, 22nd 8AM-4PM

****Sign up sheets are located in the library under the skylight.**

2. Playground painting

Mr. Alvarez is looking for 4-5 parents to help paint the playground area (black top) on **Thurs. and Fri. the 21st and 22nd of Oct.** Project to begin mid morning. To volunteer, please contact Mr. Alvarez at ralvarez@ttsd.k12.or.us

3. Family Night committee members—we have a chairperson but are looking for people to plan fun community events for our families throughout the year.

4. Auction Committee—the auction committee is in full swing! Come participate with a fun group of people and get involved in Byrom's largest fundraiser! There are small and large ways to contribute. Contact the Auction Chair for more information: Colleen Peck colleen.peck@yahoo.com

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held October 21-22. Please sign up with your child's homeroom teacher **immediately**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15-22 – Book Fair

October 21 & 22 – **NO SCHOOL** - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 25th – Kindergarten to the Pumpkin Patch

October 26th – 5th Grade Field Trip – Wright & Constanza to the Evergreen Museum

October 27th – 5th Grade Field Trip – Bowker, Swan, & Booth to the Evergreen Museum

October 29th – PSO Family Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Monster Bash

November 3rd – Photo Retake Day

November 10-12 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Workday/Veterans Day

From the PSO –

Did you know that as a parent of a Byrom student you are also a part of the PSO - the Parent School Organization? The PSO is a non-profit organization that operates out of the school. We are a group of parents and all volunteers that work with the school and the district to help provide all of our students with the tools they need to succeed each year. Our group does fund raising events, such as the Jog-A-Thon, to raise money to help pay for items such as field trips, playground improvements, and other curriculum based needs so that each student in our school has the opportunity to maximize their experience at Byrom. When my oldest son started at Byrom I decided to attend a meeting and found that it was an excellent way to stay up on what was happening at the school, where we needed help and it kept me in touch with what my son was doing all year; I was hooked and have been involved ever since – that was 5 years ago. As a parent you truly can't understand what it takes to provide the level of service our families receive unless you have been to a PSO meeting. I would like to invite everyone to attend a meeting to see who we are and what we do. It takes the support of the entire Byrom community to ensure our kids get the most out of their time here. Please join us! General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and start at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Thank you, Stephanie Charters

FREE One-Day Health Clinic:

Medical, dental, vision care services provided for all residents in the Tigard-Tualatin School District
Saturday, October 30, 2010
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tigard High School
9000 SW Durham Rd.,
Tigard, Oregon 97224
Registration required at the time of arrival. Limited time slots available.

For more information:
503-603-1585

Lunch and childcare are provided.

E-mail: safe-schools@ttsd.k12.or.us

FREE Strengthening Families Workshop Series:

Improve family relationships, parenting skills and youth social and life skills for Tigard-Tualatin School District Parents and Youth Ages 10-14

Begins Nov. 1, 2010 / Mondays through Dec.13, 2010 / 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Hazelbrook Middle School
11300 SW Hazelbrook Rd.,
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

Registration Required:
503-603-1585

Dinner and childcare are provided.

E-mail: safe-schools@ttsd.k12.or.us



Byrom partners with Al's Garden Center

This year Byrom has the opportunity to partner with Al's Garden Center - Sherwood to purchase vouchers for their amazing poinsettias in **50 different varieties**. This fundraiser is replacing the Cherrydale/Sally Foster wrapping paper, chocolate, etc., effort in the past years. We are excited about this opportunity as we are one of two local elementary schools in the area Al's has chosen to partner with!

We are offering two sizes - 6.5" for \$12 and the 8.5" for \$25. These are the same prices you pay at Al's.

Orders and money are due on Monday, October 25th. Vouchers will be sent home by the first week of November.

Decorate your home or give a great hostess gift through this great fundraiser.

Questions, please call Cyndy @ 503.692.8510 or e-mail @ gducks00@yahoo.com