



# Byrom Buzz

The Byrom Newsletter

October 29, 2010

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

Dear Byrom Staff and Parents,

### **Outside Playground Update:**

Several improvements have happened, or will soon happen in terms of our playground improvement efforts.

1. The drainage improvements made by our district seem to be working. We are not seeing the giant puddles that we had last year; nor are we seeing 'mud pits' form in the bark chip area on our playground.
2. Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Marshall painted new wall-ball courts in the covered play area. They look great!
3. Additional areas will receive a new coat of paint (e.g. tether ball courts; the funnel ball area; and our four-square courts).
4. Hopscotch courts will be painted, along with several new games that we plan to teach our students.
5. Soon, we will be replacing and relocating two of our basketball courts. Also, a Byrom parent has offered to purchase new backboards, rims, and nets. We'll put those in as soon as possible.
6. Soon, we will be purchasing soccer goals. We are still looking for the best goals for the best price, but our choices are narrowing, and we'll have this completed in the next month or two.
7. We are meeting with companies to search for a new piece of equipment for our playground area. Our recent Jog-A-thon, along with last year's Auction, has helped us raise about \$15,000 towards the purchase and installation of a new piece of equipment. Once we've narrowed the choices, we'll ask for student and community input into which piece (or pieces) of equipment we want to install in our play area.
8. In November, we'll begin to implement our newly purchased "Peaceful Playground" curriculum. The key goals of this curriculum are the following: A) increase the amount of time students are moving and playing while at recess; B) offer more activities for the students to choose; C) make sure that everyone knows the rules of each game, and follows those rules at all recesses; D) teach students a simple, but effective way to resolve disagreements and conflicts (we want our students playing at recess, not arguing).

It's great to see our playground improving, slowly, but surely.

### **My Leave Of Absence:**

I already sent this message in an email, but I also wanted to include this information in this month's Byrom Buzz.

I will be away from school over the next couple of weeks to take care of a family emergency. I anticipate being absent from October 25th-November 5th, returning to school on Monday, November 8th.

Pete Miller, a retired principal from the Sherwood School District, will be filling in while I am gone. Mr. Miller is an excellent building administrator and I know you will enjoy working with him. Prior to retiring two years ago, Mr. Miller had served as Principal in the Sherwood School District for over 25 years. Last year, he served in a similar 'Guest Principal' role in another school in our district, and all the teachers, parents, and students were impressed with Pete's expertise, energy, and kindness. I can guarantee you that Byrom will be in 'good hands' during my absence.

I've gone to every classroom with Mr. Miller, to introduce him to all of the students in the school. I was so proud of all our students (your wonderful children), as they greeted Mr. Miller with great warmth and respect. All the students promised to fully support Mr. Miller during his time at Byrom.

I greatly appreciate your support, and look forward to returning to school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Rick Fraise

**NEXT PSO MEETING –**

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 p.m. in the Byrom Library.



**MONSTER BASH!!**

We hope you can attend the Byrom **free** family night, **MONSTER BASH**, on **Friday, October 29**, from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** It will be in the Byrom Cafeteria. *There will be a DJ, treats, and a costume contest!*

**ORIGINAL WORKS!**

The Holidays are just around the corner and Original Works makes perfect gifts for family and friends. Your child's Van Gogh artwork can be featured onto a selection of 20 quality products (or you may choose to use another piece of your child's original artwork).

Here are some great gift ideas - Seasonal or holiday themed garden flags, coasters, greeting cards for Christmas, wall or desk clock for home or office, how about some hot cocoa in your personalized mug or order mugs for the whole family?!

Don't miss this opportunity to help out our school (33% of each order goes to the school).

The due date to send in your order is November 5th.

Family and friends can also participate and preserve a special piece of their art.

For questions please contact Julie Welborn at [randyjw@juno.com](mailto:randyjw@juno.com) or call (503) 885-9633

Thank you for your participation in this program!



7149 SW Nyberg Street  
Tualatin, OR 97062

Thank you to Panera Bread for donating lunch to all of our teachers and staff on Conference Day. It was a delicious treat and we were thrilled that Panera Bread chose Byrom to be one of their Partners in Education.

Next time you are looking for a delicious meal, or maybe just some fresh baked bread, stop by Panera located in the new Nyberg shopping center. Don't forget Panera is also available on SCRIP!



**2010/2011 YOUTH PROGRAMS!**

Join the Fun!!

Tigard-Tualatin SnoBlasters

Ride our bus for  
skiing/snowboarding lessons!

For more information call or email Lisa at (503) 781-5272 or [ltilney@hotmail.com](mailto:ltilney@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:safe-schools@ttsd.k12.or.us)



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- October 29<sup>th</sup> – PSO Family Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Monster Bash!!**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Photo Retake Day
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – Latino Parent Night 7:00 p.m.
- November 10-12 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Workdays/Veterans Day
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – PSO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Holiday