



Byrom Buzz

The Byrom Newsletter

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Dear Byrom Families,

Jog-A-Thon Update: I am thrilled to announce that our fall jog-a-thon raised over \$20,000! The first \$10,000 of this fundraiser is used to support the PSO general fund. This fund helps support activities such as field trips, family events, our carnival, instructional assistants, etc. There were a few costs associated with the jog-a-thon, such as T-shirts, bananas, and prizes. This leaves us with about \$8,000 to put towards instructional technology! Our school's technology committee will be meeting in early November to decide how best to use these funds to purchase items that will enhance learning for our students.

Before we move to those purchases, I want to take one more moment to thank Leslie Clanton, our 'Jog-A-Thon' Chair. Mrs. Clanton, along with her team of dedicated and energized parents, made this event both profitable – and more importantly, enjoyable for all participants. Thank you!

Meet Our School District Leaders: On Tuesday, November 8th, there will be an opportunity to meet with our District Superintendent, Rob Saxton, and our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dan Goldman. The focus of the meeting will be to learn more about how our District is supporting the academic achievement of our Latino students. Parents from our Byrom 'Latino Parent Affinity Group' are planning to attend this meeting. We will meet at Byrom from 5:00-5:30pm for a short Latino Parent meeting, and then go over to Tigard High School to attend the district meeting.

All Byrom parents are invited to attend this district meeting. It begins at 6pm, and should be over at about 8pm. Pizza dinner, child care, and Spanish/English translation services will be provided.

I would be particularly pleased to see as many Byrom parents as possible at this district meeting. The success of our Latino students is important, especially as we continue to work towards closing the academic achievement gap. We want to raise Latino student achievement, while at the same time, raising the achievement of all students.

Please let Bev Farnsworth, our lead secretary, know how many family members will attend this meeting. We want to make sure we have enough pizza and child care for all who attend.

Building Academic Vocabulary: A key focus for Byrom's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is to accelerate academic vocabulary for all students. An enhanced academic vocabulary has been shown to improve reading comprehension; and in turn, improved comprehension leads to accelerated success in all academic areas.

One way for parents to support our work at school is to encourage children to read a wide range of materials that are at — or near, their comprehension level (in other words, not too hard, not too easy). Also, it is important for students to read both fiction and non-fiction materials. If a child comes to an unfamiliar word, the parent can provide a 'quick/student-friendly' definition of that word as used in the reading passage (note: having students use the dictionary to write definitions is not an effective way to build academic vocabulary).

As the year progresses, I'll be sharing more about how teachers at Byrom are learning and using vocabulary routines and protocols, and how this work will benefit your child's ability to be successful in school.

Mr. Fraise / Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 8th – Latino Night – Byrom Library –
5:00 pm.
Family Advisory Council- Tigard HS
6:00 pm.
November 9th- Photo Retake Day
November 10th- **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Workday
November 11th-**NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day

The Theatre at Tualatin High
is honoring a special guy.
A musical is on its way,
we're rushing towards the opening day,
So grab your friends, both guy and gal
And come and experience

Seussical!

November 4 is opening day,
come and watch the play.
The Cat in the Hat and Horton too,
With friends a plenty, including the Who.

"Seussical" will be performed during six performances in the Tualatin High School Auditorium. Evening performances will be on November 4th & 5th and November 11th & 12th at 7:30 pm. Sunday afternoon matinees will be November 6th and November 13th at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available starting October 15th in the TuHS Main Office and are \$10 for adults (college age through age 62) and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Children under 2 are free. To order tickets on-line go to the Tualatin High School website at <http://www.tsd.k12.or.us/tualatin-high-school/> and click on the **Purchase Tickets On-Line** under the poster and follow the directions. Tickets will also be available at the door 35 minutes before each performance. If you have any questions about the performances, please contact the music department at 503-431-5705. To purchase tickets over the phone, please contact the TuHS's bookkeeper at 503-431-5613.

Seussical, The Musical
is for tots to pops and small to tall.

TAG PUZZLES

"Mirror, mirror, what do I see? Does backing up show more or me?" When you back away from a small wall mirror, do you see more of yourself? How much of yourself do you see in a small mirror? To see the answer, visit: www.tsd.k12.or.us/tag

How can you use OLD stamps? Suppose you found an old roll of 15 cents stamps. Can you use a combination of 33 cents stamps and 15 cents stamps to mail a package for exactly \$ 1,777? To see the answer, visit: www.tsd.k12.or.us/tag

S P R E A D out your fingers and look at your hand. Do people with big hands have larger angles between their fingers? To see the answer, visit: www.tsd.k12.or.us/tag

Good luck!

5th Grade Parents: Your Chance to Help With Your Child's Legacy to Byrom

A small group of 5th Grade parents have met twice to start to define the parameters of a Legacy Project to be done by the 5th Grade class of 2011-2012. The Legacy Project is designed to help the 5th grade students at Byrom leave behind a memorable piece of art before they head off to middle school. We are working hard to address all of the opinions expressed in the survey presented by Mr. Fraisse at Back to School Night. A vast majority of you indicated that you are interested in the project. You also indicated that you want to have strong student input in the design and implementation of the project, while keeping the costs to a minimum. We have some ideas, but are looking for additional 5th grade parent volunteers to help us move forward. If you are interested in joining our effort to move this project forward in any way from design, class decision making, implementation, funding, install or all of the above, please contact Sue Wise at wise.swise@wisefamilynet.com or call her at 503-692-5763. We are committed to working together to help our 5th Grade Students with the Legacy Project **THEY** want to leave at Byrom.

The 5th Grade Year-End Celebration

We are sure for many parents of 5th grade students it is hard to believe that they are "big" 5th graders and will be moving on to middle school next year. Given that, a team of parents/volunteers will be responsible to plan and implement the 5th Grade Year-End Celebration for the entire 5th grade class. Becky Chamseddine and Kim DeMarchi will be heading up the celebration this year. We have met with Mr. Fraisse to discuss the overall party format, and the needs of the school and teachers for the party. Now it is time to get to work! If you would like to help with the celebration, we would love your support. Please email Becky Chamseddine at chamseddine@comcast.net so that we can get you on a list of names for our first planning meeting. As part of the celebration we will be collecting pictures for the yearbook and slideshow. We need to collect pictures from throughout the year, so please let Becky Chamseddine know if you are interested in taking pictures of the parties, fun Fridays, field trips, school events, etc. Throughout the year, please feel free to email any pictures you take at school to Becky. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becky at 503-612-8401 or Kim at 310-621-1251.

We are looking forward to planning a great event for the kids!
Becky Chamseddine and Kim DeMarchi
Co-Chairs 5th Grade Celebration

Tualatin School House Pantry needs YOUR help!

Byrom's 5th grader Ambassadors have set up a school-wide community service project to collect items to donate to our local Tualatin School House Pantry. Start on Mon.Oct 24th through Fri. Nov. 4th, please send in canned and nonperishable food items and other items to Byrom with your child K-5th grades. Your child can place the items in the labeled box in their classroom. Most needed items for this month are: hot and cold cereal, peanut butter, sugar, pinto beans, vegetable oil, canned tuna/chicken/roast beef, toilet paper and powdered laundry detergent, but everything is appreciated. In celebration, the classroom that donates the most will earn an extra free recess with popsicles. Thank you for making a difference in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Kim DeMarchi at 503-612-1909.

JOG-A-THON

Parents! We are excited to announce this year's achievements for the Byrom Heart and Sole Jog-a-thon! The following students are being recognized for their accomplishments in completing the most laps for their grade, the most money collected by grade, and the class that collected the most money at grade level. Please also note, that Bowen Born ran the most laps for the entire school (18 laps), Noah Apiado collected the most money for the entire school, and Mrs. Phillip's kindergarten class collected the most money school wide! Thank you again for an amazing fundraiser. This year's jog-a-thon was an amazing success, and Byrom and its students will benefit from it greatly. Lesley Clanton, JAT Chair

1. KINDERGARTEN: Treyson Buchanan (21 laps) Pelissier, AM

Karys Gates (18), Pelissier AM
\$\$\$ NOAH APIADO, Phillips
Class: Mrs. Phillips

2. 1st: Nicholas Chamberlin (13) Stanaway
Isabella Kneeshaw (11) Allbright
\$\$\$ Maya Terhaar, Biondo
Class: Biondo
3. 2nd: Lauren DeGroot (15) Arnold
Noah Ogoli/Ben Augee (14) Arnold/T-W
\$\$\$ Max Clanton, T-W
Class: Mrs. Thomas
4. 3rd: Ian Wilhelm (17): Koss
Cally Togial (17): McDill
\$\$\$ Mikel Madarieta, Rieks
Class: Rieks
5. 4th: Bowen Born (18) D-W
Darci Chamberlin (17) D-W
\$\$\$ Hailey Kang, Johnson
Class: D-W
6. 5th: Cameron Springer (16) Wright
Hannah Hansen (14) Wright
\$\$\$ Lindley Patton, Bowker
Class: Constanza

And congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner of an Ipod Shuffle, Halle Meslow!!!!



Christmas Assistance

Applications for Christmas Assistance is on the reverse side of this page, if your family is in need of assistance this Christmas. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that your family will receive help, but we will make every effort to connect your family with gifts and food for this holiday. Please turn in the completed form to Mrs. Nicoli in the counseling office by **December 1, 2011**. Mrs. Nicoli will then forward the completed forms to the sponsors. The district is only able to accept one application per family.

See's Candies Fundraiser

The PSO Fundraiser is coming up. Envelopes and order forms will be coming home November 15th. Your children will have two weeks to collect orders and payments including the week of Thanksgiving. Orders will be due November 30, with the candy delivered December 13. All candy prices are the same as people pay in the stores. See's gives back a generous portion to our school. For questions call RuthAnne Day 503-691-7888.



California Pizza Kitchen

Thank you to California Pizza Kitchen for donating lunch to all our Teachers and Staff for Conference Day. We also would like to thank all Byrom Parents who donated items for luncheon. It was a delicious lunch!! The Teachers and staff greatly appreciated this event!

