



Byrom Buzz

The Byrom Newsletter

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Dear Byrom Families,

We are fortunate at Byrom to enjoy tremendous parent and family support. We have so much support, in fact, that I am unable to adequately thank all of you for your kindness, energy, and countless hours of volunteer work. For now, I will highlight three 'shining' examples of parent support that have made a positive impact on our school this year.

Leigh Anne Hadley / Parent Facilitator for Byrom's Fifth Grade Ambassador Leadership Program

Leigh Anne has provided parent leadership for the second year of our fifth grade **Ambassador Program**. Over 30 fifth graders serve as Ambassadors for our school, and their range of service includes the following:

- Crossing Guards / Morning and Afternoon
- Kindergarten Helpers / Morning and Afternoon
- Playground Equipment / Set-up and Monitoring
- Service Projects: Providing clothing and underwear for our district's Clothes Closet + Making Blankets for the Linus Project

While other elementary Ambassador Programs in our district find three or more parents sharing this role as parent facilitator, Leigh Anne has done this by herself, including the following work:

- Preparing Ambassador schedules every two weeks;
- Meeting regularly with Ambassadors (and with me) to problem-solve, to talk about leadership, and to communicate ideas around community service projects;
- Organizing all the logistics and paperwork associated with the Ambassador Program.

Quite honestly, without Leigh Anne's efforts, our Ambassador Program would have struggled to continue beyond our first year. Instead, the program thrived in its second year, and is already underway for the third year of the Ambassador Program. Leigh Anne will be moving on to help at the middle school next year, but is helping our current fourth grade parents continue the Ambassador Program into the 2011-12 school year.

Theresa Marchetti and Ramon Vargas / Co-Chairs for Byrom's Multicultural Carnival, Friday, May 13th

Each year, our students look forward to the Byrom carnival. It is a tradition that has been going on for years at Byrom, and one which requires much work and leadership from parent and community volunteers. This year, we added a new 'twist' to the carnival by adding a 'Multicultural' aspect to this exciting event. We hoped this approach would acknowledge and highlight the positive impacts of the diversity found in our community.

We were not exactly sure how to add this new component to our carnival, but fortunately, Mrs. Marchetti and Mr. Vargas offered to 'give it a try'. Their 'try' was a huge success, as evidenced by our fun-filled carnival last Friday night. The school was divided into the seven continents of the world, and we all enjoyed games, and music, and dance, and food from around the world.

The only problem we had was that the carnival was suppose to end at 8pm, but we had so many people 'of all ages' enjoying the music and dance, that the carnival kept going well past 9pm! Much thanks to Theresa and Ramon for turning a dream into a reality, and a reality into a fantastic memory for all who came to the carnival!

Sincerely, Mr. Fraisse

BYROM TALENT SHOW IS COMING!

This year's Byrom Talent Show will be held on Tuesday, June 7th in the Byrom Gymnasium.

5th Grade Talent Show: 8:45 – 9:45 am
3rd Grade Talent Show: 10:10 – 11:10 am
4th Grade Talent Show: 1:00 – 2:15 pm

The talent show is open to students in grades 3-5. All entry forms are due by Wednesday, May 25.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. McClellan at 503-431-4346 or email at: cmcclellan@ttsd.k12.or.us



Byrom Pancake Feed To Support 5th Grade Legacy Project

Where: Applebee's in Tualatin
8559 SW Old Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.

When: Saturday, June 11, from 8:00 am -10:00 am

What: Large pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea & orange juice. Prepared by Applebee's and served by 5th Graders

Price: \$7.00 per ticket
(\$5.00 goes to the 5th grade class)
Contact your favorite fifth grader for tickets

Please come support the fifth grade class as they raise money for their Legacy Art Project. They are working on a mosaic mural which will be installed in the cafeteria this year and will be a lasting masterpiece to commemorate the fifth grade class. Check out similar projects that the artist in residence has helped to create in other schools at: www.markbrodyart.com

One World, Many Stories

**Tualatin Public Library
2011 Summer Reading Club
All Ages thru Grade 5**

STEP 1: June 1st - August 1st Sign Up!
Get a free book and other great prizes.

STEP 2: READ!

STEP 3: Return your Reading Record between 8/1 and 8/15 for a coupon to Oaks Park and a chance to win the Grand Prize!

Byrom Elementary Book Drive



May 23rd – May 27th

During the week of May 23rd-May 27th, we will be holding a school-wide **Used Book Drive**. All books collected will be donated to Kelly Elementary School in Portland, to help them with a summer reading program. They need a lot of books, and with our large number of students, we think we could make a great contribution. We're aiming for 1,000 books. Let's see if we can do it!

You've probably got one or two books (or even more) lying around your house that you've already read or outgrown. How about doing a little "book spring cleaning" and bring in any books that you no longer want? **You'll be a Byrom Book Buddy!**

Books will be collected in the front lobby for one week. You can start bringing books in on Monday, May 23rd.

- ❖ For every book you bring to school, you get to put your name in a drawing for a **\$10.00 Borders Gift Card**. Five winners will be drawn at the end of the week.



Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools

**Twilight 5km Run/Walk
June 25th, 2011 - 6:30 PM
Cook Park, Tigard, OR**

Held in conjunction with the Tigard Festival of Balloons. Route is through Cook Park ending at the Festival Night Glow.

Race entry includes admission to the festival, a Nike Dri-Fit shirt and more!

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools.

To register or volunteer please go to:
www.ReasonToRun.com

DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY OUR PLAYGROUND?

As most of you know, we had a new piece of playground equipment installed this year due to the generosity of parents at the Auction, the Jog-A-Thon and the PSO. We collected money again at this year's auction to go toward another new piece of equipment, but we need some more funds to make sure we can get it installed this summer. This new piece will have spinners – something a lot of kids have been missing!

If you can help make this new piece of equipment a reality, please send your donation to the Byrom PSO and make a note that it is for the playground.

Thank you!
PSO



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 20 - Kinder Field Trip-Tualatin Wildlife Refuge/ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- May 21 - Tualatin Try-athlon – Tualatin HS 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- May 23-27 - Byrom Used Book Drive
- May 25 - Bi-Okoto Assembly – Gym/9:00 am- 10:00 am
- May 25 - PSO Budget Meeting – 6:00 pm/Library
- May 30 - **No School – Memorial Day Holiday**
- June 3 - 5th Grade Field Trip – Bowker Port Blakely 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- June 6 - 5th Grade Field Trip – Constanza Port Blakely 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- June 7 - Talent Show – Gym
- June 8 - 5th Grade Field Trip – Fischer Port Blakely 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- June 9 - 5th Grade Field Trip – Swan Port Blakely 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- June 9 - PSO Meeting – 7:00 pm/Library
- June 10 -5th Grade Celebration 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
- June 13 -5th Grade Field Trip – Wright Port Blakely 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- June 13 -3rd Grade Field Trip - Ibach Park 12:30 pm - 2:20 pm

The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools Sixth Annual Garden Tour and Art Show

Saturday, June 25, 2011
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Garden Tour Admission Price - \$20.00 (tickets now available at schools & district office)

Plant Sale and Art Show Location: Tualatin Elementary/20405 SW 95th Ave/Tualatin, OR

PSO BUDGET MEETING

On May 25th, at 6:00 pm, in the Byrom Library, the PSO is having a special budget meeting to begin discussing next year's budget. We hope you can attend!

DON'T FORGET! LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- AM & PM Kindergarten - Wednesday, June 15th
- Full day Kindergarten and all other grade levels - Thursday, June 16th
- School will be dismissed at approx. 11:45 am
- There will be **NO LUNCH** served on Thursday



THANK YOU!

to all of our Staff Appreciation Sponsors
that donated food or other gifts for our Staff Appreciation festivities.
These companies made our staff feel so special this month!

