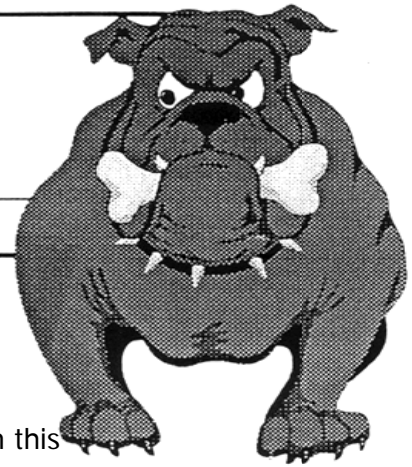


# Beaver Lake

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ISSAQUAH, WA



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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all of the Beaver Lake families that took part in this year's fund raiser. The generosity of the Beaver Lake community continues to amaze me. Although we do not have the total amount processed, it will be well over \$80,000 in total sales/contributions. The money that this fund raiser generated will support our sports programs, socials, music programs, clubs, and other student activities. Thank you so much for supporting Beaver Lake Middle School! children involved in activities such as cross country, softball, volleyball, academic support programs, and the clubs that have already begun (computer games club is up and running!). Research has always shown that the more involved students are at school, the more successful they are. Thank you for supporting your children in these after school activities.

Working with your children the past month and a half has truly been a privilege. Not only is the student body at Beaver Lake academically talented, but our students are compassionate, caring, and always rise to the highest standards of performance. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job as parents!

Sincerely,  
Joshua L. Almy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### OCTOBER

- 22 Jamboree Volleyball @ Home vs. IMS  
Softball Team B Game @ Home vs. Maywood  
Nightmare @ Beaver lake Park using BLMS Parking Lot, 7 PM - 12 AM through 10/31
- 23 @ Lunches - ASB Slide Show
- 26-27 ASB Field Trip to CIPSIS Learning Center / Leadership
- 27 Orchestra Concert in the Commons, 7 PM
- 28 Softball Party in the Commons, 2:30 - 3:30
- 29 Field Trip to Chimps  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Party in the Gym, 2:15 - 3:45
- 30 Fall Sports Assembly / AM Assembly Schedule

### NOVEMBER

- 6 @Lunches - ASB "Bubble Wrap"
- 10 Veteran's Day Assembly / AM Assembly Schedule  
ASB Field Trip to the Food Bank  
Wrestling Parent Night in the Gym
- 11 ***Veteran's Day Holiday / No School***

- 16-17 ASB / PTSA Food Drive  
18 Wrestling Take Down Tournament, 4 PM @ Maywood Middle School  
Band Concert, 7 PM in the Commons  
19 Most Valuable bulldog @ Lunches  
Basketball Game @ Maywood, 8/7  
23 Wrestling Meet @ Tolt, 3:30  
*26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday / No School*

## **News from the Desk of Ms. Perey** **Assistant Principal and Athletic Director**

Greetings Bulldogs! The school year is in high gear. From learning about lab safety procedures and appetitives to Bleepo and softball, cross country and volleyball, our students are active and engaged. It has been a great year so far! Go Bulldogs!

With the return to school comes the change in weather - finally. The rain and fog are slowly returning. Please drive safely and consider leaving a little bit earlier in order to arrive at school on time and safely. We appreciate your continued cooperation in the mornings and afternoons in the student drop-off area. **Please pull all the way forward in the circle before dropping off or picking up your student – 32<sup>nd</sup> gets very backed up otherwise.** Thank you for continued support in keeping our drop-off area and crosswalks safe and efficient for students and staff.

## **Addressing Bullying and Harassment at Beaver Lake**

All students who either witness or are the victims of bullying or harassment are encouraged to follow three steps:

1. Tell the Harasser to Stop! Say “no” or “stop” in a loud, clear voice.
2. Tell an adult. Do not engage in equally aggressive behavior in action or speech as a way to defend yourself. If it happens in the classroom, tell your teacher. If it happens in a common area (hallway, lunch room etc.), tell the nearest adult.
3. If you’ve told the harasser to stop and the harassment continues, go to the counseling center and file a harassment report form.

## **Student Planner:**

Please make sure you and your student are familiar with the information and school policies in the student planner. We make changes each year to the planner and students are held accountable for the rules. The student planner contains information on our 101 Discipline System. This system is important for student success. The planner is also on our school website for parents to access at anytime. If you have any questions, please contact me at 425-837-4153.

## **Dress Code Policy Update:**

Please be familiar with the information in the student planner on the dress code. The purpose of the dress code policy is to maintain a disruption free academic

environment. Please be particularly mindful about plunging necklines, which are not permitted. **Skirts, shorts and dresses must be longer than mid-thigh even if leggings are worn.** Please do not rely on the fingertip test. We no longer use that method. Students are required to wear their shirts long enough to cover their mid-section. Clothing must cover stomachs, backs, shoulders, chests, and undergarments while standing, sitting, bending, or reaching. Straps on tops must pass the “3-finger test.” If the strap is smaller than your three fingers, the top is not within dress standards.

## **Co-curricular Information:**

### **Sports Season II Activities:**

The second sports season includes Girls’ Basketball, Wrestling, and Girls’ Jamboree Basketball. The season begins on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jamboree will begin after November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please watch the Odds and Ends for the date of the jamboree organizational meeting. Signs up for all sports will be done during lunches.

### **Sports Eligibility:**

In order to turn out for a sport, students must:

- Be an ASB member
- Pay the sports fee
- Complete all paperwork (annual concussion form, sports specific inherent risk form, and physical)

### **Academic Eligibility:**

In order for students to maintain athletic eligibility during the current trimester, students must maintain passing grades in all classes (i.e. no “F’s”). Grades will be checked 10 days into the beginning of the season and periodically throughout the season.

### **Activity Bus:**

Students who participate in after school activities, and live in the ISD bus service area, are eligible to ride the activity bus. This year we have 2 activity busses. Please look at the two different routes to see which one your student should be taking. Routes are available on our BLMS website at: <http://www.blms.issaquah.wednet.edu/> and scroll down. The busses leave at 3:45 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Wednesday they leave at 4:00 PM.

### **H.O.T. (Homework-On-Time):**

Our voluntary Homework-On-Time program, which is supported by the PTSA and the Issaquah Schools Foundation, begins on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>. This program is designed to meet the needs of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who are struggling academically through structured assistance. Students are recommended by their teachers and counselors, and meet two days a week after school. Mrs. Catherine Johnson is our teacher advisor this year and Mrs. Nikki Overman, our support EA will

be returning again. For those who may not need structured assistance, our library is open Monday thru Thursday from 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM.

## **Clubs**

BLMS has numerous clubs throughout the year for students to choose from. Some are yearlong and some only run for one trimester. Please check the following link for club information:

<http://www.blms.issaquah.wednet.edu/asb/Club%20info/Clubs.htm>. If you cannot find the information you need, please contact me at 425-837-4153. Please note that sports club participants must have ASB membership, team sports inherent risk form and sports physicals on file to participate. Students who do not have these items submitted will not be allowed to participate until these criteria are met. Thank you for your support.

## **NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:**

- *Private School Applications*

There is a \$2.00 charge per application to cover the cost of mailing and copies for all private school applications. Payment needs to be made to the Bookkeeper prior to submitting the application. This charge applies to each school you are applying to. All parts of each application including the teacher evaluation forms need to be turned into the Registrar along with the receipt from the Bookkeeper showing the fee has been paid. The Registrar will make sure that all appropriate staff members complete the application and that the application is mailed in a timely fashion.

## **• VOICE Mentor Program (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education)**

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. *Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and "get more than they give." We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued.*

Placements are made based on the mentors' interests. Whether a mentor's passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. *Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor.*

For further information contact:

Susan Gierke, VOICE Mentor Director

E-mail: VOICE @issaquah.wednet.edu

Phone: 425-837-7139

VOICE is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation

In Cooperation with the Issaquah School District

## **DISTRICT NEWS:**

- Please read the important safety, health, and equal-rights notices that are posted online at [www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx). You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.

## ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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As we start the new year, I want to help ‘spread the word’ about a partner that helps make possible so much of what makes our schools special—the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The Issaquah Schools Foundation is a community-supported non-profit that works year-round to raise money to bridge the gap between the dollars the state provides for basic education and the money our schools need to give our students a comprehensive 21<sup>st</sup> Century education. With your support, the Foundation is able to fund programs and investments that advance academic achievement, support struggling students, and promote professional development. Each year, our teachers can apply for funding in amounts from \$10 - \$10,000 for programs and/or materials that bring learning to life through technology, innovation, science, math, literature and the arts.

Since 1997, Beaver Lake Middle School has received **\$54,678** from ISF in direct grants.

In addition, ISF's funding has provided Beaver Lake with:

- **National Board Certification Scholarships** that give teachers access to the ‘pinnacle’ of professional development programs; equipping them with the tools to develop inquisitive, engaged learners. **Beaver Lake currently has three National Board Certified teachers with another in the process of obtaining certification.**
- **VOICE** (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education) - a mentor/tutor program that pairs caring community volunteers with struggling students to improve academic performance, boost self-esteem, and help curb the high-school dropout rate. **At Beaver Lake, one student is presently being served by one mentor.**
- **GLAD** - a ‘best practices’ professional development program helps teachers reach children of every learning style and help them excel. **Beaver Lake has three GLAD trained teachers.**
- **After-School Homework Clubs** that provide a safe place for middle school students to study, work on group projects, receive tutoring from staff or enjoy ‘down-time’ before heading home. Homework Clubs may also offer nutritional after-school snacks.

You can help the Issaquah Schools Foundation continue elevating education for all students by joining the ***Calling for Kids*** Campaign. **Flyers and information were distributed during Back-to-School Business Days and are available in our office. The Foundation is asking every parent to participate.** We hope that you do. Your support will make a tremendous difference in the quality of educational resources we can make available to your student. Please consider

contributing online today at [www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org). You may also contact the ISF office at 425.416.2045.

Thank you for making Issaquah Schools the best they can be.

### **NEWS FROM THE NURSE:**

Welcome back hopefully healthy and ready to learn!

- **Students with medical issues** should have turned in their new or updated care plans as well as the medication and new form.
- **6<sup>th</sup> graders who have turned 11** are required by WA State to get an updated Tdap (tetanus) and also provide the date they had the chicken pox disease or vaccine.
- **The flu!**

A reminder that the best defense for the flu is **frequent hand washing & to cover your cough.**

- September was very busy; 243 health room visits over 20 days of school & 51 medications given.
- We have 76 care plans and medication from 55 students with health issues such as allergy asthma, diabetes and seizure.
- There are still 18 students out of compliance for immunizations. If a 6<sup>th</sup> grader has turned 11 we need the updated Tetanus date and Varicella if it was needed. My state report is due November 1<sup>st</sup> and I will be getting back to those on my OOC list; if you have already received a phone call or letter from me please respond! There will be an exclusion from school date in October.
- Vision and hearing testing for 7<sup>th</sup> graders was held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and I want to thank your great children; so quiet and polite!

The wonderful volunteers were: Naomi Stokes, Kara Neary, Lisa Erwin, Rachel Long, Laura Walker, Ingrid Crouch, Ranjani Chakrapani, Lina Frankovich, Stephanie Mittman, Qun Xie, Kim Fancher, Noelle Gibson, Brett Whitney, Katie Mondloch, Diane Young, Emma Hansford-Smith, Roberta Renton, Sue Moyer, Viv Hong, and Kathy Baril. Hopefully I have mentioned everyone who was here and spelled your names correctly. I now have 22 who were absent to test yet, 18 more who forgot their glasses or contacts, 34 or more who will get letters and 5 hearing to retest in 4 weeks; this out of 354 total 7<sup>th</sup> graders.