

STEVENSON ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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BSF GRANTS!

The Bellevue Schools Foundation has announced their 2018-19 Arts, Enrichment & Innovation grant awards totaling \$93,800, an increase of \$18,000 over last year. These grants support innovative learning opportunities in and out of the classroom and thanks to parent donors who help keep this program alive.

This year, Stevenson has been awarded \$4,740 in grants for Salmon in Schools to learn how salmon grow, more books in Spanish to support the dual language program, the after school choir, the return of the Toymaker (read more in this newsletter) and additional joint grants with other elementary schools that will bring theatrical performances and visiting authors to our school.

To learn more about A, E, & I grants, visit bellevueschoolsfoundation.org.

GARDEN D'LIGHTS

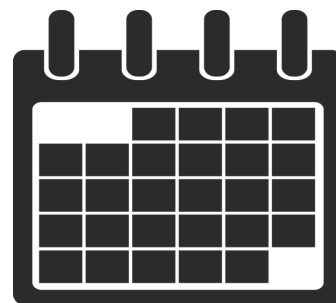
Did you know that the popular Garden d'Lights event at Bellevue Botanical Garden will hold **free** nights in November? Mark your calendars for this truly "d'lightful" event perfect for the entire family.

November 24-29, 4:30-9pm
Bellevue Botanical Gardens
12001 Main St., Bellevue 98005

Tickets are not required on these dates. Usually all can be accommodated on free nights, but event staff will be present to control traffic so everyone can have an enjoyable experience (you may have a wait).

Don't miss this chance to enjoy a true treasure right in our backyard this holiday season!

UPCOMING DATES



November 22-23
Thanksgiving Break | No school

November 28- Toy Maker/Book Fair
A fun evening for the entire family

December 22- Jan 6 - Winter Break

KIDS CARE COATS

As the cooler weather moves in, Bellevue Youth Link will distribute free coats for kids from qualifying families.



Tuesday, November 20, 5pm-7pm
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue 98008

Questions: Bellevue Youth Link
425-452-5254, or stop by the
Family Connections Center.

TOYMAKER & BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 28

Join "Mr. Toymaker" Rick Hartman for an unforgettable evening of toy building and creativity. We'll use simple carpentry tools to construct amazing wooden toys while experiencing the thrill of hands-on math, science and creativity!

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
6pm-7:15pm, Stevenson Cafeteria
COST: \$6.50 (Cash only. Scholarships available for those that qualify)



The annual Scholastic Book Fair will also take place the week of November 26-30 during school hours and also

the night of November 28 from 6-8pm. The Book Fair offers great reads for all reading levels.

We hope to see you there!

THINKING AHEAD

INTERNATIONAL CULTURES NIGHT

Were you or were your ancestors born in a different country? Or do you have an interest or expertise in other cultures? We invite you to share your heritage at the Stevenson PTA International Cultures Night. This event will take place in mid-Winter or early Spring and we need your help to make it a success.

Please sign up to run a booth: You can display anything you'd like to share about your country (information, flag, cultural items, etc.). Not required, but you may also share food and/or dress-up in traditional attire. Help make our International Cultures Night an event not to be missed! To sign up to run a booth, contact culture@stevensonpta.com

PARENT WORKSHOPS

A series of parent workshops is in the planning stages and we need your help with content and topics you're interested in hearing about. Are there areas in your parenting that are of concern to you as your child moves through the various developmental stages? Contact Julie at the Family Connections Center to let her know your thoughts on possible topics.

CLICK-A-THON



Just a note to say "thank you" to Stevenson families who gave during this fall's Clickathon to benefit the Bellevue Schools Foundation. This October, Clickathon raised more than \$84,000 in just 48 hours.

Last year, the BSF funded Arts, Enrichment & Innovation (AE&I) and Music Grants that helped Stevenson student experience music, field trips and more.

Didn't have a chance to give during Clickathon? Your opportunity to give is still just a click away. Visit bsfdn.org anytime. No amount is too small. Our goal is to get 10 new Stevenson families to donate to the Foundation this school year.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Families in need can have a free Thanksgiving dinner Crossroads Community Center, the Muslim Community Resource Center, the Salvation Army and Sophia Way, with some locations providing fun activities for children. Registration information, dates and times are available by stopping by the Family Connections Center (FCC) for the details.

SCHOOL BREAK FOOD ASSISTANCE

Have you signed up for the school break food assistance program? It's not too late for qualifying families to register for this program offered by Bellevue Life Spring.

The first free grocery vouchers will be available for pickup at your youngest child's school before each school break. Winter Break pickup dates are December 11-15. Sign up at the Family Connections Center.

GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE

If you have a 4th or 5th grader, then odds are they've heard about the Global Reading Challenge. Each year, King County Library System Foundation partners with local schools to put on this competition where teams read six selected books and then answer questions about the books. The winning team from each participating school moves on to face teams from other schools. [For more information](#)

STEVENSON PTA

The Stevenson PTA is your organization. Get involved and if you have questions, there are many ways to find out more and stay updated.

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- Subscribe to the Stevenson PTA newsletter
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- Become a member of the Stevenson PTA
- Contact the Stevenson PTA Board at board@stevensonpta.com

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- Like our facebook page
- Comment and provide feedback
- Share our news and information with friends and family

Support our schools through the Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF)

- Enter Amazon.com through the BSF Amazon Smile link, www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org