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Catharine Blaine K-8 PTA Newsletter

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- Jan 24 **PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm - Bullying: Resources for Parents - Childcare Provided (potty-trained and older kids)**
- Feb 1 No School - Day between Semesters
- Feb 9 3rd Annual Cultural Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Feb 16 Kindergarten/New Student Tour @ 6:30 pm
- Feb 20 No School - President's Day
- Feb 21-24 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 28 PTA Gen. Mtg @ 6:30 - "Screenagers" - PRIVATE Screening for Blaine PTA Members
- Mar 6-11 Scholastic Book Fair

[Official SPS Key Date Calendar](#)

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PTA NEWS

Levy Cliffs, SPS Budget Shortfalls - OH MY!

The 2017 WA legislative session is underway and there are a number of very important issues being considered in Olympia that will impact the Blaine Community. Fully funding education is at the top of the legislative agenda as well as a separate bill that would allow school districts across the state to maintain raising money via local levels for one additional year. Since this is a long legislative session, any legislation regarding the levy cliff and education funding will come nearer the end of the session.

Due to the legislative uncertainty, Seattle Public Schools has had to draft its worst-case-scenario budget for the 2017-18 school year. See [SPS info graphic on the 2017-18 \\$74 million shortfall](#). *More info on the District Budget is [here](#).*

Need more information? Want to get involved? **Come to the PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm to learn more about all these issues and what you can do to advocate for our community.**

The Seattle Times also has additional information on school funding crisis at [Educational Lab IQ](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

The Blaine PTA Meeting and Parent Ed Schedule for the rest of the year is ready, so mark your calendar for these important and informative dates:

January 24 -- Bullying: Resources for Parents

February 28 -- Screenagers: PRIVATE Screening for Blaine PTA Members

March 28 -- Internet Safety: An Evening with the Seattle Police Department

April/May -- Budget and 2016/17 Officers Election

All meetings begin @ 6:30 pm. Child Care is provided by Blaine M.S. students for potty-trained and older kids.

If you have questions or need special accommodations, please email president@blainepta.com

3rd Annual Cultural Night

Thurs., Feb 9th @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm



Please come join us in this free event
EXPLORE!!!!

- Cultures and family stories of our Blaine community.
- Textiles-Music-Flags-Games-Arts and Crafts-Photos-Facts-Language
- Visit the 34 countries and have your passport stamped
- Enjoy delicious world cuisine
- Answer Country Clues and Enter to Win Prizes
- Wear YOUR traditional dress

FOOD!!! Sign up to share a favorite family food. We will bring all our special foods together to experience a 'Bite of Blaine' and taste the wide variety of foods that our families love. Bring a dish that can be served in small portions so many people can sample. Sample cups and serving supplies provided. (Serving size: at least one-two dozen). Email katey@hagecreative.com to sign up.

New Students/Kindergarten School Information Meeting

Catharine Blaine PTA and Principal Heather Johnson invite parents of new and/or prospective students (K thru 8) for one of two scheduled open houses on:
February, 16th @ 6:30 pm

This is a great time for parents of students at any grade level for the 2017-18 year to come visit and learn more about Blaine and the K-8 school model.

Email outreach@blainepta.com for any questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP REMINDERS

Please do not park in the staff parking lot or next to the loading dock at any time. This is reserved for staff and district employees.

Also, please do not park in the loading or fire lanes in the community center parking lot (lot in front of the school). The fire lane needs to be clear in case of emergency. This parking lot belongs to the community center and your car may be towed if parked illegally.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Attendance

Please call the Attendance line @ 206-252-1924
or email CatharineBlaine.Attendance@seattleschools.org anytime your student will be late or absent. This also includes two hour late starts or cancellations due to snow. We are required to call on all students absent to ensure their safety.

Ballard High School - Open House

8th Grade Morning Tours and Choice Night Info - For Students & Parents

Wednesday, February 8th - 8th Grade Tours

8:00 am - 8:45 am in the Auditorium

8:45 am - 9:30 am School Tour

9:30 am Staff available for questions

Thursday, February 9th - 8th Grade Choice Night

6:30 tables to visit in commons, presentation begins in gym at 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 16th - 8th Grade Tours

8:00 am - 8:45 am in the Auditorium

8:45 am - 9:30 am School Tour

9:30 am Staff available for questions

More info [here](#)

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Winter Session Enrichment Info

Flyers with class info and registration forms are located on the Enrichment bulletin board located outside the Main Office.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. If the class doesn't meet minimum enrollment it will be canceled. Unless otherwise specified by enrichment providers, class hours are 8:15- 9:15 AM or 4:15- 5:15 PM. There are no enrichment classes on dates when Seattle Public Schools is not in session. Please check with your program provider for any additional days that your class may not be in session.

If you have general questions regarding Enrichment at Blaine, or need to request a

scholarship please contact us at Enrichment@BlainePTA.com.

Classes will be cancelled if there is low enrollment so please enroll ASAP.

[Enrichment Class Schedule for Winter 2017 \(Updated 1/10/17\)](#)

Girls on the Run returns to Blaine this spring!

Girls on the Run is an after-school program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The girls will amaze themselves, build a supportive community with mentor coaches, and develop essential life skills to draw from during the adolescent years. Imagine their pride as they cross the finish line of a city-wide 5K celebration at the end of the season.

Girls on the Run is open to 3rd - 5th grade girls of ALL fitness and ability levels, new and returning participants welcome!

Duration: March 6th - May 23rd; culminating in a 5K run/walk on Sunday, May 21st, 2017 at Renton Memorial Landing

Days: Tuesday & Thursday (meets twice a week)

Times: 4:05-5:30pm

Cost Fees based on sliding scale, scholarships available

More info: www.girlsrun.org

Official on-line registration is underway now at <http://girlsrun.org/registration/>

Last day to register is Fri Feb 17th, or as soon as the program reaches the maximum capacity so register early.

Please contact Jen at jenniferkolesar@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Girls (3rd to 8th) Basketball Spring Break Camp - Ballard H.S.

Sara Wetstone, Head Girls Basketball Coach at Ballard H.S., and Ballard Girls Select Basketball coaches will lead fun and progressive drills and games to improve camper fundamentals, understanding and confidence.

Beginners to advanced players will benefit from instruction on ball handling, shooting, passing and defense. In addition, campers will hear motivational speakers and meet top women's players. We hope you can join us!

Who: Girls Grades 3rd-8th (beginner to advanced).

When: April 10-14 from 9am-3pm

Where: Ballard High School

Cost: \$215 (includes camp t-shirt)

Please bring a sack lunch, snacks and water bottle each day.

To register, visit <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/42295>
And for information about Ballard Girls Basketball, please
visit www.ballardgirlsbasketball.com

UK Elite Soccer Spring Soccer Academy

The UK Elite Soccer Technical Training Programs aim to improve every players individual technique, skill and tactical knowledge. Our programs use the UK Elite Global Soccer Curriculum to teach techniques from the best soccer nations in the world. Players will receive professional instruction from the UK Elite coaches in age appropriate groups.

Are You Ready To Play?! See below for details and how to register:

UK Elite Spring Break Camp / Magnolia Youth Soccer Club

Date: March 27th - May 22nd (8 Weeks)

Time: Monday's 5:00pm-6:30pm

Ages: 5-12 yrs.

Price: \$110

Location: Smith Cove Playfield

Register for all camps at: <http://secure.ukelite.com/17-qji>

Magnolia United Boys Spring Lacrosse Registration

Registration is open for Magnolia United lacrosse with space still available on the U11 (3rd-4th grade) and U15 (7th-8th grade) teams and a waitlist on the U13 (5th-6th grade) team. Practice starts in early February with games running on weekends through May.

In April, Grades K-2nd experience a fun introduction to the game in a non-contact, easygoing, skills-based environment (Mag-U Academy). The Academy runs weekly clinics on Sundays to introduce kids to the game of lacrosse.

For more details please see <http://magnoliaunitedlacrosse.org/>

Magnolia United is a boys lacrosse club serving grades K-8 for the neighborhoods of Ballard, Broadview, Greenwood, Magnolia, and Phinney Ridge. The club embraces the principles of the Positive Coaching Alliance and strives to teach important life lessons, character, sportsmanship, communication skills, work ethic, integrity, accountability and responsibility.

BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTS TO HOST KIDS CAMPS

The Ballard High School Gymnastics Team is hosting two camps for kids on Saturday, January 14, and Saturday, January 21, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Current and aspiring

gymnasts in grades K-5 are invited to join the fun and learn a routine set to music and new skills on real gymnastics equipment. NO PRIOR GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED! Camps are held in the BHS gymnasium at 1418 NW 65th Street in Ballard.

The cost for camp is \$45 per camper/\$40 per additional sibling. The fee includes a camp t-shirt, a photo with the BHS gymnasts, and a performance for parents at 11:45 a.m. Children may sign up for one or both camps at <http://bhsgymnastics2017.brownpapertickets.com>.

For more information, email chris.e.karam@gmail.com

Magnolia Little League 2017 Registration Now Open

Is too early start thinking about Little League?

Happy to announce that registration for 2017 season is now open at <https://magnolialittleleague.com>.

Our all-volunteer board has been working since September to make the 2017 season one to remember. We are anticipating 560 ballplayers on 52-56 across 13 divisions. Additionally, MLL will field 5-6 All Star teams and approximately 200 ballplayers in Summer Ball. It will be a great season.

Family and Kid Yoga Series

6 Week Family And Kid Yoga Series offerings at Once Upon A Time Studio in Queen Anne begins 1/18

With the transition of seasons and routines it is a great time to integrate some grounding yoga for kids. Megan Olsen, Coe Elementary parent and advanced certified yoga teacher will be offering a variety of kids and family yoga classes beginning 1/18 at the yoga studio at Once Upon A Time in Queen Anne. The 45 min class contains element of breathing, meditation, traditional yoga poses, and creative movement with engaging themes. All kids are welcome and no previous experience needed.

Times:

Wed: 4-4:45 -Family Yoga for 2-5 year olds and family member. Older siblings welcome.

5-5:45- Big Kids Yoga: 6-10+ years old

Sat- Big Kid Yoga: 6-10+ years old

Cost \$108 for 6 week session for Family Yoga-Pre-register before 1/13 and receive an additional \$5 off. Drop-ins: \$20 per session

To register visit: <http://www.onceuponatimeseattle.com/classes>

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