



# TIGER TRACKS

Catharine Blaine K-8 PTA Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

[www.blaineppta.com](http://www.blaineppta.com) [event calendar](#)

- 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 Only***
- March 1 Tiger Trail Club begins - more info coming soon
- March 6-11 Scholastic Book Fair
- March 9 Literacy Night - 6 to 8 pm
- May 5 *Cinco de Mayo - Blaine Annual Gala @ 415 Westlake*

[Official SPS Key Date Calendar](#)

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### Important 36th Legislative District Town Hall- Ballard HS Sunday Jan 29th 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Representatives Noel Frame and Gael Tarleton along with Senator Reuven Carlyle are hosting an in-district Town Hall event THIS Sunday, 1/29 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm at Ballard High School. Wear your Blaine gear (if you got it) and attend the meeting to voice your concerns about education funding and the looming levy cliff.

#### Write and Call Our Elected Officials

Can't attend the town hall event?

- **Write and call our area reps and ask them to fully education and to pass the bill to avoid the levy cliff.**

\* Senator Reuven Carlyle: (206) 216-3184 / [reuven.carlyle@leg.wa.gov](mailto:reuven.carlyle@leg.wa.gov)

\* Rep. Noel Frame: (360) 786-7814 / [noel.frame@leg.wa.gov](mailto:noel.frame@leg.wa.gov)

\* Rep. Gael Tarleton: (360) 786-7860 / [gael.tarleton@leg.wa.gov](mailto:gael.tarleton@leg.wa.gov)

- **Meet 1:1 with Elected Officials in Olympia**

The PTA Board will be organizing meetings with our local elected officials in Olympia to talk about the state of education funding. (*Exact date and time TBD.*) If you are interested in getting the details about the meeting send an email to [legislative@blainepta.com](mailto:legislative@blainepta.com) and we will send you the details for the meeting once they are confirmed.

- **Talking Points for Elected Officials?**

When contacting elected officials the message can be short and clear: "**Please Support Actions to Delay the Levy Cliff, and to Fully Fund Education!**"

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

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## 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:

**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](mailto:president@blainepta.com)

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## 3rd Annual Cultural Night

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

NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

### ***"The Great Suitcase Challenge"***

While on your travel adventures around the world, look for the little brown suitcases at certain country tables and figure out which fun fact (in your passport) goes with which country. Answer correctly and you will receive a stamped paper suitcase. Write your first and last name on the back and enter the GREAT SUITCASE PRIZE DRAWING. Find as many suitcases as you can.

*Metsker Maps* has generously donated the three prizes for the GREAT SUITCASE PRIZE DRAWING :

**Explorer Globe, Maps Illustrated Atlas, and Desk Map/Giant Desk Pad**

### ***"TRADITIONAL VERACRUZ-REGION DANCE PERFORMANCE"***

A full-costume traditional dance performed by the "BALLET FOLKLORICO ANGLES DE MEXICO"

Also performing throughout the evening - individuals from our very own Catharine Blaine Middle School Band/Orchestra.

### ***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](mailto:katey@hagecreative.com) to sign up.

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## **Please Save the Date for Blaine's Annual Gala Cinco de Mayo! 5.5.17 415 Westlake**

Stay tuned for details

\*Gala committee members and volunteers needed now! please email Sara Willy: [sarakwilly@yahoo.com](mailto:sarakwilly@yahoo.com) if you want to help with this super fun event.

Help a little bit, or a lot. Everyone's help is appreciated!

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## **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](mailto:outreach@blainepta.com) for any questions.

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## **BOX TOPS**

HELP EARN FREE MONEY FOR BLAINE!

It's Box Tops Time again! Catharine Blaine collects Box Tops for Education to earn money for our school. All you have to do is cut the Box Tops

logos from participating brands, save them up throughout the year, and send them into your child's class. This is easy, free money that goes directly to our school to benefit our kids.



**Our first collection in October earned us over \$300. Our next collection deadline**

**is February 24th.**

Our goal this year is to earn \$1,000. Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors to collect them too. The more the better! *Please note that we cannot submit expired Box Tops.*

We'll keep track and the class with the most Box Tops will earn a party at the end of the year. Check the PTA bulletin board outside the office to track our school's and your class's progress.

Box Tops can be found on many popular items such as General Mills cereals, Bisquick, Betty Crocker, Annie's Mac & Cheese, Kleenex, Hefty trashbags, Ziploc bags, Land O'Lakes butter, and much more! Check the website for more information and products.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

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## 2017-18 PTA Board Nominating Committee

Yes, it is already that time of year to start planning for the 2017-18 PTA Board

If you are interested in serving on the Board or finding new board members please email [president@blainepta.com](mailto:president@blainepta.com)

## 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.

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## Blaine Green Team - Colorcycle Program

Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Crayola ColorCycle - an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy! Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>

Each classroom has a box to collect markers (caps too). The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands (including sharpies, dry erase markers, marker caps too, but please no pens/pencils/crayons).

Drop-off boxes are located in classrooms for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker - ColorCycle it!

Thank you,

*Catharine Blaine Green Team*  
[greenteam@blainepta.com](mailto:greenteam@blainepta.com)



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## Attendance

If you need to report your student late or absent, please call the Attendance number at 206-252-1924 or email [CatharineBlaine.Attendance@seattleschools.org](mailto:CatharineBlaine.Attendance@seattleschools.org).

We appreciate your cooperation as we are required to call on all students absent to ensure their safety.

*Catharine Blaine Office Staff*

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## Blaine JV Volleyball Coach Needed!

For the past two seasons, we have had a large number of girls try-out for the Blaine Volleyball team, but we have had to make cuts because there is not a JV coach.

We are really hoping not to do this again, but we need your help! The season starts in March and ends in early June.

- Must be 21 or older
- Must have a valid First Aid/CPR card
- Be fingerprinted by Seattle Public Schools
- Available on weekends for Saturday games

If you are interested in the position and meet the following requirements, please email John Miller at [jrmiller@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrmiller@seattleschools.org)

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## 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](#)

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## Garfield H.S. Prospective Student Daytime Tour

### Thursday, February 16th from 9:45 a.m. -10:40 a.m.

Students and families will start in Quincy Jones Auditorium with student panelists and specialists, and then have student-led tours.

RSVPs are not required but are appreciated and can be done online through google forms: <https://goo.gl/forms/bjZvDD3l6eHXbEPr1>

\*Geared toward students, but parents/family members/guardians can attend.

Information is available on the GHS website.

If you have questions please contact our activity coordinator Sarah Antoncich at 206.252.2278 or [smantoncich@seattleschools.org](mailto:smantoncich@seattleschools.org)

## 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](mailto:Enrichment@BlainePTA.com).

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

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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ballardgirlsbasketball.com)

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## **UK Elite Soccer Spring Soccer Academy**

The UK Elite Soccer Technical Training Programs aim to improve every player's 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-qii>

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## **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.

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## 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.

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**Tiger Tracks submissions due Wednesdays at 5 pm.** Please email Tiger Tracks Editor at [tigertracks@blaineppta.com](mailto:tigertracks@blaineppta.com)

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