

Happy



Holidays!

DECEMBER 7, 2009

“CHRISTMAS IS NOT AS MUCH ABOUT OPENING OUR PRESENTS
AS OPENING OUR HEARTS.”

~JOSEPHINE BACON

If you would like to include something in the next Staff Memo, please email your information to [Pattye Heuer](#). The next Memo will be published on or around Monday, January 11, 2010. Do you have a photo you would like to see above? Send it to me!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE! Keep Yourself Safe – Student Contact!

During this season of giving thanks, we are all thankful that staff members are using appropriate forms of technology to communicate with parents and students. Please be reminded that the only way to communicate with students and parents is through District email, and the only site on which homework is to be posted is through District approved websites. If you are interesting in setting up a District approved website, contact Bruce Frank. There is no educationally-sound reason to be using MySpace, Facebook, private emails, or text messaging. Make every effort to keep yourself protected against untoward allegations. Thank you!

Denise Zaske, Director of Personnel

Lions Club – A WARM Thank You!

Struggling students at Renaissance High School received a warm encouragement from the Bremerton Lions Club! After conversations with the staff at Renaissance and with the students, items were identified as the most needed and were purchased by the Lions Club. The students received warm coats and have new backpacks on the way. All together, 23 coats and 40 backpacks were donated to Renaissance!



As if that wasn't enough! An additional 154 coats have been ordered to share with needy students throughout the District! Such generosity warms the heart.

A special thank you to Nora Zollweg and Kim Mayo for taking care of all the details of this project. Let's thank the Lions Club with a quick email of gratitude to the President at miott@ferrellshomehealth.com.

View Ridge Family Reading Night

The AmeriCorps team at View Ridge is hosting a fabulous Family Reading Night on December 15, from 6:00-7:30. Come join us for a fun, ocean-themed evening with food, games, and music! Volunteers welcome! Please contact [Cindy Galyen](#) or 473-4580. Hope to see you there!

Math Connects Implementation

Elementary Teachers - Please contact Laura Bay via email or at 31016 if you have any problems implementing Math Connects or if you find errors that need to be reported to the publisher/vendor.

MVMS Journalism Fundraiser

Hello BSD staff! The Journalism class at MVMS is selling the 2010 Kitsap Card Book! Please support our students by purchasing this great discount book at the low price of \$25! Just email [Lori Irwin](#) at MVMS and she will make arrangements for delivery to your building.



Home Ownership Newsletter

Here is your Home Ownership Program [December Newsletter](#).

Yummy Christmas Presents

It is time to begin thinking of Christmas Gifts. Let us help you out. We currently have a large stock of gifts in a jar all on sale for \$4.00. We have

- chocolate chip cookies
- oatmeal cookies
- ginger bread
- oatmeal chocolate chip bars
- crazy cake
- chili beans
- navy beans
- corn bread
- wild rice and barley

Where else can you get a yummy gift for \$4.00 and support our Bremerton kids.

We also have gift certificates for any amount you would like. **Also let's not forget the casseroles, cheese cakes, and other yummy items that the kids will be making such as peanut brittle and English Toffee.** Thank you for all of your support. Contact [Elizabeth Reese](#) at BHS.

Automatic Payroll Deduction

Staff can now support the Bremerton Schools Foundation through automatic payroll deduction. Complete the [form](#) and return it the Payroll Office. Thanks for your support.

Free Books for Read Across American Day

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, invites your school or other literacy project to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects. Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be received by February 12th, 2010. Please share this information with your fellow educators!

Free Books for Read Across America Day: Order Form at www.lefbooks.org

Apples and Printers Needed

Mr. D (Mac Man of the District) is in need of some quality used printers for his eMac's so students can print off their assignments. Canon's or HP's are good and software drivers is a must along with cables! If you have upgraded your Apple at home and wish to donate your old model Mac to Mr. D, Apple laptops certainly a plus, you may make those donations as well. Call 473 0860 and thank you.

Grand Canyon University

We are pleased to announce that Grand Canyon University has scholarships* available again this year for teachers of the Bremerton School District who may be interested in pursuing an advanced degree in Education online.

Because of the number of requests from teachers in the Bremerton School District about graduate degrees, Title 1 Loan cancellation and scholarship opportunities, we are hosting an **informative meeting in your area on 01/06/10**. [Learn more.](#)

Relay for Life December Basket!



November/December Baskets

"Warm Christmas Basket"



- Snowman Quilt/Shams (Full Size)
- 9x11 glass baking pan with snowflake basket holder
- Cookies and Candies
- 3 candles
- Candle warmer
- Snowman Dessert Plates (4)

"Christmas Game Basket"



- "Christmas Story" Monopoly Board Game
- Game Candy
- Popcorn
- Canasta Card Game
- Dominoes
- Christmas Tin with Butter Cookies
- Seahawk Carry Bag
- Seahawk Tin with Popcorn
- Hersheys Take 5 Mini Candy Bars (BSD Personnel's favorite)
- Make Glazed Nuts in 10 Minutes, A Nut Roaster

\$1.00 per chance per basket

Drawing will be December 17th after 10am; need not be present to win
Please contact Gerrylee or Frances in Personnel.

Non-Traditional Coat Drive

"Get One / Take One"

Have you pulled out your child's winter coat yet? Too small? Why pay retail for something they wear for only a year (or lose immediately)? MVMS PTA will be collecting your coats on **Friday Dec 4 th and Friday Dec 11 th in the AM before school and the PM after school on these two days.** Drop off your kids and drop off your coat! Pick up your kids and drop off a coat!

The first coat exchange will be on Monday December 14 th from 6 PM to 8 PM during our "family night". You do not need to leave a coat to participate.

Need one? Take one!

COAT DROP OFFS:

Volunteers needed at 6 th grade entrance and the

7th / 8th grade entrance.

AM shift is 7:35 AM to 8:05 AM

PM shift is 2:40 PM to 3:20 PM

Email Lynnette at mvms_pta@hotmail.com , or call 206-999-9397 and say "I want to help"!

KCR Reports

Welcome to the December KCR Reports, an electronic report to keep you abreast of the latest happenings at Kitsap Community Resources. In the newsletter, you will find the latest on:

- National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Highlights Ongoing Needs in Kitsap
- "Survive and Thrive" Home Ownership Workshop and Financial Information Fair: Saturday Dec. 5
- Energy Assistance Season Underway and Expected to Serve Over 3,000 Local Residents
- Bake Sale and Bazaar Benefiting KCR this Saturday
- and much more...

[Click Here to View the Newsletter: December KCR Reports](#)

If you would like to receive the Inside KCR newsletter, a quarterly mailed publication, sign up online at www.kcr.org

Call For The Arts for Military Youth

Opportunities for military youth to utilize their artistic talents in The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC's) annual Call FOR THE ARTS.

Artwork in the visual arts is featured at the MCEC's national conference each year. It is utilized in the On The Move magazine, the annual calendar, the conference program, and other MCEC publications.

Writing, including essays, poetry, and short stories, is featured in the national conference program, the On The Move magazine, the annual calendar, and other MCEC publications.

Film is considered for the "Reel Military" Youth Film and Video Festival at the national conference each year.

Please see [entry form](#) for details. All submissions must be **postmarked no later than February 26, 2010.**

Staff To Staff

There are wonderful things going on in our classrooms and offices. Here is a great place to acknowledge your colleagues as well as share ideas, techniques, resources, and experiences.

Let's share the wealth!

Want Ads

WANTED: Looking for a twin bed. Please contact [Peggy Axsom](#) at Armin Jahr.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PARK! Dave Taylor, a new physical therapist with the district, and I need a place to park my vintage 1973 motor home in the Bremerton area. My home is in Kirkland but I work M-Th in the district; I spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Bremerton. I'm a very quiet individual, professional and responsible. The home is self-contained except for power (I use extremely little, one light at a time). I would be happy to watch over vacant property or empty homes on the nights I am here. This request is an appeal for accommodating a colleague in exchange for a presence on your property. I would cover electricity costs and any other costs incurred. Do you have a spot for a motor home? I'd be SO appreciative. Give me a call! Thank you. Dave Taylor 425-894-3340

Gots Good Grammar (or Pronunciation)?

If you would like to make a contribution or suggestion to Gots Good Grammar? (or Pronunciation or Punctuation) send an email to [Patty Heuer](mailto:PattyHeuer@mvms.edu).

We ain't gots no time to do this for December. Gots Good Grammar will come back in January.

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Calendar of Events

- BHS Band & Orchestra Concert, December 8, 7:00 pm at BHS
- MVMS Band Concert, December 9, 7:00 pm at BHS
- Regular School Board Meeting, December 10, 5:00 pm
- MVMS Choir Concert, December 15, 7:00 pm at BHS
- WINTER BREAK December 21 - January 1, 2010!
- Parent/Community Forum w/Superintendent Herndon, January 12 at WH

Happy New Year!

