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“A CHILD EDUCATED ONLY AT SCHOOL IS AN UNEDUCATED CHILD.”

~GEORGE SANTAYANA

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, September 28, 2009.

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Your Staff Memo – Get the Latest Here!

Many items will only be communicated through the Staff Memo. The Staff Memo is now in its third year of providing staff with important information about district procedures and issues, staff awards and accomplishments, want ads, building events and fundraisers. This is also a wonderful place to share all the great things going on in the classroom. **Staff is encouraged to read each Staff Memo as this is the mechanism to share district-wide information.** Submissions for the Staff Memo should be sent to [Pattye Heuer](#).

Health Benefit Open Enrollment Correction

Open Enrollment change forms received between September 17th and October 7th will delay your coverage effective date to November 1, 2009. Open Enrollment forms will not be accepted after October 7, 2009. **The signature date must be no later than September 30, 2009. You have until October 7th to get the forms to Payroll.**

Fees are Waived Just for You

The YMCA would like our employee's to know that the *Enrollment Fees for Bremerton School District Employees are waived*. We pay only the monthly membership dues. They are located at 60 Magnuson Way in East Bremerton. Their phone number is (360) 377-3741 or check out their website is www.kitsapfamilyymca.org.

Address Change

With the completed conversion to WESPAC for the district we have revised our process and form to name, address, and/or telephone number change(s). It is very important that your address and contact information remain current. This can affect the time frame in which you receive your pay warrant, W-2's, items mailed through post office, etc. The current [Address Change form](#) is on our website.

- Please print out the form and complete as necessary any changes that you have and send to Personnel.
- All changes must be in writing.
- For name change only, we are required to have a copy of your new social security card with the name change.
- Changes made through online applications or Sub Online will not make the necessary changes to the district data base.

Thank you for your help with this. If you have any questions please contact Frances Wilson at 31024.

Stages for All Ages

The Admiral Theatre is hosting their [Stages for All Ages School Days Series](#). These presentations are a wonderful opportunity for students in our district.

The Living Voices Series has two presentations this year. Both will take place on Tuesday, April 20th

10:00 am - **Island of Hope** - focuses on a different aspect of the American immigrant experience of the 1900's

12:30 pm - **The New American** - from the turmoil of the old country to the promise of America

Both of these shows are sure to sell out since groups of 10 or more are free (a \$10 processing fee for each order with a group of 10 or more). Reservations may be made AFTER September 15th, but don't delay since there are only a limited number of tickets and they tend to go fast, anyone interested in participating in this will need to order EARLY.

Basketball at Its Best!



The Roaring Lions vs The Harlem Ambassadors

Monday, November 2, 2009

Bremerton High School Gym

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team is a professional organization that tours the United State and military facilities around the world. The team emphasizes good sportsmanship and promotes a message to all kids to stay in school and to stay off drugs. In November the Ambassadors will be challenging our own Roaring Lions including **FLIP HERNDON** and **AARON LEAVELL!**



Order your tickets from Bremerton Central Lions Club through [Denise Zaske](#). Adults are \$10, Students/ Active Military are \$9, Children 4-11 are \$6.

Irish Dance Fundraiser

Car wash coupons are available from BHS teacher [Kristen Morga](#) for \$10.00 for one, \$8.00 each for 2, or \$7.00 each for 3. This car wash fundraiser is a more environmentally friendly approach to traditional car wash fundraising. Each coupon is good for a basic car wash at one of 6 local car washes.



\$1.00 per chance

Drawing will be September 30th after 10am; need not be present to win

Please contact [Gerrylee](#) or [Frances](#) in Personnel.

Vision and Hearing Screening Schedule

We will be conducting the state mandated vision and hearing screenings in schools in September. We start just after the morning announcements and continue until all students are screened or until 3 p.m. which ever comes first. Also, during the course of the vision and hearing screenings, we will also be doing height and weight measurements in an effort to assist us in meeting their physical education grant requirements.

September

Armin Jahr - September 18th

View Ridge - September 25th

October

MVMS-7th - October 1

Kitsap Lake - October 8

Naval Avenue - October 15

West Hills - October 22

November

Crownhill - November 5

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Employee Recognition Program

Help keep the momentum for the [Act of Excellence](#) and [Bright Ideas Cost Savings](#) program going. The first round of selections will be due Friday, November 6, 2009. Forms are available on the website.

School Closures or Delays

Preparing for School Closures or Delays

Beginning at 6:00 am, information about school closures and delays or other emergencies will be available on the PSEC website at www.school.schoolreport.org and the District's News & Information Line at 360.473.1002. Please use these resources to ensure you have the most current information on school closures or delays.

Staff are also asked to review the [Emergency Info](#) on our website under the Our District tab.

In Case of School Closure/Delay on a Wednesday

In the event of school closure on a Wednesday (due to inclement weather), the District will have a late start rather than early release. The end time will be the normal Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday schedule.

YEE HAW!

If you would like an extra Puyallup ticket please EMAIL [Pattye Heuer](#) (no phone calls please). They will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Yee Haw!

Signs of Success from PreK-3

Professionals are talking about Bremerton School District's Early Childhood Programs, including Naval Avenue Early Learning Center PK-3. Read about [Signs of Success](#) and [What Works in Early Childhood Education](#).

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!

They Made Our Buildings Shine!

This year the Custodians took responsibilities for cleaning their own school. The Head Custodians developed a plan of what equipment and materials would be needed. Several schools made extensive teacher moves adding additional work. The budget was limited and we only used a few substitutes when custodians were on vacation. The result was extraordinary! The buildings were polished, cleaned, and ready for school September 2, 2009.

"I want to give all the Bremerton School District Custodial staff a standing ovation for exceeding all expectations this last summer." Don Clawson, Custodial Forman

Here's What People Are Saying . . .

"Carmen and I work in the attendance/health room at MVMS. We were so impressed with how shiny and clean our sick room, office area, and sick room bathroom looked. Great Job!!" Arlene Hollingshad, BHS

*"Last Monday when I returned for the first time since late June, I was shocked and surprised. My room, the band room in the 7/8 building has NEVER been so clean!! In fact, never have *any* of my classrooms been this clean after a summer break! It is immaculate . . . In all my years in Bremerton, I have *NEVER* returned to such a clean, good smelling classroom. So, many thanks to the Clayton Crew for making this employee happy, content, and allergy free due to the great cleaning. Thanks again from a happy and content teacher." Laurie Helm*

"Our custodial/maintenance crews are the best ever! Every school looks just as beautiful. Great leadership & great workers!!! " Denise Zaskie

"How beautiful the building looked when I came to my new school! The custodial stuff really put the "spit shine" on everything. They have also been very helpful in getting me settled in." Lanis Taylor, Kitsap Lake

"What a great job Paulette and Bev did cleaning AJ over the summer! The school looks wonderful. I came back to work and the office area was soooo clean." Dottie Prouse, Armin Jahr

"Thank you Clayton, the building looks great. I mean absolutely fabulous. The team has done an outstanding job. Thanks for all your hard work." Michaeleen Gelhaus, MVMS Principal

"I just wanted everyone to know that the job Matt did has been outstanding. I did tell him but wanted others to know. My hat's off to John for his work on some of the floors." Kenni Tubbs, Renaissance High School

"Was just in the gym and I wanted to let you know how beautiful it is!! Wow! Good job!" Gerrylee Garrett, Admin Bldg

Want Ads

FOR SALE:

2001 Ford Mustang Coupe 2D asking \$5,300





This beautiful car has new brakes and brand new tires. It has been parked for most of the last 2 years while my son was at college. Here are some specs:

- V6 3.8 Liter engine
- 5 speed manual (fun!)
- RWD
- Cruise Control
- A/C
- Power steering, power windows, power door locks
- Dual front air bags
- AM/FM Stereo, Multi-Disc CD Player (with Premium Sound System you will LOVE)
- Power Seats
- ABS (4-wheel)
- Rear spoiler
- 25-30 MPG

I LOVE this car, but just don't need it any more, since I have a new car. I would love to see it go to a good home. You will NOT be disappointed. If you are interested, please contact [Darcy McKnight](#) or call any time after 2 p.m. daily at 253-225-0952.

WANTED:

My name is Shira Lowy and I'm a Speech Therapist at Mountain View Middle School. I am looking for a small house/studio to rent for me and my well mannered dog in Poulsbo or Bainbridge Island. Please let me know if you have one or know of someone who does. Many thanks. I can be reached at 30747 or [email](#) me.

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](#).

WRONG	RIGHT	Explanation
Supposably	Supposedly	For the record, "supposedly" and "supposably" are <i>both</i> words. Yes, "supposably" <i>is</i> a word! However, these words are NOT synonyms! To clear up any confusion that may exist! "Supposedly," when used correctly, should indicate that something is alleged or believed to be. "Supposably" simply means something is capable of being supposed, or maybe more clearly " <i>able</i> to be supposed."
Aks (pronounced "ax")	Ask	While the pronunciation /aks/ for ask is not considered standard, it is a very common regional pronunciation with a long history. The Old English verb <i>áscian</i> underwent a normal linguistic process called metathesis sometime in the 14th century. Metathesis is what occurs when two sounds or syllables switch places in a word. This happens all the time in spoken language (think nuclear pronounced as /nukular/ and asterisk pronounced as /asteriks/).

Calendar of Events

- PTSA Council Meeting, Administration Building, September 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
- Naval Avenue Early Learning Center McTakeOver Fundraiser, Kitsap Way McDonalds, September 16, 2009, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Regular School Board meeting, September 17, 2009, 5:00 pm [READ THE AGENDA](#)
- Mountain View Middle School Walk-a-thon Fundraiser, September 18, 2009
- Mountain View Middle School, NASA Astronaut, September 25, 2009
- Regular School Board meeting at Administration Building, October 1, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
- Kitsap Lake Elementary School, Pizza and Games Family Night, October 2, 2009

Have a great week!

Patty Heuer