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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Please remember to send lunch money with your child if buying lunch

The Cafeteria opens daily for breakfast at 7:30am

Breakfast is \$2 & lunch is \$3

The school is not open before 7:30am

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From the Sherwood Forest PTA

www.sherwoodforestelementary.org

Happy 2011!! We hope you had a fantastic break have had a fantastic start to your new year!!!

It is shaping up to be a very busy year already, so we could really use your help. We have both school events, like family nights and PTA events, such as Focus Day, where we could use some help.

Keep reading through the newsletter to see what's up and coming.

If something interests you and you would like to learn more, please send us an

email at PTASherwoodForest@gmail.com. We need ALL the help we can get.

Help us GROW our PTA Tree – it's easy to help! Just join the PTA and your child will get a leaf added to our tree. If you are a Sherwood Forest Staff member, we will add a bird to the tree. It's a new year and the PTA can still use your help. Your membership is valid through October 2011!!! There is much work to be done.

Thank you for your continued support!

We'd like to thank the following NEW PTA members:

Jennifer Detrick
Jubilee Seth (parent)
Michelle King
Linda Anderson
Audrey Bennett (PTA Council)
Courtney Podolski
Allison Deno



Washington State PTA Happenings

FOCUS Day

Do you feel like you don't have a voice when it comes to your child's education? Are you concerned about budget and program cuts? Then please join us on **Monday, February 21st** on the steps of Capitol Hill in Olympia and help us shape 2011 Legislative priorities. There will be legislators and staff and we will receive updates from key policy makers on key issues. It is also a great time to network with other key PTA advocates. At a time when there are severe budget cuts and we are in an economic crisis and our children's education should not suffer.

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Snack Policy Reminder

Thank you everyone who brought snacks in last month. It was much appreciated.

When putting snacks together, please keep the school snack policy in mind. I am including some reminders.

The school is not allowed to accept home baked goods for snack or classroom celebrations. This does not apply to PTA events.

Choose healthy snacks to send to school as we are trying to limit total fat and reduce added sugars. Some healthy snack ideas are:

Cheese – such as 2% cheddar, Neufchatal, Swiss or string cheese

Multi-grain or whole grain crackers

Sun Chips

Fresh Fruit

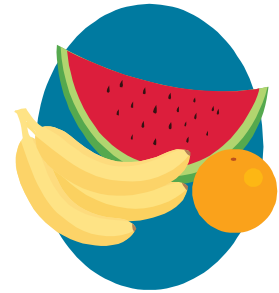
Fresh Vegetables

Pretzels

Bagels and Low fat cream cheese

Light popcorn

Fruit cups or applesauce



Hand-Me-Downs

Ms. Mowat, Teacher-Librarian at Sherwood Forest always welcomes donated board books and cartoon books such as Garfield and the Calvin and Hobbs series.

She does not use her library budget for such purchases, so hand me downs help meet a need for emergent readers.

Thank you for your support!

Snow Days & School Schedule Changes

Don't forget, that due to our TWO Snow Days (so far), two make-up days have been added to the school calendar.

The first date is Friday, March 11th. This was on the calendar as a non-school day.

The second date is Friday, June 17th. This will now be

a full day of school.

If you have children in other schools, please be sure to consult their calendars for changes.

For the latest weather alerts and updates on school closures and/or late starts, subscribe to the Emergency School Closure email.

Visit:

<http://www.bsd405.org/Default.aspx?tabid=107>

You will need to provide your name and email address, as well as choose the schools you would like to receive updates on.

You can also call the BDS New-line at:

425-456-4111

Sherwood Forest Library News

BOOK FAIR BOOST

Record setting sales at the Scholastic Book Fair will benefit the Sherwood Forest Library collection.

With \$5,200 in total sales, Scholastic will return nearly \$1,200. to the Library.

The proceeds will allow Ms. Mowat to add new titles to the library collection.

Thanks to 12 PTA volunteers, the fair was open for eager shoppers throughout the week, including Family Math Night.



Washington State PTA Happenings, continued

Here are the Legislative items that are being looked at:

- * Following up on Education Reform Efforts
- * Math and Science Education
- * Literacy Instruction
- * Teacher Reduction in Force
- * Fund Education First

For more information on these initiatives, visit:

<http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/>

[association position/1011 Legislative Platform.pdf](#)

The more people who attend, the louder our voice can be!

Strategic Planning Process

Throughout the year, a committee made up of Parents, Teachers, Principals, Students, Business, BSD Board members, BSD Staff, Cultural Groups, Ser-

vice Groups, Non-Profits and the City of Bellevue meet to discuss how to provide students with an exemplary college preparatory education so they can succeed in college, career and life.

The purpose is to set up guiding principles, develop long term and short term goals and how to achieve these goals.

See below for a list of dates and locations and please attend at your earliest convenience!

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops - Henry B. Adams

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world— Nelson Mandela

Bellevue School District Strategic Planning Community Engagement Forums

Each event is from 6:30pm—8:30pm

January 26: Highland Middle School

February 3: Sammamish High School

February 9: Newport High School

March 9: Sammamish High School

April 13: Chinook Middle School

May 18: Newport High School

To learn more visit:

<http://bsd405.org/>



Superintendent Coffee Hours

Coffee hours are from 6:30pm—8:00pm

January 26: Highland Middle School (library)

February 3: Sammamish High School (library)

February 9: Newport High School (library)

(Dates coincide with Strategic Plan community forums)





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Important Dates

January

- 17th Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 25th Kindergarten Information Night—6:00pm

February

- 4th PTA Family Movie Night
6:30pm—8:30pm in the Gym
- 8th Math Night
- 11th Principal Coffee 8am
- 15th Sherwood Forest Choir performing at Interlake
Performing Arts Center at 7:00pm

21st FOCUS DAY in Olympia

21st-25th Mid-Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

MARCH PREVIEW—PTA Meeting and Family Beach
Night!!

Stay tuned for more information!

Email the Paw Print at
pawprintnews@live.com

Community News

Extracurricular Programs--Now Offered At Kelsey Creek Farm!

Beginning in February 2011 afternoon enrichment classes will be offered at Kelsey Creek Farm for ages 3-8 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our classes change regularly but include Kids Cooking, Mandarin Chinese, Art, Drama, and Creative Music throughout the school year. Classes may be taken separately or in combination with our before/after activities that include interaction with the farm animals.

Our registration form and brochure can be found at:

http://kidmagicpreschool.com/extracurricular_programs.htm

Come join us on the farm!

