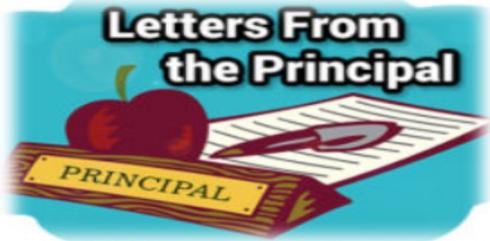


March and April BFPP Family Newsletter

March 22, 2019



Hello BFPP Families,

I hope you are getting out and enjoying the sun. It has been fun watching so many families on the playground, playing, sharing meals and chatting. This week an issue was brought to a bit of a pinnacle, dogs on campus. The official school district policy requires that there are no dogs on campus during school hours unless they are registered therapy or service animals.

I had the privilege of having Wista in my life for nine years. She was a career change German Shepherd raised to be a guide dog, but who didn't pass the final exam. Fortunately, that meant my family was able to adopt her. We then went through the process to become registered Pet Partners. She came to school with me once a week, read with students and was a welcome honorary staff member. She also spent a year reading at the Marysville Public Library. We sadly had to put Wista down last June. I miss her every day and have been a bit too lenient about allowing visiting dogs. I absolutely believe in the power of animal therapy and connection, but the district rules are clear and I take on the personal liability when allowing dogs on campus who are not registered.

Therefore, it is time for me to reinforce the rules. I can't allow some dogs and not others. Moving forward, only registered therapy or service dogs will be allowed on campus. There may be special times for dogs in training but that must be arranged and allow for proper notification to families. Animals on campus for special events or show and tell times are still okay. We need to notify families when animals will be visiting a specific classroom.

Thank you for your understanding and help in making this work. Please know that dogs are welcome to walk the perimeter (outside the fence) and I'd walk out to say hello to each of them!

With a heavy heart, k

Upcoming Dates

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April 1-5 th	Spring Break
April 10 th	Tea with Kate at 11:00
April 17 th	2:30pm Family Movie
April 18 th	Fire Drill at 1:20pm



What's going on at BFPP?



Garage and Bake Sale for Children's Co-op!

The Co-op is having a garage sale in the Larrabee School Gym April 12th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Early Bird entry is available at 8:00am with a \$5.00 fee.

Clothing, baby items, and home décor are some of the things featured at the sale. There will also be a yummy bake sale! Donations are welcomed and accepted Thursday April 11th from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the gym.

Library Corner

Here is the latest login for My Capstone Library!

Username: capstonespring

Pw: lovetoread

Enjoy! :) Julie



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Math Club!

The BFPP math club continues to meet Thursdays at BFPP at 11am for elementary and 1:30pm for middle school. On February 9th the middle school team, Genevieve Blum, Ethan Kuzin, Ruth Thomas, and Daniel Venable with Zander Tran as alternate, traveled to Everett for the regional MATHCOUNTS competition. They finished first as a team, Ethan placed second individually, Daniel third, and Genevieve fifth.

On February 23rd a 4th, 5th, and 7th grade team participated in the Whatcom County Math Championship. The 4th grade team placed first, the 5th grade team placed 6th, and the 7th grade team also placed first. Individual winners included Caleb Venable (4th grade, 2nd), Ethan Kuzin (7th grade, 4th), Aubrielle Blum (4th grade, 5th), and Zander Tran (5th grade, 9th).

And this just in.....the 7th grade team placed 9th at the state competition! Well done mathematicians!