



# **Blazing Trails Newsletter**

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**Dates to Remember:**  
12/6 & 12/13- 75 minute early dismissal  
12/15- 1 hour early dismissal  
12/18-12/21- Winter Break, All day  
BT  
12/22-1/1- Winter Break, BT Closed

**December Birthdays-**

2<sup>nd</sup>. Quinn O.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Silas M.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Nina A.M.

## **Things to Keep in Mind**

### **Severe Weather Policy**

Since it's getting rather chilly outside, it's a good time to remind (or inform) everyone about Blazing Trails' policy around snow and other weather closures.

In the event of a school closure or delay due to snow, ice or power loss, Seattle Public Schools will inform families of their decision via automated phone call. Blazing Trails will follow the District's decision. If schools are closed due to severe weather, B.T. will close as well. Should schools open 2 hours late, Blazing Trails will open at 8:30 am instead of 6:30 am.

If your child buses to/from another school, please inform us of where your child's snow route is. Based on our location, some snow routes may be inaccessible. We will not risk the safety of our staff and students by driving on hazardous roads. If their snow route does not include our site, your child will not be able to attend Blazing Trails for the duration of snow delays.

If you have any further questions about this policy, feel free to speak to any of our office staff members.

### **Coats and Appropriate Clothing**

When Seattle decides to give us dryish days, we take all of the kids outside for recess, regardless of the temperature.

*4<sup>th</sup>. Darla K.*  
*7<sup>th</sup>. Ginger K.*  
*8<sup>th</sup>. Sofie P.*  
*10<sup>th</sup>. Esther W.*  
*10<sup>th</sup>. Lachlan O.*  
*12<sup>th</sup>. Helena T.*  
*12<sup>th</sup>. Ryan L.*  
*13<sup>th</sup>. Irene Y.*  
*14<sup>th</sup>. Sirena B.*  
*15<sup>th</sup>. Miles J.*  
*16<sup>th</sup>. Nathan B.*  
*17<sup>th</sup>. Lucas L.G.*  
*21<sup>st</sup>. Ronan C.*  
*24<sup>th</sup>. Elijah M.*  
*30<sup>th</sup>. Caleb L.*

Please make sure that your child comes to school with either a coat or warm jacket to help ward off the cold. It's also a good idea to equip them with hats, socks, scarves and gloves. Writing your child's name in and on their gear will help get them returned should they be left outside or elsewhere in the building.

## Tax Write Offs

Thinking of donating to a charity this year? Blazing Trails is a great option! We are a non-profit organization and all donations directly benefit our program and students.

Any donations to our program help fund scholarships, buy project supplies and enable us to provide help and services for needy families.

If you or your place of business is looking to donate for a tax write off at the end of the year, please think of us.

Beginning in January, Jennifer will provide a sign up for yearend child care totals. If you need a copy for your taxes, please make sure to add your name to the signup sheet.

## Late Payment Fees

Blazing Trails invoices families on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Payment is due on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but we allow 15 days from the invoice date before assessing any late fees.

We understand that sometimes there are various circumstances that may result in a late tuition payment. If you know in advance that you won't be able to make your payment on time, please talk to Jennifer, Rita or Mckinsey about your options.

We will do whatever we can to make sure that an arrangement can be made to fit both Blazing Trails and its families.

# Winter Break

Blazing Trails will be open 4 days out of Winter Break- Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>- Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be open from 6:30-6:00. If you need any or all 4 of these days, please talk to one of our office staff about availability. We staff these days according to how many children are signed up on any given day. If you do not sign up, we may not be able to accomidate a drop in for these days.

## Dates to Remember

### **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> - 1 hour early dismissal**

Seattle Public Schools will dismiss 1 hour early for Winter Break. Blazing Trails will be open directly after school.

### **Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> - Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> - Winter Break**

Seattle Public Schools will be closed for Winter Break. Blazing Trails will be closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Winter Break (December 22<sup>nd</sup>- January 1<sup>st</sup>).

### **Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> - All Day B.T.**

Blazing Trails will be open all day these 4 days. If you are signed up for these days, please make sure your child/ren brings a lunch.

### **Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> - BT Closed**