



Blazing Trails Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:
4th, 11th and 18th- 75 minute early release
13th- Craft fair
20th- 1 hr early release
23rd-27th- BT CLOSED
31st & 1/1- BT CLOSED
30th, 1/2, 1/3- All day BT

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.

December Birthdays-

2nd- Quinn O.

3rd- Nina A.M.

4th- Darla K.

6th- Willow L.

7th- Ginger K.

7th- Otis T.

8th- Sofie P.

12th- Wren T.

12th- Ryan L.

12th- Lachlan O.

12th- Maya H.

13th- Irene Y.

15th- Miles J.

16th- Nathan B.

17th- Lucas L.G.

21st- Ronan C.

21st- Cody C.

30th- Caleb L.

31st- Hunter H.

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a coat, warm jacket or a sweatshirt (children **MAY NOT** be allowed to go outside without something to keep them warm!).

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.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing something, please peruse our display rack by the BT entrance. Anything not claimed by Friday December 13th may be donated.

You may also check Pathfinder's lost and found, located in the lunchroom.

Tax Deductions

Beginning in January, Jennifer or I 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.

TOTALS WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY EMAILED OR SNAIL MAILED.

Also, if you or your place of business is looking to donate for a tax deduction for the end of the year, please think of us.

Fundraising and Donations

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, students and families.

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

for families.

Blazing Trails currently has 1 fundraising and 1 donation drive going on this month. As you may have seen, Rita and some of the kids have been hard at work making animal money jars. These will be on sale during the Pathfinder craft fair and outside our office until the new year.

Our "Coraline" mice will also be available again! All mice sold this month will directly benefit the BT Lynx summer program by funding project supplies and field trip costs.

Christy has also organized a sock drive for the homeless. We are asking that families donate new socks that will be dropped off at local shelters for those in need.

Family Communication Log

On our family information table, there is a log book for parents and guardians to communicate quickly about absences or alternate pickups. Please remember that this is something that our staff refers to throughout the day and is taken as a parent to BT communication.

Children **should not** be writing/scribbling in this log book- any changes to schedule or pick up must be communicated to us through a parent or guardian. This applies to the sign in/out book as well. **Children are not allowed to sign themselves in or out of Blazing Trails.**

Winter Break

Blazing Trails will be open 3 days out of Winter Break- Monday December 30th, Thursday January 2nd and Friday January 3rd. We will be open from 6:30-6:00. If you need any or all 3 of these days, please email our office about availability (blazingtrails@blazingtrails.org). 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 accommodate drop ins.

Dates to Remember

Friday December 13th - Pathfinder Craft Fair

For several years now, Pathfinder has hosted a children's craft fair. Children are encouraged to make an array of items to be sold during the school day and, should they choose, at an evening event. Students, staff and other members of the Pathfinder community come together to sell and buy various homemade crafts. ***Adult's are more than welcome to volunteer***

Pathfinder and community adults are also welcome to participate in the evening event (handmade items only).

Although the participants of the craft fair are Pathfinder students, everyone is welcome to come and shop at the evening event.

If you have a child or children participating in the craft fair this year, they are more than welcome to bring their materials to Blazing Trails and work on their craft while in our care. **Any items made from Blazing Trails' materials may not be sold at the craft fair.**

Friday December 20th - 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 23rd - Friday December 27th - Winter Break

Seattle Public Schools will be closed for Winter Break. Blazing Trails will be closed the 1st week of Winter Break (December 23rd - 27th).

Tuesday December 31st & Wednesday January 1st - BT Closed

Monday December 30th, Thursday January 2nd & Friday January 3rd - All Day B.T.

Blazing Trails will be open all day these 3 days. If you are signed up for these days, please make sure your child/ren brings a lunch.

