



# Blazing Trails Newsletter

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**Dates to Remember:**  
2/19- Closed, President's Day  
2/20-2/23- Mid-Winter Break,  
Open All Day  
2/7, 2/14 & 2/28- 75 Minute Early  
Release  
2/28- BT Council Meeting  
4/2- Summer and Fall  
Registration Begins

## **A Few Reminders**

### **Communicating Absences and Schedule Changes**

Blazing Trails strives to be a place where parents and families feel free to talk to our staff. Although we enjoy communicating with parents on a regular basis, talking specifically to a teacher about absences or schedule changes doesn't guarantee that the information will reach our office staff. To ensure the information gets to the correct place, please send an email to [blazingtrails@blazingtrails.org](mailto:blazingtrails@blazingtrails.org) or call us at 206-937-5160. This will also save you a \$5 kid search fee. =)

We also ask that you communicate all absences ***before*** 2:30 p.m. We check emails and phone messages throughout the day, but this is the time our staff comes in to start their afternoon. We also have children arriving from other schools at this time, requiring additional staff to be on with kids at 2:35. Any email or written notice may not be seen since we are prepping for the bulk of our kids.

If you end up picking your child up right after school, please pop your head in and ***make sure that you are acknowledged by a staff member.*** Written absences after 3:25 won't be read because we are on with kids and in full swing.



### **Blazing Trails Council**

Blazing Trails Childcare is a non-profit organization with a governing council comprised of BT staff, parents and community members. This council is responsible for setting

## **Birthdays:**

3<sup>rd</sup>- Zoe P.  
9<sup>th</sup>- Olivia B.  
9<sup>th</sup>- Asher C.  
9<sup>th</sup>- Alex L.  
12<sup>th</sup>- Jesse R.  
13<sup>th</sup>- Dylan I.  
13<sup>th</sup>- Hattie E.  
15<sup>th</sup>- Gideon H.  
15<sup>th</sup>- Will M.  
18<sup>th</sup>- Hale S.  
19<sup>th</sup>- Cadence A.  
20<sup>th</sup>- Nobu A.  
23<sup>rd</sup>- Isaac L.  
24<sup>th</sup>- Lathan J.

and maintaining our policies as well as weighing in on important decisions, such as policy revisions and fundraising ideas.

We are actively seeking parents to serve on the council this school year. Our council could meet once a month (or quarterly) as needed to discuss changes or issues that could affect our program. If you are interested in attending a meeting or being a member, feel free to get more information from our Director (Rita), Assistant Director (Jennifer) or our Head Teacher (Dena).

Our first meeting of the new year is scheduled for Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will meet in the Blazing Trails Den (main classroom). If you would like more information, please call our office.



## **After School Activities**

If your child has an after school activity, please remind them that they need to check in with Blazing Trails before and after their class. If a student does not check in with us, we have to send a staff member to look for them to ensure that they are where they are supposed to be. This takes a staff member out of our general mix, which affects many aspects of our afternoon, such as recess, other kid searches and taking care of injured or sick children. Thank you in advance for reminding your child to check in with us!



## **Summer Sign Up Is On The Way!**

The staff at Blazing Trails is beginning to plan our summer program. We will be open for 9 weeks (June 25<sup>th</sup>-August 24<sup>th</sup>).

Summer and Fall registration will begin Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Current enrollment DOES NOT guarantee you a place in either program.



## Dates to Remember

**Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>- Closed, President's Day**  
Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed.

**Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>-Mid Winter Break**

Seattle Public Schools will close for Mid Winter Break. Blazing Trails will be open all day from 6:30-6. These days are not automatically billed. If you need care this week, please call or email our office about availability. We staff according to our numbers, so if you don't sign up and end up needing care, we may not be able to accommodate drop ins.

**Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>- BT Council Meeting, BT Den, 6:30**

**Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Pathfinder Auction, the Hall at Fautleroy, 5pm**

This annual auction is Pathfinder's biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets are on sale now in the Pathfinder office. As a special treat, this will be the first year that the majority of our staff will be in attendance!

**Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Summer and Fall Registration Begins**  
Registration for our 2018 summer and 2018-19 school year programs will begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We operate on a first come, first served basis. Current enrollment does not guarantee you a spot in either program.



**A link from our office about recent product recalls:**  
[https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51121/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email\\_blast\\_KEY=1370328](https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51121/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1370328)

