



Blazing Trails Newsletter

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Dates to Remember-

Monday January 16th - Closed, MLK Day

Wednesday February 1st- Day
Between Semesters

Monday April 3rd- Summer and Fall
Registration Begins

Birthdays-

Welcome to the New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break. We look forward to hearing about how everyone spent their time and the fun things you got to do.

"All Day Care" Protocol

Coming off the heels of our "All Day Care" at Blazing Trails, we decided that it would be a good time to remind everyone how these days work.

We do our best to make sure that we communicate with our families about care for school breaks; email, the newsletter, our Facebook page, signs/posters, etc. For all school breaks (Conference Week, Winter, Mid Winter and Spring), Blazing Trails will provide a sign up sheet. This sheet is located to the right of the Parent Files on the Family Information table. This sheet allows you to sign up for the day or days you will need for that particular break.

If you sign up for any days during a break, **you will be billed for those days.** We staff according to how many children have signed up for any given day. If you haven't signed up and try to drop in, be aware that we may not be able to accommodate due to staffing challenges.

Mid Winter Break

Sign up for Mid Winter break (Tuesday February 21- Friday February 24) is now available. Any day(s) you sign up for will be on your February invoice.

4th- Theo A.
17th- Ben B.M.
19th- Levon R.
20th- Jack F.
21st- Max B.
23rd- Lucy W.
25th- Tyler K.
29th- Oliver B.
30th- Freddie B.

Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to the following families for their generous and special holiday gifts and cards to Blazing Trails:

- Ruby Grieshaber and Amy Kuhn
- Darla, Ginger, Melanie and Jamie Kelly
- Miles and Kevin Isaminger and Jenny Verador
- Adyson, Miranda, Suzanne and Travis Allbee
- Ariana and Robert Trevino and Barbara Salinas
- Cadence, Sigrid and Mike Brunet
- Nathan Blake and Rebecca Parker
- Freddie, Stephanie and Royce Bixby
- Bear, Sylvie, Whitney and Rob Law
- Mateo, Deborah and Walter Sepulveda
- Sofie, Mary and David Pytel
- Caleb and Julia Landa

And thank you to all of those who sent well wishes our way this holiday season.

Sick Child Policy and Protocol

With so many kids experiencing illness's in one way or another, this is a good time to refresh everyone's memory on our policy surrounding sick kids.

Should a child become ill at Blazing Trails, our office staff will notify that child's parents. Once a phone call is made, we require that arrangements be made to pick the child within 45 minutes.

Blazing Trails follows the state of Washington guidelines regarding sick children. Students must be symptom free for 24 hours before they are allowed back to school/Blazing Trails.

If your child is sick and has a diagnosis, please let our office know. Those with limited or no immunizations will be informed of illness's that could prove harmful to their child.

For more in depth explanations regarding this policy, you may refer to your Family Handbook (policy 720 and 721).

Information Updates

If you have had any changes in your information/schedule since September, such as a change of address, work numbers, home numbers, cell numbers, parent percentages, emergency contacts or email addresses, please remember to update your information with Blazing Trails. It is important that we have current numbers so that we can better communicate with our families.

Year End Tax Totals

If you need a copy of your yearend childcare totals, there will be a sign up next to the Family Information table. We will be sending these out by the end of each week **for families that request them.**

A Message From the Pathfinder PTA

Pathfinder Auction 2017

Save the Date – Saturday March 25th

Planning for our auction has already started, so mark your calendars for the big day—Saturday, March 25th at 5PM at the Hall at Fautleroy—and come “Be a Rock Star” this year.

Our annual auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the PTSA to fund important programs such as Earth Project, After School Classes, Scholarships, Field Trips, Outdoor Education, Support Staff and more. The auction is also a terrific way to be involved and a great community-building event.

Come get involved

We are always looking for more auction roadies to join our crew. There are plenty of ways to help, big and small—volunteer your time, donate an item, buy a Group Event or come to the auction.

For more information

- Check out the Auction page on the PTSA website at pathfinderk8ptsa.org/auction
- Come to the next Auction meeting on Thursday, January 5th in

the Pathfinder Library from 7-9PM.

- Email us at pathfinderauction2017@gmail.com

Group Events—Sign ups start Tuesday, January 10th

Be first in line for some of the best gigs in town. Group Event sign ups start at the General PTSA meeting on Tuesday, January 10th.

Information will go home the week before via kidmail and posted on the PTSA website at pathfinderk8ptsa.org/auction. Get more details in the Group Events article below.

What's a group event?

Group events are activities organized by Pathfinder staff, teachers, and families to get together, have fun and raise money for Pathfinder! Think of them as 'buy-in parties.'

How does it work?

Find an activity you or your child are interested and then buy a spot! Events typically range from \$20-40 per space and are usually scheduled on weekends.

What kinds of activities might be offered?

Our list is still growing, but so far we are excited to offer:

- Sleepover with David and Lisa
- Sky Hall Parents' Night Out
- Capture the Flag with the Water Hall
- Pizza and Games with the Earth Hall
- Disney Sing-Along with Victoria
- Library PJ Party
- Gym Extravaganza with Leanna
- Middle School Beach Bonfire
- Tour of the World's Best Whiskeys
- Wine Tasting Evening with the Expert
- Guys' Hacker Golf Tournament
- Thrift Shopping and Wine
- Book Lovers Gone wild
- Al Fresco Dinner Party
- Sunset Photography Lesson
- Bowls, Beers and Barbeque
- Not-So Stinky Kimchi Making

As you can see, there is something for everyone—sports, crafts, games, and socializing for kids and adults. The complete list of events and all the details will be revealed in January, so watch your kids' backpacks for kidmail the week of January 3rd.

To host a new event, or for more information, contact:

- Jodi Connolly—jodimckconnolly@gmail.com
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Dates to Remember

Monday January 16th - Closed, MLK Day

Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Wednesday February 1st - Day Between Semesters-

Seattle Public Schools will be closed. Blazing Trails will be open all day from 6:30-6:00. If your child is normally scheduled on a Wednesday, morning or afternoon, you have a reserved spot on this day. If you don't need care, please let us know as soon as possible.

Due to our numbers, drop in space may not be available.

Monday April 3rd - Summer and Fall Registration Begins

Registration for our 2017 summer program and 2017-18 school year program will begin on April 3rd. We operate on a first come, first served basis. **Current enrollment does not guarantee you a spot in either program.**