



# ***Blazing Trails Newsletter***

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## ***Dates to Remember-***

***1/8, 1/15, 1/22- 75 minute early  
release***

***1/20- MLK Day, BT closed***

***1/29- Day between semesters, all  
day BT***

***2/17- President's day, BT Closed***

## **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.

## **Severe Weather Policy**

Just a quick reminder since there's been snow rumors:

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.

## **"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.

2/18-2/21- Mid Winter Break

4/1- Summer and Fall registration begins

### Birthdays-

4<sup>th</sup>- Theo A.

9<sup>th</sup>- James B.

12<sup>th</sup>- Theo C.

19<sup>th</sup>- Levon R.

20<sup>th</sup>- Jack F.

20<sup>th</sup>- Paloma S.V.

23<sup>rd</sup>- Lucy W.

27<sup>th</sup>- Cicely N.

29<sup>th</sup>- Oliver B.

29<sup>th</sup>- Corwin T.H.

We do our best to make sure that we communicate with our families about care for school breaks; 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. We recommend signing up for any and all days you think you may need.

If you sign up for any days during a break, **you will be billed for them** (you have until the Monday **BEFORE** each break to cancel/add days and have it be reflected on your bill). 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 18<sup>th</sup>- Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>) will be available by January 13<sup>th</sup>. Any day(s) you sign up for will be on your February invoice.

**\*You will have until Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> to add or drop days\***

## Thank You!

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

- Darla, Ginger, Melanie and Jamie Kelly
- Evetta Harris and Alina Polishchuck
- Sofie, Henry, Mary and David Pytel
- Ayan, Nisha and Andri Kofmehl and Veena Prasad
- Hattie and Emily Emerson and Andy Darring
- Delaney, Declan, Jen and Ben Driscoll
- Brynn, Sylvie, Lori and Geoff Patrick
- Nathan Blake and Rebecca Parker

And thank you to all of those who sent well wishes our way this holiday season. (I apologize if I've left anyone out!)

## Information Updates

If you have had any changes in your information/schedule since September, such as addresses, 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 contact information so that we can better communicate with our families.

## Year End Totals

If you need a copy of your yearend childcare totals, there is 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.

## Dates to Remember

### **Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> - Closed, MLK Day**

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

### **Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> - 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 February 17<sup>th</sup> - Closed, President's Day**

Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed.

### **Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>, Mid-Winter Break, All Day BT**

Blazing Trails will be open all day. If you need care for any of these days, make sure to sign up. Drop in space may not be available depending on attendance and staffing.

### **Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> - Summer and Fall Registration Begins**

Registration for our 2020 summer program and 2020-21 school year program will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We operate on a first come, first served basis. **Current enrollment does not guarantee you a spot in either program.**