



Blazing Trails Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:
22nd - 2 hr Early Dismissal
4/3- Summer and Fall Registration
Begins
4/10-4/14 - Spring Break

Birthdays:
17th - Vinh L.T.
18th - Dante B.
24th - Cooper B.
25th - Grant P.
25th - Owen B.
27th - Spencer B.
31st - Grace C.

Summer and Fall Registration

Registration for our summer and fall programs will begin on **Monday April 3rd**. In order to register for either program, you will need to fill out and return a completed registration form along with nonrefundable registration fees. Summer and Fall each have their own registration form, so turning in one will not give you a space for the other. In the past, we have had many questions about the registration process and the registration fees. Here are some things to help you during this process:

- Summer and Fall each have a different registration form and fee
- Registration fees help pay for supplies, field trip t shirts and staffing to enter all the paperwork that comes in
- **Current enrollment DOES NOT guarantee you a place in either program**
- You're not registered until we have your form, fee and you have received an email confirmation
- Spaces are given on a first come, first served basis
- **Current enrollment DOES NOT excuse you from paying a registration fee**
- All registration forms must be signed before we can give you a spot

If you have any questions about registration for either program, please feel free to ask any of our office staff members.

Important Changes to Our Summer

As many of you will remember, our staff attended the annual Bridge Conference back in October. This conference was unique for us in that it Schools Out Washington collaborated with the National Summer

Learning Association to really focus on the issues surrounding summer learning loss. Many of us came back with new ideas for how we could be more intentional in regards to our summer planning. As a result of our new found enthusiasm, we have decided to make some changes to our summer schedule.

This summer, our teachers will have a dedicated enrichment time built into the schedule. In the past our staff has planned one week of projects or activities that are designed for each age group and was offered at 3 separate times (each age group had a designated time block). Now multiple teachers will offer an enrichment activity for up to 2 weeks at a time, during one 2 hour time block. With this new system in place, registration and the daily schedule will look a bit different:

- **Each age group will have a separate registration form showing the available enrichment activities**
- **Children will be expected to participate in the same activity for the duration of the enrichment, i.e. they may not switch places in the middle of the week**
- **Enrichment activities will begin at 10:30, so please make sure that your child is here before that time- late arrivals may miss important information regarding their chosen activities**

If you have any question regarding any of these changes or would like more in-depth information, please feel free talk to any of our staff.

Pathfinder Auction

Pathfinder's annual auction is just around the corner! For the past few months, Rita and some of the kids have been hard at work making Blazing Trails' contribution to the schools' kid art. Using pot holder looms (it has 100 squares!), they were able to create a blue and green "spirit" rug.

For the first time, a Blazing Trails item will be featured in Pathfinder's live auction. The auction will be held Saturday March 25th. For more information on purchasing tickets please contact the Pathfinder office.

Family Files

On the Family Information Table, each family has a B.T. Family File. This is another way for our staff to communicate with our families.

Please remember to periodically check your family file for any information. We may also write "Check File" next to your child's name on the sign out sheet.

Examples of what could be in your file are:

- Ouch reports
- Payment receipts
- Information from your child's classroom
- Paperwork updates

Last Day of School Update

If you haven't already been informed, here's the skinny on the changes for the end of the year.

Since we had a snow day in early February (of course it was after the built in makeup day), this day will be added to the end of the year. School will now get out Monday June 26th.

Since we had originally planned for this to be our first day of summer, this poses a problem for us. In order for us to begin our summer on June 27th our staff needs time to set up the rooms we will be using. So, Blazing Trails **will not** be open to students on Monday June 26th. We will have staff onsite cleaning and entering paperwork if you have need to get a hold of us, but we will not be having kids in our care. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday March 22nd - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

School will be dismissed at 1:15. If your child doesn't normally attend BT on Wednesday afternoons, please call our office about drop in availability.

Monday April 3rd - Summer and Fall Registration Begins

Registration forms will be available online and in house.

Monday April 10th - Friday April 14th - Spring Break

Seattle Public Schools will be closed for Spring Break. Blazing Trails will be open all day from 6:30-6:00.

Sign up for this week will be available mid March. Please remember that we staff according to our numbers. If you don't sign up and end up needing care for that week, we may not be able to accommodate drop ins.