



Blazing Trails Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

November 11th- BT Closed

November 16th- 2 Hr Early Release

**November 21st-23rd- School Closed,
BT Open**

**November 24th and 25th- School and
BT Closed**

December 2nd- Pathfinder Craft Fair

November Birthdays

Welcome to November everyone! For those of you who celebrated, we hope you had a fun, safe Halloween and we look forward to what the rest of the year will bring.

As the nights start to get darker earlier, there may be times when the street lights outside of the school won't be on. If you have a flashlight in your car or on your key ring, we recommend that you use it to help illuminate your path. =)

Meet Our New Council Member, Ellaina!

This year, we have a couple of new BT council members, Ellaina Lewis and Susie Kennelly. We asked them to create a short bio for you all to get to know them a bit. Here's a quick paragraph to help you get to know Ellaina:

I'm elated to be joining the BT Council this year. My son, Isaac, has been a student at BT for the past five years and I know and truly appreciate the excellent support and care that he has received from the team at BT. I am eager to support the staff through my new council duties and am open to questions or concerns from families that may come up throughout the year.

Conference Days

For those that may not have had these days on their radar, Seattle elementary schools will close for 3 days (November 21st-23rd) for parent-teacher conferences. Blazing Trails will be open from 6:30-6:00 these 3 days. If you haven't already signed up and need care for those days, there are still spaces available. Call

4th - Diego S.

8th - Greta C.

10th - Lily R.

13th - Finnegan H.

14th - D.J. B.

14th - Canyon M.

25th - Lilliana A.C.

or come in to let us know either way. Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We staff according to enrollment, so if you don't sign your child up and end up needing care, we may not be able to guarantee drop in space if we've staffed for a certain number of kids.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing something, please peruse our display rack by the BT entrance. Anything not claimed by Friday December 2nd may be donated.

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

Winter Break

Blazing Trails will be open for 4 days during Winter Break in December: Monday December 19th- Thursday December 22nd. Sign up for these days will be posted by the Family Information table by November 17th.

Pinecones

Christy is going to be doing a project involving pinecones. If you happen to collect some, she would appreciate your donation

After School Activities

If your child has an after school activity, please remind them that they need to check in with Blazing Trails **before** (so that we know they are not absent, sick or picked up from school) 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!

Dates to Remember

Friday November 11th- Closed for Veteran's Day

Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Wednesday November 16th- 2 Hour Early Dismissal

School will dismiss 2 hours early this day. Blazing Trails will also open 2 hours early in the afternoon. If your child is already scheduled to attend on Wednesday afternoons, you already have a spot reserved. If your child doesn't normally attend Blazing Trails on Wednesdays and you need care, please call or email about availability; we cannot guarantee that there will be drop in space.

Wednesday November 16th- BT Council Meeting @ 6:15

If there is something you would like the council to address, feel free to email any of its members (listed on the left hand side).

Monday November 21st-Wednesday November 23rd- Conference Week

Elementary schools will be closed for conferences. Blazing Trails will be open all day from 6:30 to 6:00 these 3 days. **If your child is coming to us these days they must have a lunch!!!**

Thursday November 24th and Friday November 26th- Thanksgiving Holiday

Seattle Public Schools and Blazing Trails will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Upcoming Events

Pathfinder's Annual Craft Fair- Friday December 2nd

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.

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.**