



## PTA Presidents' Message By Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez



Amy Perez & Brooke Doyle

Welcome to a new school year!

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has produced this summer newsletter to answer some questions about the beginning of school year and to let you know about upcoming events.

### First Day

The first day of school is an exciting, and sometimes overwhelming, experience for all families, especially to those who are new to Bagley. Please do not hesitate to ask for help and information.

Check out the kindergarten blog, and please join us at our First Day Welcome Coffee described below.

### Get Involved

Bagley is an amazing community. One thing that makes this community so incredible is all of the participation from our Bagley families.

Please plan to take part in the Bagley community this year, whether it is in a big way or a small way, whether it is at one event or many times throughout the year. When you participate, the whole community benefits, especially the students. That is something we can all get excited about.

### Thank You!

Many thanks to past Co-Presidents Kari Coglon Cantey and Alison Rice, as well as outgoing Co-Treasurer Michiko Kono. We are grateful for their talented leadership and for their efforts on behalf of our school. This year's PTA board includes new and returning members with nine Bagley Bees among us.

As Co-Presidents, we are thrilled to work with a fantastic team: Sharie Hyder, Vice President; Jen St. Cyr, Secretary; Laura Tiberio and Kevin Hayes, Co-Treasurers. In addition, over 60 volunteers have taken on PTA leadership roles as co-chairs and coordinators. These volunteers make events happen and ensure money is raised to fund a wide variety of programs and services that enhance the Bagley experience. When you hear these volunteers call for participation, we hope you will join in. We welcome your unique contribution to this wonderful community.

### Questions?

Feel free to e-mail either of us if you have any questions about fundraising, community events, or other PTA activities (Amy Perez at [amecklen@gmail.com](mailto:amecklen@gmail.com) or Brooke Doyle at [brookedoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedoyle@yahoo.com)).

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## Welcome Coffee

All parents are invited to join the principal and PTA for a welcome coffee in the lunchroom after school begins at 9:30 a.m. At this event you will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities with the PTA, or to support your school by buying a scrip card or a Bagley T-shirt. The Flag Ceremony is an all-school event and parents are welcome to attend.

The ceremony begins at approximately 10:00 a.m.



**Join the VList:**

The V-List is a community forum for Daniel Bagley parents that is sponsored by the PTA. It's an easy way to stay connected and keep informed of what's happening in and around Daniel Bagley. Join by visiting [www.danielbagley.com/happening\\_vlist.htm](http://www.danielbagley.com/happening_vlist.htm).

**Visit the Kindergarten Blog:**

Check out our blog: [www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com](http://www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com).

While its aim is new families entering their children in kindergarten, it has a lot of good information for all new families.

**Check the calendar:**

[http://www.danielbagley.com/happening\\_calendar.htm](http://www.danielbagley.com/happening_calendar.htm)

## Start of Year Student Events

### New Student Play Date:

August 29  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Bagley Playground

New students and their families are encouraged to come to this causal play date at the Daniel Bagley playground. Meet our principal, Ms. Ayer, PTA representatives and other Bagley Bees!

### New Student Orientation

September 3  
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.  
The entire Bagley campus

New students are invited to meet their teachers, tour the school, and find their classrooms.

This is a great way to orient new students before the first day of school.

### Apple Social

September 14  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Bagley campus

Fun activities for everyone, including live music, "Chef in the Garden", Apple Social, and Sidewalk chalk art!

Bring the whole family.  
See details below.

## Apple Social Welcome Back to School!

Please come celebrate the new school year, enjoy our beautiful garden and playground, and spend some quality time mingling with other Daniel Bagley students and families!

**Live Music!** We are very excited to announce that local band *Pineola* featuring Bagley parents Leslie Braly, John Owen and Josh Woods will perform again this year!

**"Chef in the Garden" kids' cooking demonstrations** at the picnic tables in the garden! Our friends at Tom Douglas Restaurants will be bringing some fresh produce harvested from their own Prosser Farm. Along with the cooking demonstrations, the chef will be handing out yummy tastes and easy kid-friendly recipes to take home.

**Admire the bounty of the school garden**, and sample this year's cherry tomato crop! Talk to a Garden Committee member to learn more about how the garden's crops are donated to the Greenwood Food Bank over the summer and during the school year. Sign up to be a classroom garden liaison or to help with food bank harvests.

**Apple Social!** Delicious "new crop" Washington apples for everyone!

**Sidewalk Chalk Art!** Come create a sidewalk masterpiece, with oodles of chalk in a rainbow

## Free Money Corner Safeway 10% Back to Schools Program

Daniel Bagley PTA can earn 10% of purchases when our families buy participating products at Safeway stores August 14th through September 10th, 2013. It's easy! Look for products marked with the yellow school bus at the store. There are over 3,000 participating products to choose from in this fabulous 10% Back-to-Schools promotion!

Simply swipe your Safeway Club Card at checkout. This program earned us several hundreds of dollars last year in just one month! If you have any questions, please email Camille Heinen at [heinenjc@msn.com](mailto:heinenjc@msn.com).

**Important:** Existing members must renew their Safeway Club Cards by visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "YES! Renew". New members must register their Safeway Club Cards at:

<https://secure.escrip.com/supporter/registration/index.jsp>.



## Jump In! Volunteer Opportunities!

It's fun! It's fulfilling! It helps your kids while giving you a chance to meet other great Bagley parents! It's a PTA volunteer position! We have five open positions left for the 2013-2014 school year. Won't you jump into the fun?

### Clip 'n Chat Coordinators ( 1 position)

Do you enjoy hanging out with other parents in a space where younger siblings can play while you get work done? Do you like to read Kid Mail before it comes home? We have the job for you! We are looking for 1 more parent who can coordinate Clip 'n Chat every Thursday, 9:30-11:30am. Parents copy the Buzz and other Kid Mail and do special projects for teachers. Thank you to Patty Fortine who has agreed to fill one of the 2 positions.

### Fundraising Coordinator

Wish to chart your own volunteer course here at Bagley? This new role can be whatever you want it to be. We need someone to steer our fundraising ship, so to speak, but where you take it is up to you. As Fundraising Coordinator, you would lead a Fundraising Committee at Bagley; you would not need to organize any fundraising events. Get on board and help us create a fundraising plan! We do have two experienced fundraisers for the giving campaign.

### Green Team / Composting Coordinator

John Moore oversees a group of 5th graders who are responsible for various "green" projects at the school. They can use parent support with some of these projects, particularly organizing parent volunteers for the popular lunchroom composting program.

### Harvest Hootenanny Co-Chairs (1-2 positions)

The Harvest Hootenanny team is starting to form. We have Danielle and Kevin Slota providing the band and the decorations for the cafeteria and the stage. Monica Knight who helped to organize the games in the gym has also offered to help. We need 1-2 volunteers to help with recruiting volunteers and to help with stations in the gym. We have all the supplies from last year so they can duplicate the simple carnival games. The largest tasks are setup, volunteer recruitment and cleanup. Danielle is available to train the Co-Chairs.

### Playground Volunteer Coordinator

Coordinator would help recruit morning volunteers and send out a monthly schedule to remind and confirm with volunteers. The position takes about 2 hours a month including playground duty.

Please contact Susan Palmer [susanwant@hotmail.com](mailto:susanwant@hotmail.com) 206-779-3756 to learn more.

## Join the PTA!

We need everyone's help and support to keep our school strong.

The Bagley PTA has achieved 100 percent parent membership for the past six years. That means we have had at least as many adult members of the PTA as there are students in the school.

It is so easy! Simply fill out the Family Information Form at <http://www.danielbagley.com/pta.htm>.

### What to Bring the First Day

What should your student bring on the first day of school?

For lists of school supplies and other tips, visit

[bagleyes.seattleschools.org/](http://bagleyes.seattleschools.org/)

### Give a Hoot!

Do you love the Harvest Hootenanny? If so, we need you - and a friend! We are seeking two co-chairs to head up this fun fall event. It is a great community building event that you can shape.

Please email Brooke at [brookedoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedoyle@yahoo.com) to discuss the details of the position.

## The Buzz Goes Digital



This year, the Bagley Buzz is switching to an all electronic format. The new Buzz will be delivered directly to your inbox.

Look for more information coming soon about the big switch!



Bagley Assistant Principal, Melissa Ritter

Melissa Ritter  
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Daniel Bagley School  
206-252-5150  
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206-252-1650

## Meet Melissa Ritter

Greetings! My name is Melissa Ritter, and I'm your new Assistant Principal. I'm very excited to be here! Thank you so much for the warm welcome I've received from everyone I've met so far.

I recently moved here from Portland where I taught a 2/3 blend for many years and was the Head Teacher at an International Baccalaureate school in Portland Public Schools. I also taught both second and fourth grades at a Spanish bilingual school in Oakland, CA years ago. I have many different experiences in education, and I hope to learn and grow here in Seattle and to be a resource for others as well.

Helping children succeed is what motivates me, and I am thrilled to find myself at a school with amazing families and with a dedicated and innovative staff. It's going to be a great year!

On a personal note, I have three children and three step-children all between the ages of eight and twelve. It can be a busy household, but we enjoy each other. I love the outdoors, and we spend a lot of time hiking and camping. My other hobbies are reading, running, and baking cookies.

My position this year is half-time at Whittier and half-time at Daniel Bagley, so I will be in and out frequently. I hope you will be patient with me as I attempt to learn over a thousand names! Know that I am always open for your questions and concerns or just to chat. Please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail, even if it is not a day that I am at Bagley. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!

Warmly,

Melissa Ritter

## Notes from the Office

**-by Randi Olson**

Welcome back to our returning students and welcome to our new families. Here are a few tips to help you get a great start on the year:

**Mornings:** Students can be on the playground starting at 9:00 am. Before that time each student should have their parent with them until staff comes out to supervise. Students may come in the building to use the bathroom and for breakfast. Students in the building for any other reason should have an adult with them.

**After school pickup:** All classes will be brought outside for pickup. K/1 classes in the front of the building and 2-5th on the playground. Please be sure to tell the teacher know you are taking your child and that the teacher acknowledges you before you leave. Any child not picked up by the time the teacher goes back in the building will be brought to the office where office staff will call home.

**What to bring:** It is a good idea to bring a change of clothes in a large Ziploc baggie to store in your child's locker. Spills at lunch, falls and other accidents happen, and those clothes may come in very handy. Be sure to label everything, even coats, hats, and lunch boxes.

**Late arrival or early pickup:** If you need to bring your child in late or pick up her up early, always stop by the office first to sign her in or out.

# PTA Free Child Care Policy

The PTA provides free child-care for selected PTA-sponsored events.

This policy does not apply to daily before- and after-school care. You must register your child at least two (2) business days prior to the PTA event



## How to Register

To reserve your child's place, contact PTA Secretary Jen St. Cyr with the following information:

- Child's name
- Child's age
- Name(s) of guardian(s)
- Phone number
- Name of the event

Jen's contact info:  
 jen.st.cyr@gmail.com  
 206-861-5640  
 Bagley Office:  
 206-861-5640

## Restrictions

Children must be at least 5 years old in order to comply with the requirements of the PTA's liability insurance.

For our children's safety, the PTA has established a 12-child maximum per child care worker.

You may only register for two events at a time.

If you can't make the event, please cancel your reservation promptly, so that we can offer the spot to another family.

## First PTA Meeting of the Year- Everyone is Welcome!

The Daniel Bagley PTA invites parents, guardians, and friends to join us at the first PTA meeting of the year.

September 18th  
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Bagley Cafeteria

The PTA meeting is a chance to learn about PTA-led activ-

ities at school and hear updates from Principal Ayer.

The PTA provides free child care for PTA meetings. Please see the PTA Free Child Care policy (Page 6) for details. Please reserve your child's place by Friday, September 6th. Space is limited.

Meeting minutes will be emailed to the V-list and will be available for viewing online at [www.danielbagley.com/pta\\_minutes.htm](http://www.danielbagley.com/pta_minutes.htm).

Minutes will also be posted on the bulletin board in the front hallway.

## About PTA Membership Fees

PTA membership fees cover membership fees and assessments imposed by the National PTA, the Washington State PTA, and the Seattle Council PTA.

They also contain a small assessment to benefit the Bagley PTA, which cannot

exceed \$2.50 per member.

This year, the Daniel Bagley PTA has voted to keep the membership fees the same as last year. The fees are:

\$12.00 for individual members and \$21.00 for household memberships.

For more information about the PTA, e-mail one of your PTA co-presidents:

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- 9/3, 6 p.m.**  
Welcome night for new families
- 9/4, 9:30 a.m.**  
PTA Welcome coffee in cafeteria and Flag Raising ceremony
- 9/12, 6 p.m.**  
Curriculum Night
- 9/14, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
Welcome Back to School event at Bagley
- 9/18, 6 p.m.**  
PTA meeting in cafeteria
- 9/25, 1:35 p.m.**  
Two hour early dismissal for professional development
- 9/27, 10:30 a.m.**  
Jogathon at Lower Woodland
- 10/8:**  
Student picture day
- 10/8, 6:30 p.m.**  
PTA meeting in library
- 10/11**  
No school for students, professional development day for staff
- 10/23-25:**  
University Book Fair in the library



# Principal's Welcome



Principal Erika Ayer

## Erika's checklist

### Label clothing:

Thank you to Rebecca Warren, parent volunteer, for keeping the lost and found organized last year. Rebecca returned items to children with names so please help keep the lost and found to a minimum.

### Plan out your route to school:

Practice walking, driving, cycling, parking, and carpooling before the first day of school. Please remember to avoid making left turns out of the parking lot and follow parking signs.

### Know the start and end times:

9:00: Breakfast in the cafeteria.

9:00: Playground is supervised. Students need to remain outside on the playground unless they eat breakfast in the cafeteria.

9:30: School starts. Please have your child here by the first bell at 9:25.

3:35: Dismissal: Please remember to follow posted NO parking signs, bus lane signs, and red fire lanes when parking your vehicle or dropping of students.

Dear Daniel Bagley Community,

August is coming to a close and September is right around the corner! We have a great deal to do with less than a month left before school begins. I hope you are able to take the next few weeks to rest, relax and prepare for the upcoming year.

We have many events beginning in September to celebrate the new school year. Check the events story on page 6 for dates and times. I do hope you will join us for the flag ceremony and coffee time on the first day of school, September 4, 2013 at 9:30am.

This summer my family and I had a chance to travel to a new part of our beautiful country. We spent a week in Sedona Arizona. We were looking forward to some dry heat but we learned soon after arrival that it was monsoon season! We had a great time despite the evening downpour.

Every August the principals spend six days training, planning and learning about policies and procedures. We had a chance to hear Superintendent Banda speak about the new five-year strategic plan. The district has four core beliefs:

Our students come first

High-Quality Teaching and Learning are the Keys to Student Success

A Safe and Orderly Learning Environment Supports Student Success

A High Performing District includes Effective Leadership, Accountability, Effective Organizational Systems and an Engaged Community

With more than 50,000 students enrolled in Seattle Schools this year we have more than 50,000 journeys ahead of us. The goals for the next five years are:

Ensure Educational Excellence and Equity for Every Student

Improve Systems District wide to Support Academic Outcomes and Meet Students' Needs

Strengthen School, Family and Community Engagement

To learn more about the Strategic Plan, please visit the Seattle Schools website. Here at Daniel Bagley, the staff and I will engage in our own professional development throughout the school year. We will be learning more about implementing the Common Core State Standards, Response to Intervention or Multi-tiered Systems of Support, Instructional Growth, and strengthening our Professional Learning Communities and collaboration. As many of you know the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were adopted by the state with full implementation by the 2014-2015 school year. For more information about CCSS, please see the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website.

[www.k12.wa.us/](http://www.k12.wa.us/). Additionally, please join us at the October PTA meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> to hear more information about CCSS from Shauna Heath, the Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

I am very excited about the upcoming year working with the staff, students, and families. See you in September!

Sincerely, Erika Ayer