



Music from Around the World: Tonight!

Daniel Bagley K-3 students have been singing their hearts out on Fridays. Led by Sandy Sonko, our wonderful vocal music instructor, our students are ready to cap off their music instruction with the Winter Vocal Music Concert on Thursday, February 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Ballard High School's Performing Arts Center (1418 NW 65th St.). You'll be treated to music and dance numbers from around the world. Everyone is welcome.

Important note: The K-3 performers should arrive by 6:15 p.m. to find their classroom teachers and prepare for the concert. Parking can be tight, so allow for extra time.



RSVP Before the Winter Break!

Bagley's Eyes are Smiling
March 17, 2012
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Here are four things you can do to support the Bagley's Eyes Are Smiling fundraising party:

- **RSVP** – the earlier the better as space is limited! As a fundraising party, we hope every guest who attends will spend a minimum of \$100 at the event. Of course, there is no maximum limit!
- **Host a teacher** – the PTA offers a complimentary ticket to our classroom teachers. Feel free to add a little extra to your check when you RSVP.
- **Donate a dessert** – Bake it or buy it! We need delicious desserts to serve 10 for the dessert dash. Email Katie or Donna if you can contribute. kbums@yahoo.com or donnanhill@comcast.net
- **Donate wine** – We need wine for the wine toss. Email Jenny or Hilary if you are willing to pick up a bottle or two (retail min. \$10). jenny.suh@mac.com or hilarypatrick@hotmail.com



Questions? Contact event co-chairs **Wendy Stauff** – wendystauff@msn.com or **Laura Tufts** – lauratufts@hotmail.com

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Lisa Young, Resource Room

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Lisa Young, Teacher
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Principal Erika Ayer

Dear Daniel Bagley Community,

It seems like only yesterday I was sitting at my computer writing the January Big Buzz letter. I am looking forward to March because we will have 21 days of school, which is 5 more school days than both January and February!

I wanted to applaud our fourth and fifth grade musicians. The winter instrumental music concert on February 2 was fabulous. The students' hard work and dedication was apparent. Thank you very much to Mr. Oesterle and Stephanie Hegstad. And of course thank you to the parents for your support of your children's musical development! I hope you can

all join us February 16 at 6:30 pm for the vocal music concert at Ballard High School. We have such talented bees!

You may notice a new face around the school. We have hired Ms. K.C. Hansen as the kindergarten/first grade teacher in room 108. In December, Ms. Agather retired from teaching. Mr. Anderson had been the long-term substitute in that classroom; thank you for getting the class started this school year! Please stop in and say hello to help us welcome Ms. Hansen to our community.

You may also notice a familiar face back in the building. Mr. Swann has returned to our library from a semester leave to complete his book. We have a published author as a school librarian. Mr. Swann published *Our School Garden*, a delightful book for children. It even includes a recipe for School Garden Stone Soup. Congratulations Mr. Swann! I want to thank Mr. Hammer for being our substitute librarian the first semester.

I wanted to remind parents how important it is for students to arrive on time for school every day. Our data indicates that 28% of our students have been tardy to school at least once this year. While we recognize that life happens and from time to time students are tardy, we would like to encourage families to make an extra effort to be on time every day. The first minutes of the day set the stage for our students and are an opportunity for the class community to renew bonds for the day.

As you walk into our building through the front doors you will see the newest members of our community, our salmon! It is always fascinating to watch the salmon grow. It is even more of a delight to see the students with their notebooks and colored pencils recording their observations as the days move on. I have students approach me in the hallways and at lunch squealing with excitement about what has changed in the tank since the last time they looked or concerned because a salmon was trapped (don't worry, it turned out to be a piece of bark). Thank you to Ms. Green and her class for bringing the salmon to our school again this year.

Thank you to the PTA for your support this year with the special initiative grants. Our students have been benefiting from your generosity. Our computer lab will soon have a new typing program, our students were able to enjoy a fantastic performance by Kaleidoscope Dance company, and they also have been able to create with clay, just to name a few of the grants.

I wish all of you a wonderful mid-winter break and I hope you have some time to rest, relax and have an enjoyable time with your families!

Sincerely,

Erika Ayer



Kari Coglton Cantey, PTA President

President's Message

During the past few weeks, I've had the opportunity to speak to parents who are touring Daniel Bagley in preparation for sending their children off to kindergarten in the fall.

They were impressed by all that the PTA does at the school and the dedication of our families. Here is just a bit of what I shared with these parents:

- **Our parents, grandparents, and friends volunteer countless hours in the school and in individual classrooms to help our students and support our teachers.**
- **For the past five years, we've achieved 100 percent membership in the PTA. One hundred percent membership means that for each student at Daniel Bagley we have one adult PTA member. At last count, we had 391 students and 395 members of the PTA.**
- **Our families work tirelessly to raise \$95,000 to support Daniel Bagley students and staff; we provide support for a bevy of activities, programs, and classrooms.**

I believe families who toured were very impressed by our school and are eager to be a part of our community. It's easy to understand why.

Big thanks go to **Heather Schuman** and **Susan Palmer** for a terrific job organizing this year's New Family/Kindergarten Tours and for their advance work in planning for the rest of the year to make our new families feel welcomed into our community.

Along with Heather and Susan, many thanks to **Wyly Astley, Julia Bacharach, Nadine Beebe, Elizabeth Gay, Juju Ishmael, KK Kenny, Mary Lamb, Kim McMillen, Kris Panton, Mary Park, Alison Rice, Jen St. Cyr, and Marisa Taylor** for leading tours.

I'd also like to acknowledge some of the recent hard work of other parent volunteers:

- **Sharie Hyder and Anne Caughlan** for many, many hours organizing our fabulous lineup of winter After School Program classes.
- **Christine Sugg and Laura Tiberio** for devoting their Thursday mornings (and sometimes longer) to copying, stapling, collating, and delivering to the classrooms all of the mail that comes home in your child's folder on Thursdays (often referred to as Kid Mail). Thanks as well to Susan Palmer and Alison Rice who are regular Clip 'n Chat volunteers.
- **Anne Caughlan** for taking care of the reader board for a few weeks while Margarita Durham was taking care of family business. It's wonderful to have volunteers ready to step in and help when need be. It's also wonderful to have you back, Margarita.
- **Alex Barclay** for all of his behind-the-scenes work as our Vlist administrator. The PTA-sponsored distribution list is a great communication tool for our community. However, every once in awhile, a kerfuffle erupts on the Vlist, so it's reassuring to have the evenhanded work of Alex during such times.
- **Danielle McGurk** for pinch-hitting for Heather Fuller as editor of the Buzz newsletters. Many of you will remember that Danielle served as editor for two years prior to Heather taking over, so it's fabulous to have an experienced hand willing to fill in while Heather is taking care of some family business.

Our school depends on the work of these and other volunteers, so when you see these parents, please join me in thanking them for their work. We will regularly be thanking our parent volunteers, so e-mail me if you would like to see someone noted (kcantey@msn.com).

Enjoy the Mid-Winter Break, everyone!



Mid-year Free Money Update

All your clicking, clipping and saving is really paying off! We have raised more than \$10,000 so far this year. Here's a snapshot of our Free Money revenue since September, including some in the pipeline:

- **Amazon.com:** (remember to click through amazon.com?tag=danibagelem-20 every time): \$800
- **Boxtops:** \$900
- **Ballard & Greenwood Market receipts:** \$2500
- **PCC rechargeable scrip cards:** \$2200
- **Scrip cards and shopwithscrip.com:** \$1100
- **eScrip (Safeway and Bartells customer cards, shopping.escrip.com):** \$1700
- **Safeway 10% Back to Schools (September program):** \$1500
- **Other programs (e.g. cartridge recycling):** \$50
- **Labels for Education (Campbell's and other products; Fred Meyer/QFC cards):** 11,000 points towards Art and H&F supplies

It all adds up - every little bit really does make a difference.

Scrip Tip of the Week

Next time you shop, please say thank you to the fabulous merchants who are supporting our school. We rely on their generosity to support our school program in a variety of ways, including staff salaries, classroom supplies, field trips and more:



The Center for Pediatric Dentistry Invites Families to Free Dental Screening

In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month, the Center for Pediatric Dentistry – a partnership of the University of Washington and Seattle Children's – will offer free dental screenings for children ages 1 through 18 on Feb. 25.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center for Pediatric Dentistry, located in the Washington Dental Service Building on the north end of Magnuson Park. All children in attendance will receive a free brief dental screening to identify potential trouble spots in the mouth (no x-rays). Fun activities will include some of the 3D interactive exhibit "Attack of the S. Mutants," which showcases a Dentist battling mouth bacteria, and the Labyrinth i-Pad game. The Tooth Fairy will also be on hand.

No reservations are needed and every family will be seen.





Great news! Adams Elementary (in Ballard) has offered to send 8-10 parent volunteers to work the entire evening at our fundraising event! In exchange we need to find 8-10 Bagley parents who are willing to work at the Adams fundraiser the following weekend -

Saturday, March 24th, 4-9pm at the St. Alphonsus Family Center in Ballard This is a terrific opportunity for you if you want to be able to relax and enjoy our fundraising event without feeling the need to donate hours. It's also a great way for us to support another school! If you are interested in this fun opportunity, please email **Cindy Potter** at cpotter@igc.org.

Congratulations to the energetic feet of Room 219, Ms. Green's class!

They won the Golden Sneaker award for February by accumulating the most points moving on Friday mornings. Keep moving to see if you can challenge Ms. Green's Bagley Bees for the coveted sparkly shoe. Come out for fun, friends, fitness, fresh air, charms and the glory of the Golden Sneaker! Remember that we will now be counting bikers so check in with Mr. Millsap on the track if you have biked on Friday morning.



We'd love to expand the program to other mornings, counting anyone who walks, or adding routes, but we need volunteers first to help with tracking trips, leading buses, and distributing charms. Email if you can help: lexyrelph@gmail.com or brookedoyle@yahoo.com

Thanks!

Lexy and Brooke

Bagley Stingers Ultimate Frisbee



We are putting together an Ultimate Frisbee team this spring for 3rd through 5th grade boys and girls. Games are held on Saturdays beginning in mid-March through the month of May. If your child is interested in giving this fun sport a try, please contact our team coordinator, **Sonja Knudson** at treegirl1969@gmail.com. We could also use a couple more folks to share with coaching duties at Saturday games and after-school throwing practice down at Green Lake Park. If you (or someone you know) have experience playing the game, please let Sonja know your availability! Information about Ultimate Frisbee can be found at www.DiscNW.com and our blog: <http://danielbagleyultimate.blogspot.com/>

CALENDAR

- Feb 16** K-3 Vocal Music Concert, 6:30pm (Ballard High School)
- Feb 20-24** **NO SCHOOL** (Mid-Winter Break)
- Feb 28** Kindergarten and New Student Tour, 10:00am
- Mar 7** **Early Dismissal at 1:35pm** (In-service)
- Mar 13** PTA Meeting, 6:30pm (Library)
- Mar 16** **NO SCHOOL** (In-service)
- Mar 17** Bagley Fundraising Party, 6:00pm, Great Hall at Green Lake

For the full calendar visit
www.danielbagley.com/happening_calendar.htm

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Note from the Office

Recently there have been a lot of questions regarding the amount of days a student can be absent. Please see the following information to help better understand the Compulsory School Attendance law (28A.225 RCW).

Unplanned Absences

When your child's personal illness or injury, or the illness, injury or death of a family member, prevents your child from attending school, notify the school within 48 hours of the absence. The school may require a note from your child's doctor if your child is absent due to illness or injury for an excessive number of days (10 or more in the quarter) before excusing those absences.

Lunchroom Supervisor Needed



Daniel Bagley Elementary is looking for a lunchroom supervisor. An ideal candidate enjoys working with students in kindergarten through fifth grade, has the ability to monitor a cafeteria with 100+ students, and displays high levels of integrity and ethics. This position is from 11:45 – 1:00 daily. This position requires a Washington State criminal background check and fingerprinting.

If you are interested please call Randi Olson at 252-5110.



The lost and found is overflowing with coats, gloves, hats, misc. food containers and other items. **At the end of the day, on Friday 2/17, all coats will be boxed up and donated to the Giving Tree.** Please take a quick look through the rack to claim any items that belong to your child. You should also encourage your child to stop by the lost and found if you are unable to make it to school.

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