

# The Buzz



# Daniel Bagley Elementary

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## Bee Supportive

As part of Bagley's calendar of fundraising activity and overall "Bee Supportive" campaign we will track our progress by "filling the hive" each month in Big Buzz.

Thanks to everyone who collected pledges for Jogathon, purchased books at the Book Fair, saved box tops and labels and participated in the "free money" programs this fall. Fundraising totals to date bring us to nearly **\$23,000** toward our overall goal of \$85,000.



November, 2013

## Jogathon: Earn A \$5 Bonus for Every Pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Jogathon pledge forms and donations. Together we have raised over \$21,000, but we are still short of our goal of \$27,000. Thanks to our supportive Bagley Bees, every new pledge turned in between now and Nov. 22nd, will receive a \$5 bonus from an anonymous donor!

Every dollar we raise supports our little Bees. Download a pledge form on the new website [www.danielbagleypta.org](http://www.danielbagleypta.org) or get one from the rack outside the office.

Don't forget to ask your employer about a matching gift. That **DOUBLES** your donation! Please return your pledge forms today and thank you for your support!

### Holiday Shopping?

If you or your family members are shopping on Amazon, make sure to use the Bagley link.

<http://www.amazon.com/?tag=danibageelem-20>

Next month, we will add totals from Chinook Book and Evergreen sales.

Chinook Books are available until November 15, and our evergreen sales team ordered extra wreaths, swags and garland that you can purchase during evergreen distribution.

## 2013 Bagley Giving Circle

If your family is in need during the holidays, the Daniel Bagley community and Bethany Community Church are here to help. Please fill out a gift request form for your family. You can pick up a form from our main office or in the PTA boxes in the front entrance of the school. The deadline for returning the form is extended until Friday, November 15th.

The Giving Circle is a confidential program that receives gift requests from our Bagley families in need during the holidays. Bagley and Bethany families purchase the items requested, and volunteers wrap them. The gifts are ready to go home just in time for the holidays.

**Want to help?** Purchase a gift card (online sign up) or look on the school entry-way bulletin board for specific gift requests.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Gay \* 206-295-8182 \* ee-

## PTA Presidents' Message

By Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez



Amy Perez & Brooke Doyle

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it seems a perfect time to reflect on what we have to be thankful for at Daniel Bagley.

We are rich with teachers and staff who nurture our students every day. We have a principal who is committed to building on our existing strengths and bringing us together to make improvements. We have enthusiastic families who donate thousands of volunteer hours, as well as open their wallets to support Daniel Bagley.

We have students who are curious learners and who work hard every day.

We can also be proud of how we help families within our own community - with scholarships for after-school programs and field trips, emergency assistance for families in crisis, and with our upcoming Holiday Giving Circle.

The teachers and staff at our school not only nurture our students during the day, but also fill their evenings and weekends with school-related activities. Here is a sampling of some of what they've done on behalf of our students and school:

- answer e-mails and phone calls in the evening to talk about how a child is doing
- attend and participate in PTA meetings
- give generously to the PTA fundraising efforts
- attend the Harvest Hootenanny and Literacy Night
- help coordinate PTA fundraising and community building activities.

**W**ould you like to see  
someone recognized?  
**Email us!**

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And that's to name just a handful of their efforts outside of the school day!

In keeping with giving thanks, we'd like to acknowledge some of the recent hard work of our parent volunteers:

- Meghann Kern and Rebekah Gruenig, new Kindergarten parents, who stepped up to chair the Harvest Hootenanny!
- Danielle and Kevin Slota for sharing their incredible talent and time for the musical entertainment at the Hootenanny.
- Mary Park and Rebecca Wynkoop for doing an outstanding job coordinating the Book Fair.
- Laural Miller-Klein for recruiting her team of volunteers to help us all get moving on Friday mornings on the track.
- Dan Cory and Cecile Henault for producing the incredibly useful Daniel Bagley Directory, which is fresh off the press.
- Kelly Powers for keeping us all informed (and informed and informed again) about the Growth Boundary decision making. What a service!

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 welcome and need your help. Email us to volunteer!

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving break!

Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez

## Principal's Letter

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Dear Daniel Bagley Community,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you have wonderful plans with your families and friends for Thanksgiving week. I also hope you have your conference time set up with your child's teacher.

They are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress this year.



Principal Erika Ayer

As we move closer to cooler weather we have an increase in the number of families who seek out warmer places for family vacations. Please remember that planned absences need to be recorded with the main office. A planned absence form needs to be completed and submitted to the office. At that time I will review the trip and determine whether or not the trip is excused. Because the state requires that children age eight and older attend school (RCW 28A.225.010), I am unable to excuse family vacations.

If a parent enrolls a child who is six or seven years of age in a public school, the child is required to attend and that parent has the responsibility to ensure the child attends for the full time that school is in session (RCW 28A.225.015). In general, when the office is notified of an unexcused absence in advance there is no repercussion. However, if a child has greater than ten unexcused absences in one year, the district may file a truancy petition. When possible, please try to schedule family vacations during the school calendar vacations.

The cooler weather also brings cold and flu season. Please practice hand washing and appropriate ways to cover coughs and sneezes with your children. If your child is sick, please keep them home. Illnesses are excused absences however we may require a doctor's note after five consecutive days of illness. Please make sure your children are wearing weather appropriate clothing and please, please make sure they are labeled with your child's names.

Thank you for all those who helped make our Literacy Night and Harvest Hootenanny huge successes. We had such a wonderful time at Literacy Night. The students heard stories with Ken Hammer, Ms. Scordas and Ms. Norton provided parent education, the book fair was a huge success, and let's not forget our special guest reader, Mr. Millsap! The Hootenanny was great fun! There were some great costumes this year.

Last week we put signs on the student bathrooms regarding adults in the bathrooms. We have several adult bathrooms in the building. We request that the student bathrooms be for children only. This is for the safety of our children as well as protection for the adults as well. Thank you, in advance, for understanding.

I hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends.

With much gratitude,  
Erika Ayer

**R**emember  
to check the lost  
and found!



**Join the VList:**  
Send an email to:  
[Daniel-bagley-families@vlists.net](mailto:Daniel-bagley-families@vlists.net)

**Visit the Kindergarten Blog:**  
<http://www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com/>

**Visit the PTA Website**  
<http://www.danielbagleypta.org/>

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**Harvest Hootenanny Appreciation**

Here's a big shout out of thanks to all the families that attended the Harvest Hootenanny and contributed to the PTA. Your generosity and excitement is why the Daniel Bagley community is so strong. We also wanted to thank all the gracious parent volunteers, supportive PTA members, and helpful school staff members who made this event a huge success.

Special thanks to the following people:

Trudy Manley and the Spirit Team, Monica Knight, Rachel Haynes, Tiffin Goodman, Danielle Slota, Veronica Erickson, Josh Tufts, Libby Prentice, Dan Pavlovic, Shana Radtke, Lorie Morawitz, Veronica Niemeyer, Kim McMillen, Michelle and Zach Bernson, Jason Gruenig, Steve Schueneman, Tom Hansen, Sandra Davis, Mary Lamb, Jen St. Cyr, Amy Perez, Brooke Doyle, Laura Tiberio, Erika Ayer, Randi Olson, Bob Schreck, Phil Kapplehoff, Toni Bader, Wylly Astley, Boys and Girls Club Counselor Tim, Dante's Inferno Dogs and the Seattle Fire Department.

Rebekah Gruenig and Meghann Kern  
Co-Chairs

**Free Money Program**

Unbelievably, the holidays are almost upon us.

If you're looking for a simple way to take care of some of your holiday shopping, scrip cards are a no-brainer!

The best part? You give to Bagley while you're giving. A percentage (2% - 16%) of each scrip card that you purchase goes back to Bagley's PTA fund.

Look for an informational flyer and a scrip order form in today's Kid Mail. Scrip orders are due on Tuesday, December 3.

Send them in via Kid Mail or put them in the folder labeled "Free Money - Scrip" in the PTA closet in the office. If you have any questions about scrip cards or the Free Money Program, please feel free to contact Camille Heinen at [heinenjc@msn.com](mailto:heinenjc@msn.com).

## Notes from the Office

By Randi Olson

If you have a change in pickup plans for your student, please let the office know by 3:00. It is very difficult to get information received at 3:30 to teachers in time before school lets out.

With the arrival of winter weather, it is more important than ever to have a change of clothes for all students to keep in their locker. We feel it is important for students to be able to have outdoor recess and unless the weather is very inclement we do not cancel it. If a child falls and gets wet or decides to play in a water puddle, it is nice to have clothes for them to change into. We do have a few extra clothes for emergencies, but we don't have all sizes and some children do not like wearing clothes that do not belong to them.

## Picture Retake Day is November 21

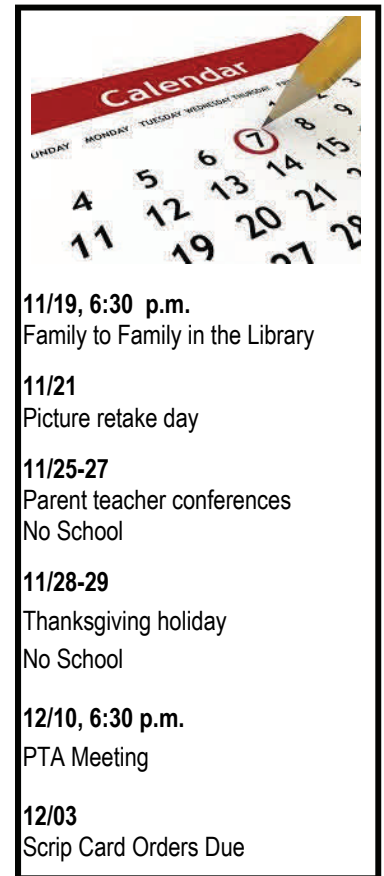
Picture Retake Day will be November 21st. If you plan on having your child's picture retaken be sure to send back the original pictures. They will hand them in when getting their retakes. Students who were not here on Picture Day may also have their picture taken on this day. Order forms are in the office.

## Nearing 100% PTA Membership

We are almost to 100% PTA membership, which means there is one PTA member for every child. We have reached 100% PTA membership for the past seven years. If you haven't done so yet this year, send in your membership form today!

In the PTA, parents and staff work together to enhance the success of our vibrant school. We are in no way an exclusive club. We need everyone's help and support to keep our school strong.

You can download your membership form on the Daniel Bagley website at [www.danielbagleypta.org](http://www.danielbagleypta.org).



## Let's Move!

Congratulations to Ms. Humphrey and Ms. Norton's classes for earning the Golden sneaker in October with 33 points each!!

Honorable Mention goes to Mr. Moore's class for being the 4/5 class with the most points.

November Challenge: We will recognize any class that earns 40 points or more in November!!

Let's get moving.



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## Garden Contributions

Kudos to our classroom garden liaisons! Every classroom now has at least one garden volunteer. A HUGE thank you to the following folks who have generously signed on as classroom volunteers:

Marion Johnson, Molly Jo McGuire, April Dalinis, Kathy Scott, Kim McMillen, Dan Bugge, Nick Lowry, Jennifer Diamante, Tsighe Tekle, Asuka Anan, Veronica Niemeyer, Ginny Burger, Rita So, Mary Park, Blair Maurer, Jen Guzman, Chiori Higashi, Charlotte Clifton, Lita Spratt, Andrea Huber, Linda Bejarano and Sean Met and Kari Cantey.

Several of these volunteers have graciously offered to work with more than one classroom or work with classrooms other than their child's. We are so appreciative of our volunteers for their flexibility, enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring classrooms who choose to do so are able to

participate in garden activities. It couldn't happen without you!

Over the past few weeks, these stellar volunteers have been participating in garden orientations where they have learned the ins and outs of garden procedures, working with the grow labs and much, much more! They are now ready to get their hands dirty and tackle outdoor gardening, indoor gardening and worms! We are so fortunate to have such talented and dedicated gardeners in our Bagley community working with our children.

THANK YOU from the Bees in the Garden Committee:

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| Andrea Huber  | Trudy Tessaro   |
| Barb McKague  | Wendy Forselius |
| Connie Messom |                 |

## Instrumental Music

Walk into the school on a Monday morning or afternoon, and you may hear some unusual sounds coming from the cafeteria.

Ninety of our fourth and fifth grade students have begun instrumental music classes in cello, violin, bass, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, and percussion under the direction of our new music instructor, Ms. Emily Schaefer.

If your child is enrolled in the program, please join the instrumental music mailing list to receive e-mail reminders, class notes, and practice tips.

To join the list, send an e-mail to:

Stephanie Hegstad  
PTA instrumental music liaison  
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