



PTA Presidents' Message By Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez



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Jogathon: The FUN in Fundraising

Wasn't the Jogathon fun? The Jogathon is an amazing event that brings our entire community together while serving as a major fundraiser for PTA-funded activities. Big thanks to Jogathon co-chairs Christine Davis and Diedra Ward — with course set up support from Kristin Metcalf — for pulling together a wonderful event. Thanks to their organization and teamwork with our great Health and Fitness instructor, Toni Bader, the event ran flawlessly.

Harvest Hootenanny: A Howling-Good Time

Thanks to new Bagley parents and co-chairs, Meghann Kern and Rebekah Gruenig, for stepping up to lead our Harvest Hootenanny on **November 1**, 6:30-9:00 p.m. See page 4 for more information. You won't want to miss this special community event!

Keeping You Informed

Thanks to those of you who were able to join us for the first PTA meeting. The meeting included an informative presentation from Ms. Ayer and a showcase of many of the PTA-sponsored programs, including Let's Move, PTA Membership and Directory, Special Initiatives Grants, Chinook Books, Free Money, Family to Family and the Giving Campaign. Please plan to join us at the next PTA meeting on **November 12** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Library. PTA meetings, in addition to weekly Buzz newsletters, and the v-list, are all ways the PTA works to help you stay informed about what is happening at Bagley.

How We Do What We Do

How do community-building events like the Jogathon and Harvest Hootenanny happen? How do we raise more than \$85,000 a year to help students? How do we provide numerous ways to exchange information?

Volunteers!

Thank you for all that you do to make Daniel Bagley such an extraordinary place! Whether you are able to chaperone one field trip a year, lead one project, or give one hour a week to our school community, we encourage and welcome your help. Take a look at the list on page 3 to see what our dedicated parent volunteers have been doing.

Questions?

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please e-mail us at brookedoyle@yahoo.com or amecklen@gmail.com.

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Principal's Letter



Principal Erika Ayer

Dear Daniel Bagley Community,

I cannot believe we are in October already! Today the air was brisk and cool. We have much to look back on as we finish our first month of school. Our kindergarten students have had a successful start of the year as students, our fifth grade students have been to camp and back, and some of classes have been out in the community, to name a few. But most importantly, our students are in class learning and loving it!

The fall and winter months as you know are chilly and rainy. Because we value outdoor play and fitness, we want to remind families to send their children to school in weather appropriate clothing. A warm raincoat or weather resistant jacket is very important this time of year. The students will go out in light rain for recess. Please remember that umbrellas are better left at home or in the locker during recess to prevent potential accidents.

The Jogathon was a wonderful day- so full of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered their time! Our Bagley Bees walked enough miles to make it all the way to Mexico! We want to encourage our families and students to walk often to stay healthy and happy.

Many of you are wondering what happened to Monday Morning Meeting (MMM). Through multiple staff meetings we decided to change our community building efforts. We are now dedicating Wednesday afternoons for community building time. Once monthly we meet as a whole school in a meeting similar to MMM. Another Wednesday afternoon is dedicated to community building time. Classes partner with two other classes to form K-5 families. The teachers have planned activities for the students during this time. Our last month's community building time was a huge success.

The third Wednesday a month is an all-school assembly. The end of this month has many fabulous activities planned. Our annual book fair with the University of Washington will be in the library **October 23-25**. During that fair on October 24th Daniel Bagley will hold its first Literacy Night - you won't want to miss this event celebrating literacy. We will have a variety of activities available for families and students including "A Day's Work" performance by Book-It theater. I hope you can join us! Finally, **November 1st** from 6-8 will be will be the Harvest Hootenanny.

Please join me if you are able on **October 15th** and **November 8th** at 9:45 a.m. for the next Principal's coffee and chat. I hope you have a wonderful October.

Sincerely,
Erika Ayer

Family Directory



Thanks to so many of you, we are finalizing the 2013-2014 Daniel Bagley Family Directory. Is your name in the directory?

If not, you can download the Family Information Form from the Daniel Bagley website, or just email the information with all the information noted. You'll be glad you did.

The Directory is one of the most used documents you'll have this year.

Volunteers!

Thank you for all that you do to make Daniel Bagley such an extraordinary place! Whether you are able to chaperone one field trip a year, lead one project, or give one hour a week to our school community, we encourage and welcome your help. Take a look at the list that follows acknowledging recent efforts by some of our dedicated parent volunteers.

Camille Heinen, Marcie Swift and **Dave Reeck** have combined forces as Jogathon treasurers to collect money and track pledges. Their efforts are a huge help to the Jogathon co-chairs as well as the PTA treasurers.

Dan Cory and **Cecile Henault** for encouraging us all to join the PTA (a seventh year of 100 percent participation is within reach!) and for reminding us, entering data, organizing, and creating the Daniel Bagley Directory on which we all rely. The Directory will be available later this fall.

Frank Schuck and **Julia Bacharach** for serving as parent representatives on the Building Leadership Together (BLT) committee.

Heather Fuller for using her graphic design talents to produce the attractive fundraising calendar you received in September.

Jamie Lynn Kimbrough for helping us show our appreciation for our teachers. She has organized three staff appreciation meals since August, sending emails to recruit cooks and bakers, overseeing staff meal set up and clean up, and ensuring our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them.

Jeanne McGuire for keeping our reader board on 80th and Stone up to date and informative.

Julie Rey for coordinating the Vocal Music program for our K–3 students.

Laural Miller-Klein, Julie Rey, and **Lexy Relph** for developing maps, recruiting walking school bus leaders, and reminding us all to use our feet on International Walk to School Day and on Fridays mornings during the year.

Maureen Carr, Susan Palmer and **Lise Kauffman** for their countless hours of work recruiting and coordinating volunteers for jobs big and small.



Nadine Beebe for selling an array of stylish Daniel Bagley t-shirts, **Camille Heinen** for selling scrip, and **Heidi Witt** and **Lita Spratt** for selling Chinook Books. These committed volunteers have attended numerous school and PTA events to make sure we all have easy opportunities to make our purchases.

Patti Aro for her hours of reviewing, formatting, and organizing the production of our weekly Buzz newsletter and assistant editor, **Dagmar Rehse**, for her eagle-eyed look at each issue.

Rachel Haynes, Jamie Lynn Kimbrough, Laura Tiberio, Laural Miller-Klein, and their cadre of Clip 'n Chat volunteers who devote 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 Thursday.

Rachel Haynes for giving our PTA Bulletin Board a beautiful update. Take a look next time you are in the building. Located just inside the front doors, it is full of useful information, including current activities, PTA meeting minutes, and the calendar of events.

Shari Hyder, Agnes Montejano and **Marisa Taylor** for many hours organizing and managing a great slate of after-school classes.

Stephanie Hegstad for returning as our Instrumental Music Liaison.

Susan Palmer for serving as New Family Point Person, a new role this year. She meets with families who join Bagley after the start of the school year, helps them get connected to our community, eases their transition and serves as a resource.

Wow! What a list! Our school depends on the work of these and other volunteers, so when you see these folks, please join us in thanking them for their work. We would love to see YOUR name here too! If we overlooked someone, please let us know.

Gearing up for New Play Dates

Harvest Hootenanny!

Calling all pumpkins and ghouls!

We're gearing up for Harvest Hootenanny on **Friday, 11/1** from 6.30-9:00 p.m. at Bagley.

You can rock out to "Elvyra and the Ghouls" in the cafeteria and join in fun carnival games.

Suggested donations are \$10 per family, or \$5 per individual.

We're in need of volunteers to help out with set-up/decorating (3.30-6.30pm), during the event (6.30-9pm), and clean up (from 9-11pm).

If you can volunteer or if you have any fun Halloween decorations you can donate, please email Rebekah Gruenig rebgruenig@gmail.com.

As our kids are making new friends, the directory is coming out, and new play dates are beginning, we thought it would be useful to mention some helpful and reasonable questions to ask a new family before the first play date. There's a lot of trust involved in a play date so you should not feel shy about asking. We hope this list will help families get to know each other better and open up communication.

1. What adults will be home with the kids? Is it the parents, older siblings, a grandparent, a sitter? Ask to be introduced to anyone supervising your kids. Make sure you have everyone's contact info and that they have yours.
2. Any snacks planned? If you have a child with allergies, this question is going to be a no-brainer for you. But parents also may want to limit sugar, or avoid too much snacking before dinner.
3. Do you have any pets? Good to check in advance, especially if your kids have allergies or fears.
4. Are you going anywhere? If the play date includes driving somewhere, you'll want to talk through car seat needs.
5. Do you have any guns in your home? If so, where are they kept and how are they stored? While this may feel awkward to ask, it is better to ask than assume.* After all, this is someone you are just getting to know and you are trusting them to watch your child.
6. Any special rules I should know about? Different families have different rules, and you want to make sure your child will be able to mind the family's rules within reason.

Some questions are borrowed from:
http://thestir.cafemom.com/big_kid/148405/9_things_to_ask_before

*This article discusses some of the awkwardness surrounding this question and how to deal with it:
http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/29/the-play-date-gun-debate/?_r=0



Join the VList:
Visit www.danielbagley.com/happening_vlist.htm.

Visit the Kindergarten Blog:
www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com.

Check the calendar:
http://www.danielbagley.com/happening_calendar.htm

Free Money Program

Enter the Box Top Contest! Win Prizes!

Did you know that Bagley earns close to \$1,000 per year just by collecting Box Tops? That's a lot of Free Money!

You can help, and win prizes while you're doing it. Look in Kid Mail for the Box Top Contest Entry Form. Simply fill out the form and submit your unexpired Box Tops in a sealed envelope or Ziploc bag (don't forget to clip that Box Top on the Ziploc box!) by **Monday, October 14**. The student who submits the most Box Tops will win a \$25 scrip card of his or her choice. We will also award a \$25 scrip card to a random entry. So, even if you have just a few Box Tops to help the cause, you could win! If you have any questions, please contact Camille Heinen at heinenjc@msn.com.



Finally, our Box Top Queen, June Lembo, deserves a huge thank you. June counts thousands and thousands of Box Tops for us each year!



New Student Attendance Boundaries

by Kelly Powers,
PTA Legislative Liaison

Seattle Public Schools has the unusual problem of being one of the few urban school districts in the country that is experiencing rapid growth. There aren't enough seats for all for all the kids -- think about all those new portables behind Bagley -- so the school district is opening new schools and adjusting attendance areas beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

The school district wrapped up the Community Meetings and Walk the Boundaries Tours October 1st. During those meetings the proposed plans were presented and the school district listened to feedback from the community. Next the Operations Committee will get a status update and review the feedback some time to be determined in October. At the October 16th School Board meeting the Growth Boundaries and Capacity Management plan will be officially introduced for consideration.

The School Board plans to vote on the boundaries on November 20th. If you didn't get a chance to give feedback at a Community Meetings, now is the time to write your school board members, the school district's growth boundary email and attend any of meetings on the topic. When the Growth Boundaries are proposed October 16th, they will be set.

If you live within an attendance area, your student is guaranteed a place at that school. If your student qualifies for, and you choose to

enroll your student in the Advanced Placement Program (APP), they would attend a different school. There are proposed changes to the Bagley attendance area. Here is the map for the proposed Bagley Elementary Attendance Area:

<http://bit.ly/GAABqK>

Middle School:

If you live within the Bagley Elementary boundaries under the new plan, your incoming 6th grader will go to Hamilton International Middle School (HIMS), unless your student qualifies for and you choose to enroll your student in the Advanced Placement Program (APP). It seems likely that Bagley students will no longer feed into Whitman Middle School, nor will APP students feed into HIMS. In the proposal, HIMS elementary feeder schools would be: Greenwood, Bagley, Green Lake, MacDonald, John Stanford International, BF Day, and West Woodland Elementary Schools.

There will be changes to the high school attendance areas, but those will be released at a later date to be announced.

Advanced Placement Program (APP) students at Hamilton International Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School under this proposal will experience upheaval. It seems that it will take a few years for APP program placement to settle down...new schools need to be built or significantly remodeled to house the high demand programs. Currently, north end APP students have one pathway - Lincoln

Elementary to Hamilton International Middle School. The new Growth Boundaries propose two pathways, although the exact schools have not been determined. It seems the goal is to phase out the APP programs at Hamilton and Lincoln. Kids could be going to transitional schools while waiting for new homes for APP programs.

For questions regarding the new growth boundaries email:

GrowthBoundaries
@seattleschools.org

Please include your school name or topic in the subject line of your email.

More Information:

Proposed Middle School Boundaries:

<http://bit.ly/19mRRXe>

Growth Boundaries Presentation

<http://bit.ly/15Na4wT>

Frequently Asked Questions
<http://bit.ly/1hmABq2> and study the All maps: <http://bit.ly/17vgbtE>

Save our Schools Blog
<http://saveSeattle-schools.blogspot.com/>

Facilities and Capacity Management Advisory Committee (FACMAC,) a volunteer citizens' advisory panel recently weighed in on the proposed growth boundaries: <http://bit.ly/15NaovH>



10/9, 6:30
iWalk Day

10/11
No school for students, professional development day for staff

10/14
Box top contest ends

10/15, 9:45 a.m.
Principal's Coffee

10/15, 6:30 p.m.
Family to Family in the Library

10/23-25:
University Book Fair in the library

10/24 6:00 p.m.
Literacy night

10/30, 1:35 p.m.
Two hour early dismissal for professional development

11/1, 6:30 p.m.
Harvest Hootenanny

School Garden News



Garden Work Party was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the first Garden Work Party last weekend! Volunteers harvested the last of the lettuce crops, then helped clean out the raised beds, weed, plant herbs, and lay down fresh straw on all the pathways. It is now ready for classrooms to begin their fall planting. Thanks for helping make our school garden such a beautiful place to learn!

Special thanks to Tom King (Ashton, Ms. Outhouse) for picking up and delivering the bales of straw from the Seattle Farm Co-Op. Thanks also goes to Chuck Tessaro (Cleo, Ms. Humphrey), for putting up more pegboard inside the garden shed, so we can better organize our tools.

Another Food Bank Harvest!

More Bagley School Garden crops were donated to the Greenwood Food Bank last week! Kim McMillen (Zoe, Ms. Messom) and several Girl Scouts (Sarah, Ms. Messom; and Mirium and Nola, Mr. Moore) harvested another 20 pounds of lettuces, beans and tomatoes after school last Tuesday. Thanks goes to Mary Lamb (Jane, Mr. Bauer and Sarah, Ms. Messom) too, for helping with the harvest and delivering it to the food bank!

New Teacher Liaisons for Garden Committee.

Teachers Wendy Forselius and Connie Messom have volunteered to be co-liaisons to the PTA's Bees in the Garden Committee this school year. They will be a point of contact for teachers and the garden committee if teachers have questions, issues, ideas, etc. We will work with them to find more ways to help teachers get their classrooms out in the garden.

We're very excited to have Wendy and Connie on board!

Classroom Garden Volunteers Still Needed!

Teachers Stone, Norton, Messom, Richards, Filep, Forselius, Scordas, Green, Humphrey, Manley, Moore, Bauer, Stackhouse, Roos, Sams and Vonderlage are planning to garden this fall. If you are interested in helping your child's teacher with lessons in the garden, please speak up! Talk to your child's teacher about what you might be able to do. (No gardening experience is needed, we can help you! Really!) The teachers need volunteer support to get their classrooms out into the garden, so please help if you can! Having several volunteers per classroom will allow more opportunities and more flexibility for classrooms. Contact a Bees in the Garden Committee member for more details.

Home Garden Tip

October is a great month to plant garlic! The plants take up very little space in your garden -- you can even grow them in medium-to-large pots. You can find garlic "sets" in the garden department or at local nurseries. Break each bulb into individual cloves and plant cloves pointed side up, twice as deep as they are big, about 3-4 inches apart. Your garlic will be ready to pick in about 3-4 months. Cut off seed heads as they start to form on top of the long stalks. When stalks begin to yellow, dig or carefully pull up the bulbs. You'll need to dry the bulbs in a warm area but out of sunlight. Once the outside peel has dried, store your garlic bulbs in a dark, dry, slightly warm place.

Happy Gardening!

Bees in the Garden Committee:

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Barb McKague (Kyle, Mr. Moore)
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Trudy Tessaro (Cleo, Ms. Humphrey)
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Family to Family at Bagley

Please join us in a monthly forum for our families that offers support, information, resource referral, and discussion on a variety of topics throughout the year.

For October's meeting we will discuss health and wellness and how we can foster healthy routines during the blustery weather. A guest chef from Whole Foods will share some delicious ideas for winter well-being that the whole family can enjoy.

Tuesday, **October 15th**, 6:30-8pm in the Bagley Library.

Questions? Contact Jen St. Cyr:
jen.st.cyr@gmail.com or 206-861-5640

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