



## PTA Presidents' Message

By Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez



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Welcome again to our Bagley Community! We are glad you are here. We hope you have had a smooth transition so far. Did you notice running shoes on the parent school supply list? September can feel like a dash but be assured - the pace does slow down a bit in October, and routines will soon be established.

We are always working to improve the transition to Daniel Bagley for new families, so if you have feedback, please email one of us while the experiences are still fresh:  
brookedoyle@yahoo.com  
or amecklen@gmail.com.

Part of what makes our community strong and vibrant is our volunteers. Please take some time to learn about all of the volunteer opportunities and find a good match. If you haven't already, check out the green Volunteer Opportunities Form, found in the front hallway and at [www.danielbagley.com](http://www.danielbagley.com). You can choose from a range of ways to be involved, from small to large. We are a diverse community with many different ways to be involved. There's sure to be a fit for you.

When you are in the school to volunteer, be sure to check in at the office and wear a volunteer badge/sticker.

The front office needs to keep track of who is in the building. If the building is evacuated, that list will help us make sure everyone is accounted for. Plus, it is safer for our students when we can keep accurate tabs on the adults coming and going.

Many folks find the Jogathon to be their favorite event of the year. Don't miss it! Friday, September 27 at Lower Woodland Park Track. You should have received event information via Kid Mail, but if not, you can find many details in this newsletter. We really hope to see you there – cheer on your child, run some laps, volunteer. Let's get our fundraising efforts off to a strong start and meet our stretch goal of \$35,000!

Be sure to take some time to read the Fundraising Calendar that arrived in Kid Mail last week. It outlines the various giving opportunities that will happen this year that will help us surpass our goal of \$85,000 and provide fantastic support for our school. We hope you will find it helpful.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please email us at [brookedoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:brookedoyle@yahoo.com) or [amecklen@gmail.com](mailto:amecklen@gmail.com).

## September, 2013

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## Let's Move!

Friday, October 18, is the official kickoff for Let's Move! Join us on Friday mornings, join us on the track before school. Students can earn a point for walking to school on Fridays (with or without a walking school bus), for walking or running four laps around the track, or for biking/scootering to school. Earn a backpack charm for every three points you accumulate. The class with the highest number of points each month will win the coveted Golden Sneaker Award.

## Principal's Letter



Principal Erika Ayer

### Reminders from the Office

Make sure your child has a change of clothing to keep in his/her locker in case of spills or accidents.

Label all your child's belongings.

When your child is late to school, please have your student come to the office before going to class. This helps us to make sure that our attendance records are accurate.

Always call or email the office when your child is going to be late, absent, or leave school early. If you should choose to email, please include both Miss Sari ([shabib@seattleschools.org](mailto:shabib@seattleschools.org)) and Mrs. Olson ([rlolson@seattleschools.org](mailto:rlolson@seattleschools.org)) in the email.

If you are turning in money to the teacher for supplies or field trips please do not combine payment for more than one student or event. All money goes to the teachers for recording and then is turned into the office for deposit.

If you need to make changes to your child's pickup schedule please let the office know by 3:00 if possible.

Dear Daniel Bagley Community,

We have had a tremendous start to the school year! Thank you so much to our entire community for your efforts in starting the year off well. There is quite a bit of change this year and I appreciate and applaud everyone's flexibility and support.

I hope you all enjoyed the flag raising ceremony; what a great way to start a new year. I would like to give a special thank you to Jeff McMillen and Doron Weisbarth for helping with the sound system. It was so wonderful to see so many families participate in that tradition.

Our first principal's coffee will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. The Principal's coffee is a chance for parents and I to get to know each other, learn more about the school and ask questions. Please bring your coffee/tea and join me for a chat.

MAP testing will continue this year. All students will test in the fall and spring. Testing will begin September 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue through early November. More information will be sent home about MAP testing to the families. The winter test will be optional for our teachers to use as a progress-monitoring tool for teacher with some students.

I am very glad to be back with the Daniel Bagley community and I love seeing so many of you in the building throughout the day supporting our students and teachers. Please remember when visiting the school to sign-in in the main office. Please also remember that when parking we are respectful of our neighbors and not block driveways or double park. Additionally, a gentle reminder that the handicap parking is for vehicles that display state-issued handicapped placard or license plate.

Welcome back to another great year and I hope to see you at the Jog-A-Thon later this month!

Sincerely,

Erika Ayer  
Principal  
Daniel Bagley Elementary

### Meet Ms Bader

Many families have visited the gym to welcome me to the Bagley community, and I really appreciate it. Please continue to visit! In our first unit we are developing our routines, participating in community building activities, and introducing fitness components.

In preparation for the Jog-A-Thon, we are building up our endurance here at school. Why not join us? Take your family for a walk or jog around your neighborhood to continue that training and reinforce a lifelong healthy activity.

I am excited to be part of the Daniel Bagley community.

Toni Bader [albader@seattleschools.org](mailto:albader@seattleschools.org)

## Jogathon Permission Slips are Due Next Tuesday– September 24

The countdown is on...only one more week before the 2013 Daniel Bagley Jogathon! On Friday, September 27, Lower Woodland Track will host a swarm of Bagley Bees. The event kicks off at a relaxed and safe pace at 10:30 a.m. Runners and walkers will complete their laps by 11:20. We encourage family and friends to join the fun, cheer on all of our students, and even run a lap or two!



**Please return your child's permission slip to their teacher by September 24.** Your child must have a permission slip on file to go on the buses to Lower Woodland! If your child is unable to participate as a runner or walker, he or she can serve as a "student helper" during the Jogathon as long as a permission slip is on file.

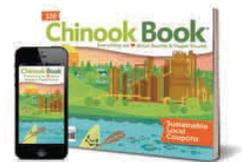
We raised over \$35,000 last year, amounting to about \$90 per student. Let's do it again! Pledges can be a flat donation or an amount per lap. Funds raised during the event directly support programs the kids participate in each and every day such as Health and Fitness, the Library, Art, Music, classroom tutors and a lot more!

If you are interested in helping at the Jogathon, please return your Volunteer form to your child's teacher. You can download a copy of the Volunteer form, Permission slip and Pledge sheet from the Daniel Bagley website [www.danielbagley.com](http://www.danielbagley.com) or pick up extra copies in the Bagley front hallway.

Please feel free to contact your Jogathon Co-chairs Christine Davis ([csugg@comcast.net](mailto:csugg@comcast.net)) or Diedra Ward ([diedra.w@netzero.net](mailto:diedra.w@netzero.net))

## Chinook Book

Save money and support the Daniel Bagley PTA by purchasing a Chinook Book! We raised over \$1,200 for the PTA last year thanks to the many families who purchased Chinook Book. With your participation, we hope to exceed that amount this year.



Chinook Books and Mobile Coupon Packs are filled with valuable coupons for saving at local, sustainable businesses that promote healthy living in our community. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings - below are just a few neighborhood favorites. To see a complete list, please visit: <http://chinookbook.net/whats-inside/seattle-puget-sound/>

- **Top Ten Toys:** save \$5.00 on your purchase of \$25 or more
- **Ben & Jerry's:** one free ice cream when you purchase a second of equal or greater value
- **Bartell Drugs:** two coupons for \$5.00 off a your purchases of \$40 or more
- **Zoe Yogurt:** one free yogurt with the purchase of a second of equal or greater value
- **Greenwood Hardware:** 20% off your purchase
- **Chocolati:** save 50% on any food or beverage order

Questions?

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Chinook Books have over 500 coupons and are sold for \$20. We earn \$10 per book for the Daniel Bagley PTA. Mobile Coupon Packs have an unlock code to download over 400 mobile coupons for iPhone or Android smartphones. The mobile option is sold for \$15 and we earn \$7.50 for the PTA

Combos give you both the Chinook Book and the Mobile Coupon Pack and are sold for \$30. We earn \$15.00 per combo for the PTA. Search for "Chinook Book" in the app store to see the many ways to save when you shop.

We have an honor-system display set up in the school office closet. Please fill in the form attached to the Chinook Book folder indicating what you have purchased and leave a check in the folder made out to Daniel Bagley PTA

## Volunteer Opportunities

PTA Volunteer opportunities are going fast— jump in before they're all gone!

### Family to Family

Coping with the transition from summer to school can be challenging for the whole family. Please join us for a discussion on transitions and how we can support our children and ourselves in easing back into a busy routine.

Family to Family is a parent facilitated peer support network to foster community, family, and individual well-being. This is an open group and all caregivers are invited to attend.

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bagley Library.

Please contact Jen St. Cyr, [jen.st.cyr@gmail.com](mailto:jen.st.cyr@gmail.com), or 206-861-5640. Childcare is not provided for this event.

### Green Team / Composting Coordinator

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

### Harvest Hootenanny Co-Chairs

Do you love the Harvest Hootenanny? Do your Bagley Bees look forward to this great carnival each year?

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

## Free Money Program Overview

Daniel Bagley's Free Money Program earns over \$10,000 a year for our PTA. The best part about the Free Money program is that it is for shopping that you do anyway. Here are some ways that you can help:

**Collect for Us!** Please put the following in the Free Money bins located at the entrance to school:

- Box tops
- Campbell's Labels for Education
- Printer Cartridges
- Ballard Market Receipts

**Shop Online!** Click through these links when you shop online and DBE will earn a percentage of your purchases. This really adds up!

- Amazon – Click through <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=danibageelem-20> before you shop.
- eScrip Online Mall – Find hundreds of retailers at this link: <http://shopping.escrip.com>

**Swipe Your Loyalty Cards!** Register your loyalty cards and swipe them every time you shop:

- Safeway Club Card – register on [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com)
- Bartels "B" Caring Card – register on [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- QFC Advantage Card – register on [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com)
- Fred Meyer – register on [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com)

**Use Scrip Cards!** Scrip cards are just like gift cards. Daniel Bagley PTA buys them at a discount from the retailers and sells them to our families at face value. The difference (between 1% and 18%) is what the Free Money Program earns.



**Join the VList:**  
Visit [www.danielbagley.com/happening\\_vlist.htm](http://www.danielbagley.com/happening_vlist.htm).

**Visit the Kindergarten Blog:**  
[www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com](http://www.bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com).

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



## Meet your BLT Representatives

Hello from Frank Schuck and Julia Bacharach. We are your parent representatives on the Building Leadership Team (BLT).

The BLT oversees Bagley's Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and budget development as well as other issues affecting the school.

Come share your thoughts about our school! You can find us on the playground or write us an email.

The BLT is a group that works cooperatively to shape school policies. Our members include teachers, AS specialists, parents, and Principal Ayer.

As parent reps, we represent parent interests to the BLT and communicate the BLT decisions to the parent community.

**Frank Schuck**  
frank.schuck@wholefoods.com

**Julia Bacharach**  
juliabacharach@msn.com

## PTA Free Child Care Policy

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

### How to Register

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.st.cyr@gmail.com  
206-861-5640  
Bagley Office:  
206-252-5110

### Restrictions

Children must be 5 years old

You may only register for two events at a time.

Maximum 12-children per child care worker.

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

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



## Special Initiative Grants

Your support for the Bagley PTA's fundraising last year has enabled us to continue the PTA special initiative grant fund for 2013-2014.

eration is October 8th at 4:00 p.m.

The special initiatives grant fund gives the PTA the flexibility to respond to funding needs that arise outside the normal budget planning process.

You can pick up the Grant Proposal form from the racks next to the PTA bulletin board or download it from the school website ([www.danielbagley.com/pta.htm](http://www.danielbagley.com/pta.htm)). Please note that the criteria have been adjusted since last year.

If you have a new or existing program, event, or idea that supports the PTA mission, or if you want to expand an existing program or event, why not apply for a grant?

Email completed forms to the Committee Chair Julia Bacharach ([BagleyBee@hotmail.com](mailto:BagleyBee@hotmail.com)) or drop your paper form in the PTA Grant Proposal folder in the PTA closet.

The first deadline for Grant Proposal consid-

**9/25, 1:35 p.m.**  
Two hour early dismissal for professional development

**9/24**  
MAP testing begins

**9/25, 6:30 p.m.**  
Family to Family in the library

**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

**10/9, 6:30**  
iWalk Day

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

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

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

## 2013-2014 Kickoff: Thanks to You!

We have had a great start to the year—thanks to all our amazing volunteers!

### Welcome Coffee

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of the Welcome Coffee, particularly Jenny Poast who took the lead. Helping Jenny were:

Wendy Stauff, Rosemary Danneloper, Camile Heinen, Marci Revelli, Kathy Scott, Mary Park, Mary Lamb, Susan Palmer, Laural Miller-Klein, Michelle Caulfield, Rachel Haynes, Kevin Haynes, Jen St Cyr, Doron Weisbarth and Jeff McMillen, and Danielle Slota

Big thanks to Whole Foods and our own Frank Schuck and Jen St. Cyr for making sure we were all well caffeinated!

### Staff Lunch & Breakfast

The breakfast and lunch for Daniel Bagley staff was a huge success. Kudos to Jamie Lynn Kimbrough for organizing both events! Providing the delicious food were:

Julia Becke, Sarah Bovee, Maureen Carr, Nancy Dahlberg, Yayoi Fox, Mary Lamb, Jeanne McGuire, Brett Millner-Feltis, Cheryl Pomp King, Dagmar Rehse, Kathy Scott, Jen St Cyr, Marisa Taylor, Maureen Carr, Nancy Dahlberg, Jeanne McGuire, Molly Jo McGuire, Susan Palmer, Tanya Shapiro, Kathy Scott, Tanya Shapiro

### Mailings

Packets and mailings were collated and stuffed by these diligent volunteers: Rachel Haynes, Mary Lamb, Kim McMillen, Michelle Parnes, Jeanne McGuire, Laura Tiberio.

### Clip and Chat

Our first group of Clip 'n Chat “pinch hitters” were so helpful in getting out

our first batch of Kid Mail: Marisa Taylor, Stephanie Kang, Laural Miller-Klein, Rachel Haynes, Jamie Lynn Kimbrough, Ruchita Tulsyan, and Yolanda Merritt.

### Randi Olson

We must acknowledge Randi Olson, our school secretary, who manages a multitude of details to keep the trains on time and keeps a smile on her face as she does!

### School Beautification

Kailea Ball made sure our flower pots were spiffed up, and Bob Schreck and Phil Kapplehoff, our faithful custodians, who readied our school for the Bees!

### Family Outreach

Our new families have been warmly welcomed through play dates, a picnic social, the Welcome Night, and the kindergarten blog ([bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com](http://bagleykindergarten.blogspot.com)), thanks to the coordination of Jenny Poast and Matina Fresenius.

We've all been kept informed of summer events and announcements through the dedicated efforts of a trio of communication pros: Marika Francisco and Greg Sullivan covering the PTA web site, Patti Aro creating the Buzz newsletter, and Jeanne McGuire updating the reader board.

### Greenwood Parade

Last but not least, we can't forget the fun and frivolity of the Greenwood Parade. Many thanks to Keri Pravitz for organizing our contingent of Bagley Bees who represented us so well. Thank you also to Julia Bacharach and Dan Cory for arranging for the

fire truck that some of our Bees had a chance to ride during the parade!

Daniel Bagley is a wonderful community, in no small part because of folks who step up and contribute. Thank you!

Brooke Doyle and Amy Perez,  
2013-14 PTA Co-Presidents

P.S. If we missed someone, we apologize and please let us know.

## Walking School Bus

October 9 is International Walk to School Day. Across the globe, children and adults join together to celebrate the many benefits of walking, including physical fitness and stronger communities. Last year, more than 40 countries participated, including 150 Bagley students!

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with two or more adults along an established route with scheduled stops to pick up riders along the way.

Bagley has two established walking school bus routes that walk every Friday morning.

Find the route near you at:  
[bagleywalkingschoolbus.blogspot.com](http://bagleywalkingschoolbus.blogspot.com)

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