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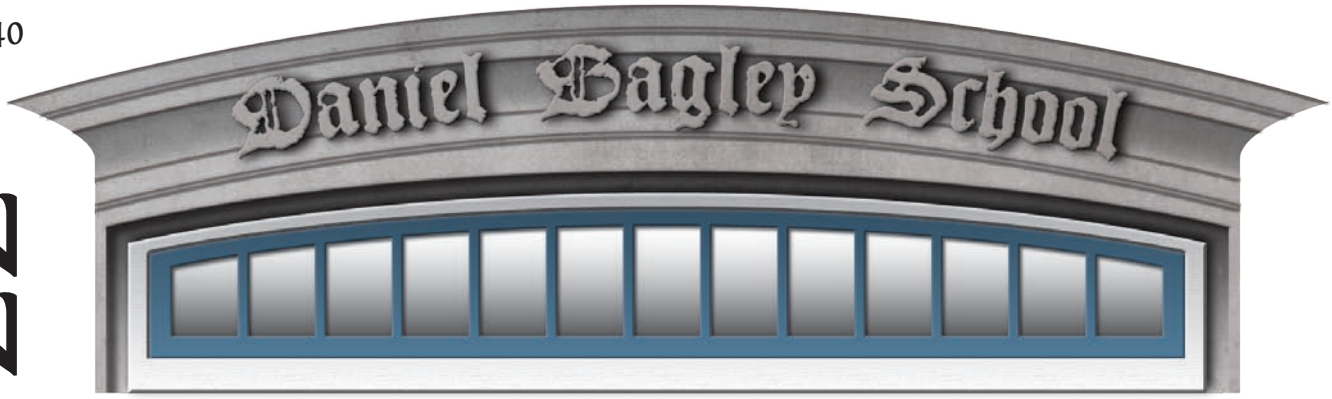

Elizabeth Gay, PTA President

April 2011 President's Message by Elizabeth Gay

The **GREAT NEWS** is that we are poised to meet our $95K PTA fund-raising goal to support our school! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has given financial and volunteer support to help us reach our goal. You can soon give input on how we allocate PTA funds by participating in our spring survey. The Budget Committee will send a link to the survey on the email V-list as well as have paper copies in the school hallway. Your responses help your elected PTA Board members and the Budget Committee direct funds to support our school and students.

The **Green Field Project** gave an important update at the April PTA meeting. The project budget had ballooned over this school year and the PTA Board asked the project to look at ways to trim costs to bring them more in line with what funds the project had already been able to raise (approximately 125K). Parent volunteers **Brent Chastain** and **Farhad Hyder** rose to this challenge. Originally, the project included a new grassy area, trees and plantings, and replacement of the current asphalt with pervious cement. The pervious cement added costs in excess of 250K. Brent and Farhad proposed reducing costs by simply resurfacing the existing asphalt and were able to get approval from the City of Seattle, the awarder of our $97.5K Neighborhood Grant. **This change reduces the project budget by over $250K and makes it possible to FINISH the project this summer. However, we are still short approximately $25K.** We are working to seek additional business donations and grants. If you were unable to attend the Giving Campaign Event and planned instead to give a donation during the Giving Campaign season, we encourage you to donate to the Green Field Project. Please check out the article in this Buzz about additional ways that you can help.

Staff Appreciation Week is next week, May 2 – 6th. Please join us in thanking our wonderful teachers and staff for their tremendous work in educating our students and for providing continuity and stability as our community weathers leadership changes. More information will be sent on the vlist. We can still use some help, so if you are able, please contact **Tamara Griffin (*grigs1@msn.com*).**

Be sure to join in the fun of the **SOCK HOP this Saturday, April 30th!** Come BEE bop around the cafeteria to fabulous live music from the 50s/60s/70s. There will be dance instruction starting at 6:30PM and the band kicks off at 7:00PM.

Our **Principal Hiring Team** is busily working to find us another wonderful school leader. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our parent representatives on the hiring committee, **Ursula Frank and Kate O'Leary** (*uefrank@comcast.net*, *kate.oleary@hotmail.com)*. Please also offer them your thanks as they have been logging long hours to screen and interview principal candidates.

Happy Spring to you and your family!

DANIEL BAGLEY STAFF

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Principal Anitra Jones

Greetings Daniel Bagley Families,

It's 'SPRING' time...and the children at Daniel Bagley are well! I am elated to report your children are continuing to learn magnificent things in their classrooms on a daily basis. Our teachers are working daily to ensure that all students make continual academic, social, and emotional gains.

As part of our continued efforts to implement our Readers Workshop Curriculum this year, we had our second visit from our affiliates at Teacher College Columbia University the week of March 11th. TC Staff Developer Ms. Anna Gratz partnered with our staff using classrooms as lab sites for creating student book clubs. Our students have been working all year on mastering a multitude of reading skills. The Daniel Bagley Staff is very grateful to our district partners within Seattle Public Schools for funding this opportunity.

I am pleased to announce that the 2011-12 operating budget has been approved. The priorities of the 2011-12 budget are student achievement (academic, social, emotional) and continuous teacher development as aligned with the DB Continuous School Improvement Plan (C-SIP). Please join me in thanking **Ms. Renee Boone** and **Mr. Chris Potter** for their leadership as parent representatives on the Building Leadership Team (BLT) and their direct participation with overseeing the facilitation and development of the school budget. Next year there will be marked improvements with funding allocations including professional development funds for teachers coupled with allocations towards collaboration time between special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and general education teachers.

The Daniel Bagley staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to each family for their fiscal contributions that directly provide funds for our supplemental budget. Your direct contribution allows for the continuation of tutors within our classrooms, counselor, and nurse FTE increase as well as a host of other things that support student achievement through teaching and learning. Thank you.

Next, I would like to inform our parent partners that DB was afforded an additional .5 PCP elective offering for the 2011-12 school year . I am excited to announce that the Daniel Bagley staff has elected to offer technology coupled with Health & Fitness and Art. Current 2/3 grade teacher Ms. Cheryl Beisel will lead the .5 PCP technology class next year. Additional information will be forwarded in the near future.

SPS transportation times have shifted for Daniel Bagley next year. As a result our arrival and departure times will change to a later start and end time next year. Confirmation of start and end times will be confirmed prior to the end of this school year.

Beginning in the month of May, Daniel Bagley will begin the process for assigning student classes for next year. I am planning to send out a questionnaire to all families to seek your input on class assignments for next year.

The Daniel Bagley Building Leadership Team will have one parent representative open position available for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Renee Boone has successfully served for the two year term. Thank you, Ms. Boone for serving on the BLT! Details will be forwarded soon on election process. The charge of the BLT is to oversee the facilitation and development of the school budget and professional development.

Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the WA state Measures of Student Progress (MSP) on the following dates: May 3rd –May 6th. Please make sure your child gets an abundance of rest and attends school on time. Additional information will be sent via your child's teacher.

Lastly, the Daniel Bagley Principal Hiring Team has been diligently working with our district partners to forward a candidate recommendation to our Superintendent, Dr. Susan Enfield. I would like to thank parent representatives **PTA Vice President Ursula Frank** and **Ms. Kate O'leary** for your leadership and participation in selecting a principal that can continue to maximize our strengths at Daniel Bagley for SEVERAL years to come. I look forward to transitioning the next principal to ensure a smooth hand off for the 2011-12 school year!

I look forward to our continued partnership for the remainder of the year.

I am so pleased to be the leader at Daniel Bagley and look forward to ensuring that our children remain well!

Respectfully,

Anitra Pinchback-Jones

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

THANK YOU to all of these volunteers who support our classrooms by working with students and helping teachers! Each month, the PTA thanks all of the volunteers who take on projects that support our school, but this month we wanted to give a shout out to the many folks who help our teachers and students directly. 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.

Robert Adair
Laurena Allan
Kaoruko Ando
Erin Arcuri
Debby Bacharach
Julia Bacharach
Lynne Baratto
Nadine Beebe
Deb Becker
Melissa Becker
Elizabeth Bennett
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Michael Brandstetter
Melanie Burch
Maureen Carr
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Jeanette Chandler
Denna Cline
Suzi Coleman
Amy Cork
Nancy and Jason Dahlberg
Gina Diamond
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Janie Duckett
Annie Edwards
Shelly Evans
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Jed Feltis
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Ursula Frank
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Rachael Hamilton
David Harris
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Donna Hill
Andrea Huber
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Erica Hutcheson
Sharie Hyder
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Mary Colleen Jenkins
Lise Kauffman
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Anne Kelso
Kathleen Kenny
Julie Kloss
Sonja Knutson
Bev Laigo
Kate Laner
Richard McAdams
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Danielle McGurk
Barb McKague
Hannah Marzynski
Kristin Metcalf
Britt Murphy
Lisa Newton
Veronica Niemeyer
Monica Oxford
Susan Palmer
Kris Panton
Mary Park
Bharat Patel
Grandma Pearl
Cindy Potter
Kelly Powers
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Lisa Robertson
Amanda Rosenberg
Jean Samala
Heather Schuman
Tiffany Sciborski
Danielle Slota
Malia Soares
Shohreh Soltani
Lita Spratt
Laura Tiberio
Rachael Victoria
Diem Waarvick
Rebecca Warren
Doron Weisbarth
Josh Woods
Sharon Zwiebeck

If you help in the classroom, but don't see your name listed, please email me and accept my apologies for missing you this month.

- Elizabeth Gay, PTA President

Instrumental Music at Daniel Bagley

"I love going to music because it helped me find a talent I didn't know I had." **Katelyn, 5th grade.**

This quote comes from one of our 5th grade Daniel Bagley students that decided to try playing the flute this year. Imagine how many other students there are at Daniel Bagley who have hidden talents that they have yet to realize. For many people at Daniel Bagley, school music is only about the vocal music concert that our K - 3rd graders perform every year. They are unaware of the great instrumental music that is being learned in the lunchroom every Thursday morning. On these mornings 55 of our 4th and 5th grade students spend ½ hour learning to play the instrument of their choice. This includes learning to read music, understand timing, learning coordination, and gaining a sense of accomplishment. This exciting program is available to all 4th and 5th grade students at all Seattle Public Schools. If students can't afford to rent an instrument the school district has a limited supply to loan to students. Our students have been working hard this year. Here are some of the things that have been happening recently in instrumental music:

On March 14th Katrina Hendrickson was Daniel Bagley's only representative in the Eckstein Middle School Solo & Ensemble Competition. She won a gold medal playing Minuet by J.S. Bach, with piano accompaniment, on her alto saxophone. ***Congratulations Katrina!***

On April 9th seven of our fifth grade students represented Daniel Bagley at the Seattle Public Schools All City Honors Instrumental Music Concert. The students were given the concert music in February and worked every week with our fabulous music instructor, Mr. Oesterle, to learn their pieces. On the day of the concert the students were dropped off at Whitman Middle School at 12:30 pm to practice. They practiced in instrument sections and as a whole group. The concert was performed at 4pm. There were 97 students in the Orchestra and 152 students in the band. The stage was crowded. They sounded great and were proud of their accomplishment. Here are some things our students had to say about the concert:

- *The Honors Concert was a very fun experience because you got to play with lots of people from different schools. It was fun to be able to show people how well you can play.* ***-Kate***
- *It was really exciting to perform with 150 people.* ***-Carter***
- *It was awesome because we got to play with a lot of different people, and the experience of playing in front of people, who are not your parents, is really illuminating.* ***-Cleo***
- *I liked breaking into sections. I got to play with 27 saxophones! I also liked playing in a huge group. It was like surround sound.* ***-Katrina***

On May 19th all of our instrumental music students will play their final two concerts of the year. On that morning there will be an all school assembly where our musicians will be performing for the rest of the school. Again in the evening there will be a repeat concert for friends and family of the musicians. We encourage interested parents to come to the daytime concert to see what has been learned this year in instrumental music. Talk to your younger students about the concert before it happens. Let them know what this year's students say about music. After the concert be sure to ask your students what instruments they saw and what they might be interested in playing when they are in 4th grade. All of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders can start playing an instrument next year.

This has been a great year for our budding musicians. When you are encouraging your child to take up an instrument think about what our current musicians and parent Kate O'Leary are saying about music at Bagley:

- *I like music because it helps me relax.* ***-Zara***
- *The music is like being wrapped in a soft blanket. It's like your heart is singing with it.* ***-Natalia***
- *I like music because I think it's really fun. I also like playing in the concert because our family got to come.* ***-J'Dyn***
- *Music is fun because it teaches you coordination and it makes you never board because when you are board you practice.* ***-Kella***

- *I think music is awesome because learning how to read notes and play an instrument will bring you far in life.* ***-Salena***
- *Music really helps me to pay attention to things I may not get.* ***-Thea***
- *I like music because it makes your brain work faster.* ***-Anonymous***
- *Music can be hard at times, but mostly it is fun. It feels good to do something most people can't do.* ***-Hanna***
- *Music gives Jonah a chance to show his peers another side of himself and they really respect him for it.* ***-Kate O'Leary***
- *It helps me improve my self confidence.* ***-Liya***
- *It helps your hand-eye coordination and it helps juggling.* ***-Rowan***
- *Our entire school community can be a member of our music community. In instrumental music there are no divisions between inclusion, contemporary, or montessori.* ***-Kate O'Leary***

We hope to see you at our upcoming concert and to see the younger students take up an instrument when they start 4th grade.

Hello DB parents and community!

The Greenfield project continues to move forward and we plan to break ground this June. We are very excited that we will have a completely refreshed outside space that will have a huge impact to the school and the community.

We have a confirmed "letter to proceed" from the City of Seattle for the $97,500 grant! To date, we have raised $28,300 from finish line brick sales, donations and other contributions.

UPDATE: The primary goals of this project were to "green" the space and replace the playground asphalt with pervious asphalt, finishing by summer 2012. While the asphalt replacement proved to be too expensive to achieve within our timeline, we are excited to report that our grant funder has approved us to resurface the asphalt instead. Not only does resurfacing the asphalt improve playground safety and, reduces the project costs by approximately $225,000, but we can now FINISH the playground improvements this summer!

In order to resurface the asphalt and bring the project to conclusion, we must secure an additional $25,000.

Here's what we need from you, our wonderful community, as we continue into the spring:

1. It's not too late to buy a brick! Bricks make great presents for friends, grandparents, cousins and strangers alike! Pick up a form at the front of the school or download one at http://www.danielbagley.com/greenfield-project.htm
2. If your company matches donations, your gift has twice the impact! Please don't forget to submit your matching information for any donations.
3. For the Four Square and US Map projects we have a need for parent / community volunteers. Don't hesitate to contact Diem Luu at diem.t.luu@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved.
4. We are planning a ground breaking party/fundraiser in late May - stay tuned for details.
5. This is what we can expect to come back to in the fall:
    - 10,000 square feet of grass field
    - Over 5,000 square feet of new planting bed
    - Painted running track
    - Beautiful finish line bricks
    - Existing asphalt chipped & sealed
    - New timber wall
    - Wall ball post
    - Tether ball post (3)
    - Painted US map
    - Four square (6) and Round four square (2)

Thanks to all for the financial contributions and countless hours that you've put into making this possible.

Looking forward to your support in getting a strong start to our groundbreaking!

- ***Green Field Project Team***

Wanted: Classroom Volunteers to Help With Garden Lessons

The Bees in the Garden Committee is working to help teachers line up volunteers for the classrooms to do their spring planting and help with garden based lessons.

Each classroom needs a "garden liaison" who can help communicate the teacher's specific needs/requests to the families in the classroom and rally volunteers to cover specific days or projects. Classrooms also need to have a few volunteers who can come to the classroom at a set time on a regular basis, or as projects arise. If a classroom had two or more volunteers who could come for an hour at the same time each week, to help with garden related activities, that would have a huge impact on a classroom's ability to get out into the garden!

The needs of the teachers vary, but there are opportunities in virtually every classroom. If you have some time and are interested in helping, please speak up and talk to your child's teacher, or contact a BIG Committee member (**Andrea Day Huber** at ***andreadayhuber@gmail.com***, **Barb McKague** at ***neilbarb@gmail.com***, or **Trudy Tessaro** at ***trudytessaro@gmail.com***).

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Garden Grand Opening Event

We're planning a number of exciting activities to celebrate spring in our new school garden, including:

- Kids' Cooking Class featuring a local chef in the garden
- "First Annual" Flower and Herb Sale featuring seedlings started by the classrooms in the GrowLabs
- Eco Awareness presentation by Gina Diamond
- Music
- Sidewalk chalk art

Please drop in to help celebrate the completion of the Garden Rejuvenation Project!

- Bees in the Garden Committee

Calendar

Apr 30 - Sock Hop 6:30pm

May 2- 6 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10 - PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

May 13 - Principal's Coffee 9:30 (Library)

May 14 - Garden Grand Opening Event 10am-1pm

May 18 - Professional Development Day **(2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL)**

May 19 - Instrumental Concert

May 26 - Art Walk

May 30 - Memorial Day **(NO SCHOOL)**

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Let's Go to the Hop!

Break out your poodle skirts and saddle shoes and join us for an evening of live music and dancing on April 30th. The night starts at 6:30PM with a 30 minute dance lesson with live music from the 50s/60s/70s kicking off at 7PM. Don't miss this fun filled evening!!!

Suggested donation: $15.00/family.

Warm Weather Dress Code Reminder

As the weather turns warmer, please remember that students should not wear flip flops to school (they cause many accidents at school and on the playground), and sleeveless tops need to have straps that are at least two fingers in width.
Thank you!

Fabulous PTA Leadership Opportunity!

Reflections needs you! What is Reflections? In a nutshell, Reflections is "a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works."

This is an incredibly satisfying job and a great job to share with a friend. There is a ton of support through our own PTA chapter and both the regional and state chapters. You can get as creative as you wish to help students get their artistic ideas down on paper, in words, in dance, in photographs/video and/or music.

If you have any questions or interest, please call or write.

Thank you!
Wyly Astley
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PTA job up for grabs!

The job of Daniel Bagley t-shirt sales is open for next year. It's a super simple job that you can do by yourself or find a partner if you like. The only requirement is that you should be able to show up at most key DB events (first day of school, Kindergarten welcome night, Jogathon, Reflections, Book Fair, a few days before Spirit Day, Art walk). Please contact **Rebecca Warren** at ***cwruhmann@msn.com*** if you are interested.

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