



“A Fair to Remember”

RSVP TODAY!
Saturday, March 19, 2011
5:30pm to 10:30pm
Leif Erikson Hall

Bagley Elementary kicks off its largest fundraising campaign each year with a fun, adults-only evening.

Join other Bagley parents, friends and teachers on **March 19** for dinner, drinks and dancing. Play one of the carnival-themed games and win fabulous prizes like restaurant certificates, theater tickets, massages, wine, excursions and much more. It is a great parents' night out to benefit the school and our kids.

Need another invitation? Go to the [link](#) on the Bagley home page under What's Happening or find printed copies in the brochure rack in the entry of the school.

Great prizes await those who attend
“A Fair to Remember.”

Thank you Bagley families for procuring items! Here are a few examples of items just in:

- One night stay and breakfast at the **Hyatt at Olive 8**
- Two tickets to **Teatro Zinzani**, a 5-course dinner-theater performance
- Four-course dinner for four and two hours of billiards or bowling at the **Garage**
- **Four tickets to Disneyland**
- \$250 to **Vitality Pilates**
- **Red Mountain Wine Tour**
- Dinner for two at the **Space Needle**

You can help bring the “A Fair to Remember” party details together in many different ways:

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 donnahill@comcast.net

Donate wine – We need wine for the carnival-style wine toss. Email Malia if you are willing to pick up a bottle or two (retail min. \$10). She'll be collecting on Thursdays after school before and after mid-winter break, **2/17, 3/3 and 3/10** soaresmalia@gmail.com

Donate or procure an item – Do you have a weekend retreat? Would you like to procure a gift card? Or have a skill you can offer? Email lauratufts@hotmail.com.

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.

Volunteer – help set up or take a shift during the event. Contact Cindy Potter, cpotter@igc.org.

RSVP – the earlier the better as space is limited.

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Why I Think We Should Have Grass On Our Playground

By Lukas Illa, Room 209

Now basically everyone agrees with me on this subject because, think of every time you trip and fall down accidentally you land on hard rock instead of soft grass. That's why I think our playground needs grass. There are a lot of reasons why we need grass on the playground but here are three reasons why. Firstly you don't have to worry about hurting yourself. Secondly you don't have to walk when it's rainy. And thirdly we could play lots more games that we couldn't play before because we had cement instead of grass.

The first reason is that grass is much safer than cement because about 70% of the time, I slip and fall on the elbow or the knee (usually). Once in first grade I was playing soccer (bear in mind I was the kid who stood on the side lines, but that day I finally played) and a tough third grader comes up behind me with the ball, and dribbles it to my right. I didn't want to get in the way even if he was on the opposite side, so I moved to the left. Right then he moved to the left because another good soccer player was trying to get the ball and ran into me. That made me scrape my knee. (It was bloody.) And nobody wants that.

The second reason is that on every single rainy day you have to walk instead of run, because if you run you skid and 99% of the time you fall down and have the chance to get fatefully injured. But on grass you would not get injured. Yeah you would get wet. Yeah you would get a grass stain, but it beats getting injured.

Now of course we could have field day here and not pay for buses. We could play way more games like dodge ball because we don't have a big enough gym (but that's another story). During the Jogathon in September if it's still rainy or was rainy, it's slippery and when you run or jog you will slip or fall at least once or twice because the Jogathon lasts for 50 minutes. So let's just say that you can play a lot more games with grass under your feet.

So I hope you realize now (if you didn't already) that we need grass on our field. But maybe if you write an essay for grass on your playground you'll get your wish.

Bagley Walk and Talk

Walk Green Lake on Tuesdays right before school gets out! Meet other Bagley parents! Get some exercise and celebrate the coming spring (maybe a little early)! We meet every Tuesday at 2:10pm in front of Bagley school and are done in time to pick up the kids. Everyone is welcome!





Elizabeth Gay, PTA President

February 2011 PTA President's Message by Elizabeth Gay

We are over half way through with the school year and there are so many things going on at our school lately. Here are some highlights.

Giving Campaign Party: Please RSVP to "A Fair to Remember" which will be on March 19th at the Leif Erickson Hall in Ballard. If you've misplaced your invitation, there are extras in the school entryway's brochure racks. It promises to be a very fun event with exciting experiences and tantalizing items at a variety of price points, including: tickets to Disneyland, an Xbox 360 with Kinect and four games, one night stays at downtown Seattle's Olive 8 and the Seattle Hyatt, passes to kid favorites like Paint the Town, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Children's Theatre, and Seattle Gymnastics, and many gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses. Our goal is to raise 45K at the event, which is our largest major fundraiser. The 95K total we raise for our school funds critical programs that make a difference in our children's lives.

Green Field Project Great News! The Green Field Project has reached its goal of receiving the full 97.5K grant award from the City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods. The plan is to accomplish phase 1 of the project of building the grassy field and planting trees this summer. Please thank Green Field Project volunteers when you see them (more information below). Thank you to everyone who has donated to the project in money and time and who has solicited donations from local businesses. It is very exciting that this phase of grass and plants will become a reality this summer!

Where should the MAP test be given? I organized the parent volunteers and was present for much of the testing over the almost 3 week testing period. Most of the testing was conducted on the stage area of the cafeteria, but some classes tested in the library on the days when it was not in use. I observed that the library is a superior testing space. The cafeteria was noisy, crowded, not at all ergonomic, and the laptop computers crashed much more often than the desktops that are in the library. Our students are not accustomed to testing on computers, so I don't know that they would actually complain. However, I see no way that their ability to focus was not impacted. I was one of the parents who wanted the library to be freed up for the almost 9 weeks per year of MAP testing, but now I would choose to move it back. I am conflicted about the MAP test, but I think that if our students are going to be spending time on this test, we should work to create a testing environment that is respectful of their efforts. If you have opinions about its location or ideas about how to balance library time with the need to improve our students' testing space, please contact Ms. Jones. She is very interested in hearing parent input.

Visits by Superintendent Maria Goodloe Johnson and School Board Director Sherry Carr:

Superintendent Goodloe Johnson attended our postponed January PTA meeting and Board Director Sherry Carr attended our recent February meeting. The minutes from those meetings will soon be posted. Topics included the plight of Bagley's out of attendance area siblings, MAP testing, and budget cuts. Both guests spoke to the dire state of our District's budget that will need reductions to the tune of approximately \$36 million. These cuts come after the state already cut funding to our District by \$32 million over the last couple of years. When asked what parents could do to help, the Superintendent stated that parents are not an organized lobbying voice for education in Olympia. She described the recent successful activism of parents when state funding for advanced learners was on the chopping block and urged us to become involved. As such, you and your children can sign up to participate in the WA State PTA Legislative Focus Day (2/21/11) at www.wastatepta.org.

Have a safe and enjoyable mid-winter break!

Elizabeth

Volunteer opportunity available! The PTA is seeking a volunteer to take over the reader board responsibilities. If you are looking for an easy way to get involved this is your ticket! If you are interested please contact Anne Caughlan at caughlana@yahoo.com

Calendar

Feb 17 - Instrumental Concert 6:30pm
(Cafeteria)

Feb 21-25 - Mid Winter Break **(NO SCHOOL)**

Mar 2 - Professional Development Day **(2 Hour Early Dismissal)**

Mar 8 - PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
(Library)

Mar 11 - Principal's Coffee 9:30am
(Library)

Mar 19 - Daniel Bagley Giving Campaign "A Fair to Remember" 5:30-10:00pm Leif Erikson Hall

Apr 8 - Principal's Coffee 9:30am
(Library)

Apr 12 - PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
(Library)

Apr 18-22 - Spring Break **(NO SCHOOL)**

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THANK YOU

THANKS! On behalf of the PTA, I'd like to acknowledge some of the recent hard work of our parent volunteers:

Kevin Huber, Farhad Hyder, Brent Chastin, Diem Luu, Josh Tufts, Monica Oxford, Maureen Carr, Jed Feltis, Todd Rudge, Jason Zayas, Martha

Shapiro, Eric Dean, Erin Reid, Julia Bacharach, Ed Roos, and Chuck Milsap – these parents have all worked hard in a variety of ways to help realize the goal of improving our playground. Thanks to them, our playground will be greener starting this summer!

Melissa Becker – for a terrific job organizing this year's Kindergarten Tours yet again. Families who toured were very impressed by our school and are eager to be a part of our community. Thank you **Kari Cantey, Dan Cory, Cindy Potter, Sarah Boyd, Nadine Beebe, Carol Greenough, and Kim McMillen** for leading tours.

Marci Revelli, Hannah Marzynski, Rick Swann, and the One Bagley Committee - for developing an extensive lending library in our Bagley Library that includes books to read with your children to help spark conversations about topics such as race, ethnicity, gender, disability, being singled out, being bullied, being the bully, and standing up for one's beliefs. The library also includes parenting books and the materials for the Second Steps and Steps to Respect curriculums. For more information, look at last week's Buzz for the list and check out procedures.

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 email me if you would like to see someone noted.

Elizabeth Gay, PTA President (eeqaay@gmail.com)

PTA Seeks President & Co-Treasurer For Next Year

The Bagley PTA is currently recruiting for a President and Co-Treasurer for next school year. You would be joining the fabulous team of Ursula Frank (Vice President), Erin Reid (Co-Treasurer) and Mary Lamb (Secretary) who have all agreed to stay for a 2nd year on the board. Some of the positions may be shared by two people. *Perhaps it could be you?*

We would like all parents to be welcomed and encouraged to volunteer. To explore your involvement, please contact any current officer to learn more about the positions:

President Elizabeth Gay, eeqaay@gmail.com, 784-9893

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