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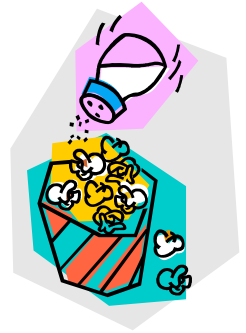
DANIEL BAGLEY BUZZ



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!!!!

Don't miss WALL-E tomorrow night (Friday the 13th) at 6:15 in the cafeteria. Bring your water bottles...the popcorn will be provided. Also, bring something soft to sit on (like a sleeping bag) and go ahead and wear your PJs too...it'll be fun fun fun!!!!

(Remember, a grown-up must attend too - no drop offs)



Save the Date – returning April 7th – back by popular demand is **Ms. Amy Lang and her "Birds+ Bees + Kids"** presentation. She helps parents understand how to best talk to their children about sex. This is a must attend event if you have children in school. Amy is great and the event is free. We will hear from Amy after the April PTA meeting from 7:15 – 8:15pm. Look for more information in the next buzz .

Calling all gardeners and weeders!

I am planning the next Daniel Bagley garden work party for Saturday, April 18th from 10am to 12pm. We will be weeding the planting beds and planting some beautiful new plants. Kids are welcome. Bring your own gloves. Some tools will be provided, but if you can bring some of your own tools, we will definitely have enough to go around.



Please RSVP to my email so that I can get an idea of how many will attend. Let's make Bagley beautiful!

Thanks and best regards, Andrea Day Huber

Has anyone seen the killdeer?

I'm reminded that it's about time for them to come back and nest on our playground, preferably in a very visible and highly sought-after place.

If anyone has any sightings, can you let me know? We have some fencing material we can use to give them a little space whenever they set up housekeeping.

Thanks, Paul Beard

Fun facts: The most widespread and familiar of the American plovers, the Killdeer is a common bird in farmyards, fields, and parking lots. Although many species of birds pretend to have a broken wing to lure predators from their nest, the Killdeer is the one most commonly seen performing this distraction display.



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Dear Families,

Thank you to all of you for your support this year with Writers Workshop. Not only have we had the materials, support and Writers Workshop coach to make the roll out of this curriculum successful, we were able to send 5 of our teachers to New York city over mid-winter break for a conference at Columbia University/Teachers College called "Content Area Reading and Writing."

The conference focused on teaching teachers research based best practice skills on teaching science and social studies through reading and writing. Each day we heard from a key-note speaker, then went to workshops that focused on specific content areas and skills. The workshops were interactive and incredibly stimulating intellectually.

The underlying principles of Reading and Writing Workshops include the belief that **good teaching matters**. "Any effort to lift the level of students' learning must begin with by lifting the level of teachers' teaching. The best way to do this is to create a community of practice within the school so that teachers can study together, observe each others' teaching, and outgrow ourselves together." This quote comes from one of the instructors that taught at the institute and I couldn't agree more. This week-long professional development gave those 5 teachers time to learn, reflect and think about how to apply new teaching strategies to their instruction. It also gave us the task of bringing back what we learned in NY to our colleagues here at DB. In April there will be a "share out" from teachers at the PTA meeting regarding our experiences in New York. Thank you again for your support.

March signifies a lot in our community. The beginning of spring (really, didn't it just snow?), tours, enrollment, budget and continued learning and growing. The Building Leadership Team is in the midst of discussing budget numbers, enrollment and the 09/10 school year. An exciting, but busy time of year. Next year Daniel Bagley will have a new K or K/1 classroom. This is exciting news for us. We are in the process of determining whether it will be Contemporary or Montessori, all K students or a mix of K/1. More to come soon.

Please continue to help your child arrive to school each and every day on time. Remember, that modeling on time behavior will help **you** in the long run (try dragging a middle school child out of bed each day). The structures and organization you provide for your child now will help him or her for the rest of his/her life. Students who are in the 4th and 5th grade are definitely ready to have an alarm clock and get out of bed on their own. Having younger children get their clothes ready the night before, make a decision about what kind of breakfast they will have (cereal or toast, etc.) may cut down on morning "discussions" and the "hurried" environment. Talk to other parents if you struggle with your morning routines. We have an abundance of ideas floating around in this terrific community. Thanks for having your children ready to learn each day.

Finally, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Daniel Bagley Giving Night. It was a great success! We could not do everything that we do here at Daniel Bagley without the support of the PTA. We appreciate you!

Here's to sunnier days, hearing the birds sing and seeing some tulips soon!

Respectfully,

Kimberly Kinzer



March 2009

President's Message by Cory Nickerson

Thank you to all who volunteered at, donated to and/or attended the PTA's 2009 Kickoff Giving Campaign & Luau Fundraiser. It was wonderful to see the room buzzing with 200 members of our tight knit community. Congratulations to all who won amazing raffle items. Our raffle brought in

just under \$5,000, the Dessert Dash added over \$4,000 to our night and your pledges brought in over \$10,000! Sales of admission tickets, Mariner's Night, Night at the Hive and bar tips contributed to the overall gross revenues of \$25,000!

Thanks to donations from you at the party and all year long, the PTA has now raised approximately \$70,000 this school year. While we are close to our overall goal of \$80,000, we still face the home stretch. The recent Luau party represented the kickoff effort towards the PTA's Giving Campaign. For those of you who were not able to attend the party, I want to convey the message as to why raising funds for our school is crucial. Successful PTA fundraising benefits the student body by funding programs where public funding falls short, such as...

- o 100% of Visiting Musician, Elizabeth Schermer
- o \$44,000 towards staff salary subsidies and tutors for K-1 classes
- o \$6,500 to Writer's Workshop for teacher development
- o \$8,000 raised for brand new library books
- o Approximately \$20,000 for Health & Fitness, the Art Room, field trips, safety supplies, Reflections, the Art Walk and Family Fun Nights!

Without your help, our students may not receive many of the programs they enjoy today. If you don't feel you can write a check at this time - or if you'd rather provide smaller monthly installments, all year long - that's terrific. Simply log on to www.networkforgood.com and search for "Daniel Bagley" and set up an account. It's that easy. Here is what your donation could help fund:

- \$1,000 pays for supplies for 2 classrooms
- \$500 pays for 1 week of vocal music instruction
- \$250 pays for 12 new library books
- \$100 pays for a scholarship to 5th grade camp
- \$50 pays for 16 new jump ropes



Thank you in advance for your generous support. After all, it's all about what's best for your child. For questions, contact corynick@hotmail.com or BEvans@watermarkcu.org.

We may have missed you at the Luau Kickoff! If you would like to contribute to the PTA's Giving Campaign, please return this form - along with your donation - to the school office or snail mail to: 7821 Stone Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103 ATTN: Giving Campaign. Attached is my check, made payable to DBE PTA, for:

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Student's Name & Teacher _____

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CALENDAR

Mar 12 (Th) Science/Engineering Contest–
Open House/Information Night
at Bagley 6:30-8pm

Mar 13 (Fri) PTA sponsored movie night -
6:15 at Bagley

Mar 19, 26 Kindergarten tours 9:15 am

Mar 20 (Fri) Professional Development Day -
no school

Mar 30-Apr 3 - Spring Break– no school

Apr 7 (Tu) - PTA meeting* 6-7 pm; Parent
Education Night—Birds+Bees+Kids
7:15-8:15 pm

May 5 (Tu) PTA meeting* 6:30-8:00pm

May 25 (Mon) Memorial Day - no school

June 2 (Tu) PTA meeting* 6:30-8pm

June 19 (Fri) Last student day; 1 hour early
dismissal

*PTA provides free child care through the Boys
& Girls Club with advanced reservations.
Contact Danielle Holmberg, at
daniellemacy@comcast.net on the Friday
before the scheduled date.

Note: There are a minimum number of 2
advanced reservations in order for the PTA to
offer free child care for any event. You will be
notified in the event that there is no child care
provided. Children must be at least 5 years old
to attend.

Big thanks to Rebecca Warren and
Lynne Baratto for putting up the Wall
paper in the Trophy cabinets. The
bees look great.



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It takes a village, even in the digital age.

One of the strengths of this school community is the people we have, kids, parents, family members and caregivers, teachers and staff. There is a shared purpose and willingness to do what needs doing that a lot of schools could emulate. I realize a lot of that is due to economic factors that allow our families to give more freely of themselves than others can, and I only wish it were more universal.

To keep that going, we have used some tools to keep the community informed, from the Bagley Buzz newsletters and kidmail to the emails we get, conversations on the playground and in the halls. No one method works for everyone or for every message, so it's good that we have multiple channels. But all that community comes with some responsibility.

Periodically, we have eruptions of controversy on the Daniel Bagley community email list (the v-list, as it has come to be known, as the original provider's company was called vlists.net. He passed away -- too early -- a couple of years back and the responsibilities were picked up by a company called Aplonis. Imagine if they had been the original provider?). It generally stems from a disagreement about what the email list is for and the appropriateness of a specific message.

The list is provided for use by the community and with more than 400 people on the list and no central authority, as you would find in a corporate setting, there is no appropriateness filter beyond common sense. Anything you might say in person or in an email to a list of friends is fair game. It's easy to use and reaches a lot of people in a hurry, and generally reaches them where they need to be, especially if it's a call to action. This is both a strength and a weakness.

So the problem then becomes not one of sending inappropriate email but of receiving ones we don't want. There are solutions, all of which have been around long before this list was commissioned and probably before a lot of us ever used email. Here are some, ranked in order of increased difficulty/aggravation:

- Opt out of getting every email and get a once-daily digest: by far the easiest method and one that ensures you don't miss anything.
- Set up a filter in your email reader to remove any email from the list from your inbox and file it for you to review later: also easy but the steps vary by email program. Google is your friend.
- Get a second email account just for stuff like this: not ideal, in my view, but this assumes you're not using a business address for this. Email accounts are free from a variety of places.
- Get off the list entirely. Obviously, I think that's a bad idea.

I have the system configured to block all email from anyone who isn't on the list, so no spam is getting through. We're all considered trusted friends. So whatever you get, be it a message about after school program changes or social events or leads on babysitters, someone felt it was appropriate and that should be good enough for all of us. In the current economic climate, we need more community, not less.

If you object to getting an email from a community email list, the responsibility for fixing that lies with you, not the community, not the email list manager. You have the option of deleting it, read or unread, or taking any of the steps above. Either you manage your email or it manages you.

And finally, some datapoints to ponder. Over the past 12 full months, there have been 77 messages/month, 925 total, a high of 110 and low of 26. How many are in your inbox right now?

Paul Beard - Parent and email list manager

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