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TYEE PTSA

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Tyee Middle School PTSA will be a vital organization serving the school community in creation and new families through collaborative efforts and dynamic, educational staff, student, and community events. We will be a welcoming, inclusive, and fun place for families to stay informed, learning communication and connection, the school community, and volunteering.

PTSA/School Calendar

Tuesday, December 19: Winter Breakfast
Wednesday, December 20 January 1: Winter Break No School
Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King Day No School
Friday, January 26: Lunar New Year Celebration
Wednesday, Tuesday, January 17 January 30: Yearbook Sale Window
Thursday, January 25: Tyee Lunar New Year Celebration
Friday, January 26: Lunar New Year Celebration

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PTSA Calendar | Tyee SD Calendar | Mailchimp Volunteer | Library Volunteer

Thank you to Tyee families for your support and generosity. Tyee PTSA wished all Tyee students, families, and staff a happy holiday season. Tyee PTSA will be on hiatus December 20 thru the end of the month.

PTSA NEWS

Tyee Lunar New Year Celebration 2024

Tyee PTSA is delighted to announce the return of the Lunar New Year Celebration on Friday, February 2, 2024, and we are seeking 8 Volunteers from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Tyee Middle School. Volunteer is seeks invitations to all Tyee students and parents to come to Lunar celebration.

Prepare to be enthralled by a diverse array of performances, including singing, dancing, martial arts showcases, a flying lion acrobatics, a mesmerizing lion dance, awakening a sleeping lion, and the grand finale with the dragon dance. Mark your calendars for the Lunar New Year, intertwined with the rich tapestry of cultural holidays in our Tyee community.

Family Bazaar: At the Lunar New Year Festival, we aim to have a bazaar area where Tyee students can showcase their talents by selling their crafts, artwork, or any other tangible items that promote their culture. You can either sell items, provide pre-cut craft materials, provide games or promote any aspects of your culture and traditions and/or cover new ground by introducing something entirely unfamiliar.

If you are interested in holding a family booth, please register on our website Bazaar Guidelines. There will only be 15 spots available, first come first serve. Non-Tyee students are welcome. Go to PTA Lunar Sub to contact Sub-committee Bazaar@tyeepta.org or currently signed.

Sponsors Booth: We are looking for some sponsors to support our event. If you know of businesses or organizations interested in setting up a sponsor booth during the event please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

For questions, please contact Tyeelunarnewyear@tyeepta.org. Come and be a part of this grand celebration! We eagerly anticipate sharing this joy of the Lunar New Year with you!

AMC 8 registration

Tyee Competition Math Club (TCMC) is excited to announce that we will be hosting the AMC 8 Testing Session on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The AMC 8 is a 25 question, 40 minutes, multiple choice math contest, and is available for TCMC. Secure your spot by registering between Saturday, December 16, 2023 and 11:59 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Students will receive a confirmation email with instructions and a time-stamped, time-sealed ticket. The registration fee is $12 per student, and you can sign up using the following link: https://forms.gle/ZFqGmWTMEJWbcCu8A6ecdwm.

Congratulations on the Achievements of Tyee Competition Math Club

We are pleased to congratulate outstanding achievements of our TCMC members, Rhyney Wu and Patrick Kou in the AMC 10 competitions. Both students attained high scores and secured a place in the top 1% of the AMC 10 participants. Patrick Kou also secured a spot in the Honor Roll, which is the top 5% of the participants in Rhyney and Patrick as this remarkable accomplishment.

Results of Tyee Tournament AFMO Contestant:
On December 9th, a team of Tyee Middle TCMC students participated in the Kingdom of Pi AFMO Tournament. The team consisted of six talented mathematical prodigies. The following achievements are worth celebrating:

- 1st Place (Ninth Grade Team): Rhyney Wu, Patrick Kou, Yen Tang, and Raymond Li
- 2nd Place (Ninth Grade Individual): Rhyney Wu
- 3rd Place (Ninth Grade Individual): Jason Li
- 2nd Place (Ninth Grade Team): Jason Li, Jeffrey Xu, Lucas Liu, and Nikolai Kuznetsov
- 4th Place (Ninth Grade Team): Aaron Jin (a remarkable single-player team)

Tyee PTSA Finance Club

Extended Registration for Tyee PTSA Finance Club

The registration for the Tyee PTSA Finance Club is extended again with an extended deadline until Tuesday, December 19, at 11:59 pm or until all spots are filled (whichever first) and students who have already signed up will be given first dibs on the new spots. Please find and share, More information, please find Tyee Finance Club Website.

- Registration: https://sesame.com/Project/FinanceClubPrep
- Meeting: Date and time: Every Monday, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm, 01/08/2024 to 03/25/2024
- Fee: $20
- Limit: 200 per student, 40 students max

Contact financeclub@tyeepta.org with any questions.

Tyee PTSA Python Bible Club Announcement

Tyee Python Bible Club facilitiers, please note that the upcoming Python club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please ensure that your student's parent/guardian consent, along with the student's coding prior to this time slot.

Staff Appreciation Holiday Delights Luncheon Wrap-up

A fantastic holiday delights luncheon concluded on Tuesday December 12, where Meet up the Lunch with all kinds of delicious dishes and sweets! Kites and Bows at the staff's hearts with gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication. The cooking sessions from our Table families to making this possible a reality!

Thanks to our staff appreciation chairs Lynn Zhang & Valeri Bilbrew for organizing the event, and to the Tyee PTSA Volunteers who contributed their time and effort to create a delicious lunch, celebrating clients, families &volunteers, and providing assistance in kind setting up and cleaning up.

Andrew Yuan, Becky Bates, Hongyan Tang, Carey DeMaurio, Dana Ohm, Danielle Zhang, Jessica Kwan, Jianghua Tian, Jessica Huang, Joanne Wang, Kelly Chen, Kelly Zhang, Lynn Zhang, Mandy Zhang, Mary Ann Ma, Mengyao Wei, Minhui Chaiden, Nancy Nguyen, Peggy Wang, Pooja Chandrashekar, Regina Wang, Rhonda Wang, Sandra Zhang, Sarah Zhang, Sharon Zhang, Sherry Zhang, Sonia Wang, Tracy Fan, Wendy Xu, Xiaoyuan Wang, Yiyuan Chen and Yun Yi

Join Tyee PTSA

The more people join us already, the more supportive we are proud to call Tyee School, but the whole Tyee community. We encourage each Tyee family to support the school by joining the Tyee PTSA. Membership is $20 per family. Membership is optional, but donations are encouraged and helping out is a BIG DEAL! Join Tyee PTSA membership today!

Please note that the PTSA membership period aligns with the academic year, and all membership expires on June 30th, regardless of the date you initially joined. Or continue enjoying the benefits of PTSA membership. It's important to remember that our membership year aligns with the academic year, ensuring that your contribution supports the vibrant activities of Mint Meadow, Green Leaf Lodge, Office Depot Crafts Office, and much more! Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to your continued participation in our Tyee PTSA community.

Join/Renew Now

SCHOOL NEWS

Tyee Winter Festival

Tyee MS will host the annual Winter Festival on Tuesday December 19 during the school day. Holiday treats will be available throughout the school, including both indoor & outdoor games, movies, karaoke, and arts & crafts. There will also be popcorn, water and other snacks courtesy of Tyee PTA.

We need help before, during, and after the event as well as individually wrapped treats to be distributed throughout the school. Please sign up to help and provide treats and snacks on the sign-up. Thank you!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AAAPTCLVBDqTGBB-Ow0

Tyee Middle School Information Night

For 6th Grade & Prospective Tyee Families: Join us Thursday, January 18th for our annual Tyee MS Information Night event. This event is designed for Tyee Team Leaders and teachers (current 5th grade, and those considering transfers). Throughout the evening, Tyee Team Leaders will provide information about the upcoming school year.

This event will be hosted from 6:15-8:00 pm, Thursday, January 18th at Tyee Middle School, Bellevue, WA 98006. There will be a Bellevue School District representative, who will be available to answer questions. A list of speaks will be posted on the Tyee website www.tyeeMS.org/news the week prior.

BSD NEWS

Message From the Superintendent - Pausing the Consideration of a Middle School Consolidation

Pausing the Consideration of a Middle School Consolidation

The BSD superintendent has paused consideration of a middle school consolidation, at outset, the district's commitment to the Tyee community. The district's decision to pause the district actively sought the input of hundreds of individuals from across the district community, including students, families, staff, and community members, to share their experiences in middle schools, and their concerns about a middle school consolidation challenges. While district breaking ring seem like a process driven by numbers and logistics, the district's decision to pause the consideration of a middle school consolidation **underscores the importance of a middle school consolidation** for the best tyee parents.

Please visit the BSD website for the detailed information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winter Basketball Camp

Sammamish basketball program is hosting a **Winter Basketball Camp for 3rd - 8th grades** (one camp) from on December 20-22 from 9am-12pm at Tyee Middle School. Camp will be led by Tyee Middle School Coaches. Camp will focus on fundamentals, including footwork, ball handling, and shooting. Cost is $100 per player. Please contact Tyee Middle School Coach Jeff Bilbrew at jeffbilbrew@tyeepta.com

Bellevue Youth Choirs Open Enrollment

Do you know a child Bellevue Youth Choirs is hosting open enrollment from Pre-K through 12th grade? Bellevue Youth Choirs is a community choir program, dedicated to the art of music and education, offering a fun, nurturing, and inclusive environment for children of all ages.

- Bellevue Youth Choir Flyer
- https://www.bellevueyouthchoirs.com/join

Contact Mariangela Wells Director Kayla Johnson kayla@bellevueyouthchoirs.org with questions.

Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink

The Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink returns to its 28th year in the picturesque Bellevue Downtown Park! Enjoy a magical winter season with family and friends on the ice. Skate to festive holiday special occasion ice skating experiences, like ice rink & open skating, celebrating holidays, and Bellevue 5,000 square feet of ice, a spectacular viewing area, concessions, free photo booth, and more! Rink rentals are also available for birthday parties, corporate outings, perfect for friends get-together, celebratory outings, or family gatherings. Year round skating rates, Pay your visit and purchase online anytime. Walk-up tickets are limited, so customers are encouraged to purchase online at www.bellevuedowntown.com.

Winterfest New Year's Eve Celebration

Sunday, December 31 10:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.

Ring Mark Bellevue Downtown Park's Winterfest New Year's Eve Celebration, a family-friendly, alcohol-free, and drug-free celebration! Enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends! Ring in the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display, a dance party, and a countdown to midnight. Bellevue Downtown Park's Winterfest New Year's Eve Celebration is a family-friendly, alcohol-free, and drug-free celebration! Enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends! Ring in the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display, a dance party, and a countdown to midnight. Bellevue Downtown Park's Winterfest New Year's Eve Celebration is a family-friendly, alcohol-free, and drug-free celebration! Enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends! Ring in the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display, a dance party, and a countdown to midnight.

Washington State Parks Free Day

Washington State Parks has announced the following free entrance days, when a Discover Pass will not be required to park or enter a state park.

2024 Discover Pass Free days:

- Jan. 1 – Free Day, New Year's Day
- Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 19 – Washington's Birthday
- March 20 – Juneteenth / 1st Birthday
- April 20 – Earth Day
- May 18 – Armed Forces Day
- June 4 – Free Fishing Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- Aug. 4 – Washington's Lands Day
- Sept. 28 – National Hunting Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 – Autism Day

Please note, free days apply only to day use fees (not overnight or holiday fees). Discover Pass will still be required on these days to access lands managed by Washington State Parks, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, or Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Tyee PTSA Executive Committee

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