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Tyee Middle School PTSA (#2.3.145) is dedicated to enriching the educational experience for children and their families through collaborative efforts with teachers, educational staff, and the local community. We are committed to our mission and goals, which aim to foster a vibrant learning environment and strengthen the bond between school and community.

PTSA/School Calendar

Tuesday, February 13: Staff Appreciation-Valentine's Cheers
Monday-Friday, February 19-23: Mid-winter Break, No School

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PTSA NEWS

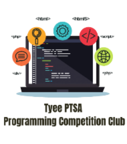
Call for Volunteers - Staff Appreciation - Valentine's Cheers

Ever wondered how to turn a classroom into a bakery of love? Join us this Valentine's Day as we extend a sweet invitation to parents and their middle schoolers! Let's bake up a storm together, creating cakes, pastries, cookies, and more to celebrate our amazing teachers. Because, let's be honest, who can resist the charm of homemade treats? So, are you ready to sprinkle some love and laughter into our school halls? Grab your aprons and join the confectionery craze! Thank you for your support!

Volunteer sign up link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAF22A0FBCF8-47695079-call

All items are expected to be dropped at the front office before 10:00am on Feb 13 (Tuesday) . For any reused containers and borrowed decorations, please collect at the front office at the front office on Feb 14 (Wednesday). Feel free to purchase store pre-made items if hard to have time to prepare.

If you're eager to participate or have any questions, simply reply to lynn.zhj@outlook.com and shahval@yahoo.com. Thank you.



Students Achievements from Tyee Programming Competition Club

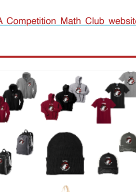
Tyee Programming Competition Club is again competing in the American Computer Science League. This year we have 3 teams. There are a total of 4 contests this school year.

- The following students had a perfect score in contest #1: *Andrew Chen, David Zhang*
- The following students had a perfect score in contest #2: *Andrew Chen, Evan Pang, GuruNereeksh Kothakota*

Math Club Achievement at the Lake Washington Region MATHCOUNTS Competition

Twelve Tyee students participated in the recent Lake Washington Region MATHCOUNTS Competition on February 3rd. Out of these participants, seven have secured their spots in the upcoming MATHCOUNTS State competition scheduled for March 16th.These 7 students include a team of 4 students (Wesley Wu, William Xin, Austin Xu, and Yilin Tong, achieved 3rd place in team competition) and 3 individual participants (Patrick Sun, Jason Li, and Edward Kang, achieved as top 25 individuals).In addition, Wesley Wu won second place in the extremely competitive Countdown competition. All students enjoyed this math competition event. Congratulations to all these talented students and a heartfelt appreciation to our coaches for their support!

Please check the Tyee PTSA Competition Math Club website for more information and club events calendar.



Spirit Wear Sales Re-Open

Tyee families, today, February 10th, is the final day to order spirit wear for this school year. Get your Tyee student some Timberwolf swag! You can place your order via Tyee PTSA website Purchase Your Spirit Wear. Anticipate the arrival of your orders at the school in April or early May 2024. If you have any questions, please contact spiritwear@tyeeptsa.org. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your Tyee pride!

Buy Spirit Wear Now

Tyee Lunar New Year Celebration Recap

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our unforgettable Lunar New Year celebration held on Friday, February 3rd, 2023. Our gratitude extends to the talented performers whose professional acts brought joy to all. We commend the students who showcased their talents and contributed to the event's success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our esteemed sponsors, including Teng Smiles Orthodontics, Chinese American Civic Association, Coding Ninjas Newcastle, Emerald Academy and Think Academy Bellevue whose generous support made our festival possible.

We also extend a resounding applause to our dedicated event committee members Sandy Zhang, Ting Li, Elizabeth Lindquist, Katherine Ma, Jenny Chen, Yim Cheng, Hongyan Yang, Lynn Zhang, Peggy Wang and volunteers Jack Ming, Leo Cao, Sunny Shen, Tina He, Makena Nuezca, Emma Zheng, Grace Wang, Angela Wen, Eric Wallin, Kevin Song, Joanne Wang, Phil Yao, Rosie Gong, Musa Chen, Elaine Zhao, Amy Liu, Dorian Ukaj, Yike Chen, Nathan Xu, Grace Lan, Nico Qi, Jing Long, Richard Zhang, Daniel Zhang, Elaine Zhao, Kaylee Wang, Dorian Ukaj, Evan Li, Le Li, Linda Chang, Belle Chen, Jun Qian, Wilson Zheng, Daniel Zhang, Heidi Liang, Yutong Yu and Yunkyong yi for their tireless efforts.

Special appreciation is owed to our Tyee Principal Mr. Lillie, front office staff Carmen, and music department teachers Mr. Backus, Mr. Drassal, and Ms. Mechling for their invaluable support without which this event would not have been possible.

We invite you to relive the memorable moments by accessing event photos through the following links. Thank you to our event photographers, Dove_lp and Rico Xiong, for capturing these precious memories.
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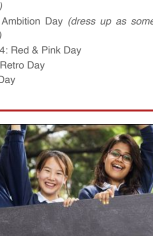
SCHOOL NEWS

Spirit Week at Tyee

- Monday Feb 12: Movie Day *(show off your favorite movie or dress as your favorite character!)*
- Tuesday Feb 13: Ambition Day *(dress up as someone you admire, or your future "dream job")*
- Wednesday Feb 14: Red & Pink Day
- Thursday Feb 15: Retro Day
- Friday 16: Comfy Day



Chinese Placement Assessments for next year

In the coming 2024-25 school year, the Chinese 3 course will be available to Tyee students for the first time. Tyee students may register for the Chinese course of their choice. While the best pathway for new and novice learners is to take Chinese 1A, 1B, and 2 – our community has many students with heritage, native, and dual-language learning background in need of a different pathway. Beginning next year, students may register DIRECTLY for Chinese 1B, Chinese 2, or Chinese 3 course – skipping prior course requirements.

Current Tyee 6th & 7th grade students may request an in-person assessment for Chinese 1B, Chinese 2, or Chinese 3 with Ms. Sun Burford, our Tyee Chinese Teacher. The assessment will measure 5 components: speaking, listening, reading, writing, and typing. If your student plans to take Chinese next year and would like to be considered for placement, please complete the form in the link, and we will contact you to arrange an assessment: https://forms.office.com/r/NGxTxnVbPc

6th Grade Camp Orkila

We're excited to announce Tyee 6th graders will be experiencing 6th Grade Camp at Camp Orkila May 21-24. Please save the date on your calendar, more information will be coming from our 6th grade teachers in the next month!

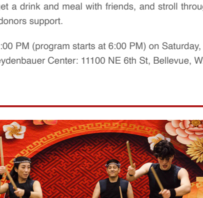
BSD NEWS

Spring for Schools is Next Month

Join us as we cultivate the next generation with a garden party! Funding raised through Spring for Schools yields critical programming in Bellevue School District. Our annual fundraiser joins community leaders, corporate stakeholders, and philanthropic individuals who are committed to making sure that all 18,000+ students at 28 schools in the District can blossom through programs and enrichment opportunities critical to their growth as students and future leaders of our community.

Join or host a table, get a drink and meal with friends, and stroll through the showcase of student work that our donors support.

- **When:** 5:00 – 8:00 PM (program starts at 6:00 PM) on Saturday, March 30th
- **Where:** The Meydenbauer Center: 11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004
- Registration



BSD Communities Celebrate the Year of the Dragon

Saturday, February 10, 2024, will mark the start of Lunar New Year celebrations and usher in the Year of the Dragon based on the Chinese zodiac calendar. Over one billion people worldwide will celebrate Lunar New Year over multiple days with a variety of traditions. Lunar New Year begins with the rise of the first new moon and spans for about 15 days until the full moon.

The Lunar New Year is considered one of the most important celebrations among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including the Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities.

BSD school communities celebrate this auspicious time in many ways. On Friday, February 2, 2024, the Tyee Middle School community held their annual Lunar New Year Festival. The evening included student and group performances, an array of food options and activity booths. Event photographers Dove_lp Studio and Rico Xiong shared the following images that captured the evening.

Check out district social media throughout the month (Facebook and Instagram) to view additional images of celebrations across our learning community!

Arabic Language Evening 2/28

Middle and high school students and families are invited to learn about our 2024-25 online class offerings. Ahlan wa Sahlan. Please attend our Arabic language evening on Wednesday, February 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sammamish High School Library. Learn more about our Arabic language classes held online for middle and high school students, meet our teacher, Manar Chaaban, and meet current students and families. Participate in activities like tatreez (embroidery) and dabkeh (folkloric dance), and enjoy food and art demonstrations. Come in your best Arabic cultural outfit (Thobe or Abaya) to enter a friendly fashion competition. Baklawa, Maamool (date cookies) and Moroccan Mint tea will be provided. BSD secondary students who choose to enroll in Arabic language classes will attend class online through Bellevue Digital Discovery during their regular school day at their home school. If possible, please let us know if you plan to attend through this online form: Microsoft Forms Questions? Please email chaabanm@bsd405.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWPORT GIRLS SELECT BASKETBALL

Spring Girls Basketball - Starting March 21st

Starting March 21st, join us at the Tyee Middle School Gym for Spring Skills Training. Our coaches will help the girls work on their basketball skills and organize scrimmages. The fee is $150 and it is open to girls of all experience levels in 2nd – 8th grade that eventually will go to Newport High School! Most sessions will be on Tue/Thu and it runs through May 30th. Based on skill level, there will be 2 time slots:

- 6:15-7:45pm: Beginner/Intermediate skill level
- 7:45-9:15pm: Advanced skill level

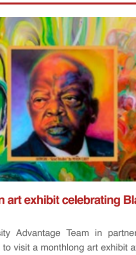
Register: https://newportgirlsselectbasketball.sportngin.com/register/form/636746508
Email newportgirlsselectbasketball@gmail.com for more details on how to register.

Free Drop-In Tutoring

Bellevue High School's Science Olympiad has started a program called Tutor Time. They are hosting free drop-in tutoring sessions for students K-12 in all subjects. Sessions are held every Saturday at various KCLS libraries. If you would like more information, please reach out to them at tutortime.bhs@gmail.com or visit their website: https://tutortime.my.canva.site/

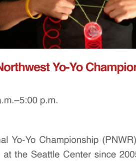
Here is their schedule for the month of February:

- **February 10th:** Newport Way Library Meeting Room from 2-4pm
- **February 17th:** Mercer Island Library Large Meeting Room from 12-2pm
- **February 24th:** Redmond Library Meeting Room 1 from 4-5:30pm



Elevating Voices: An art exhibit celebrating Black History Month

The City of Bellevue Diversity Advantage Team in partnership with Onyx Fine Arts Collective and MG2 invite you to visit a monthlong art exhibit at City Hall featuring art from Pacific Northwest Black artists. The exhibit, curated by Jay Taylor, will elevate the art of local Black creatives in honor of Black History Month and will be displayed throughout the month of February. The exhibit will be open to the public during regular business hours, Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



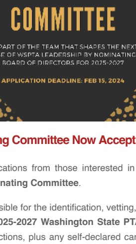
Pacific Northwest Yo-Yo Championships

Saturday, February 24 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Event Website

The Pacific Northwest Regional Yo-Yo Championship (PNWR) is the premier yo-yo event in the Pacific Northwest. Held at the Seattle Center since 2005, PNWR attracts top talent from the region and around the country.

The 2024 contest will be held on February 24th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Prelims and Finals for the Championship divisions as well as Sport division competitions will be held on the Main Stage with beginner classes happening in the Sponsor area. Free to watch!

NATIONAL PTSA & WSPTA NEWS



WSPTA Nominating Committee Now Accepting Applications

We are now accepting applications from those interested in serving on the **2024-2026 Washington State PTA Nominating Committee**.

This committee will be responsible for the identification, vetting, and nomination of qualified candidates to serve on the **2025-2027 Washington State PTA Board of Directors.** The Nominating Committee's selections, plus any self-declared candidates, will appear on the ballot at the 2025 Washington State PTA Convention.

Interested? You can find the application and some additional info here. The deadline is February 15.

Tyee PTSA Executive Committee

President: *Stella Chen & Sandy Zhang*
Secretary: *Lesley Tay-Chung*
Programs: *Lalitha Subramanyam & Prasetha Warrier*
Ways&Means: *Ting Li & Jenny Chen*
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