

# Stevens Speak

★ THE STEVENS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ★

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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Jan 11, 2017

## From The Principal

**January 16 - No  
School MLK Day**

**January 24-PTA Mtg  
6:30 - 8:00**

**January 27 -  
Jump-a-Thon**

**February 1 - Day  
Between semesters  
No School**

**February 20 - 24 -  
No School-Mid  
Winter Break**

This coming Monday is the day we set aside each year as a country to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reflecting upon his life of service to his fellow man, I'm inspired by his relentless focus in calling all of us to a higher standard and to his integrity and willingness to sacrifice of himself for the benefit of others.

Community Service has become a fairly universal aspect and response to the message Dr. King communicated. Needs are identified, and then people rally around, figure out a solution, and invest of themselves for the benefit of all. Our PTA is our main structure here at Stevens where there are many opportunities to meet needs. The Stevens PTA provides intentional support of gifts of time and financial resources. January is a time when we begin the process of evaluating where we are this year with regard to our resources and begin to plan for next year. We are all part of the Stevens PTA. It is my sincere desire that each of you will reflect on what your investment is to Stevens? We are always looking to find people to fill a variety of rolls and tasks. Everyone has something to offer. What do we do that you are passionate about? Maybe you have an hour a month? Maybe you have finances or other resources you can give to support our work? Maybe you would like to be in PTA Leadership, help run an event or committee or run the auction? I, too, have a dream today. My dream is that every parent in our community is giving back to our community in some way. If everyone helps their neighbor, then who will need help?

As always, our families are invited to join us for our assemblies. We will be having our next assembly on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 1:10 pm-1:40 pm in the cafeteria to celebrate Dr. King, be together as a school community, and talk about our monthly theme of "sharing our skills and talents with others".

In Service, Dr. Fitch

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## Office Depot Give 5% Back To Your School!

Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID , 70107303, at checkout and Stevens will receive 5% back in credits for **FREE** supplies!  
**It's a small act that can make a huge difference.**

## School Tours

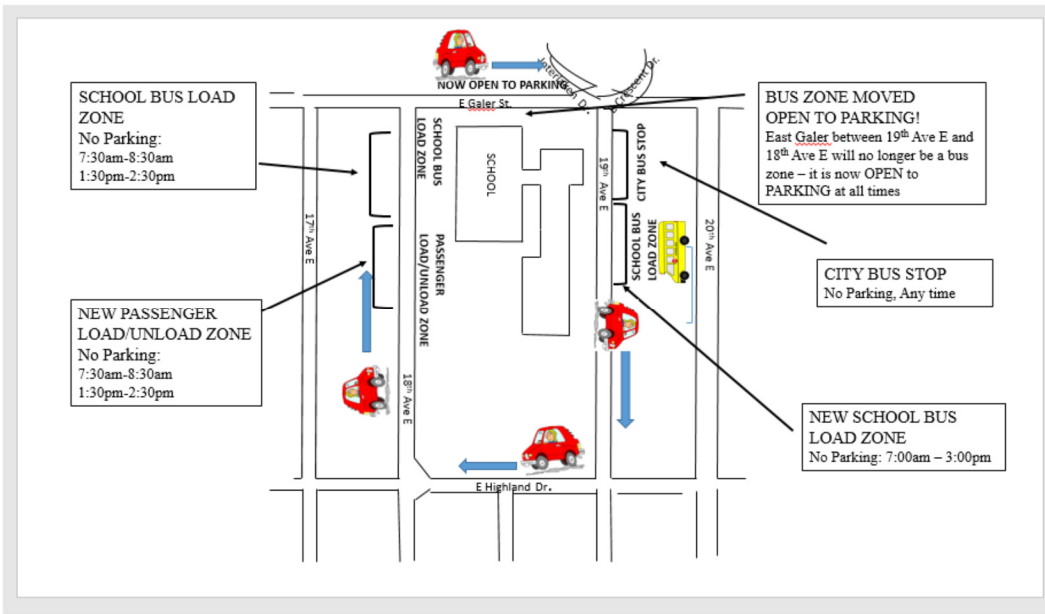
Wondering what Stevens Elementary is like? Join us for a school tour!

School tours are a great opportunity for you to get to know Stevens Elementary and our a community a bit more.

We are offering school tours on Jan 24th (Tuesday) at 8:30am and Feb 2nd (Thursday) at 9:30am.

During our parent-led school tours, you will get a more in-depth look at what Stevens is all about. You will also hear from our principal, Dr. Brian Fitch, and get all of your questions answered about Stevens Elementary and our wonderful community. These tours are geared towards incoming kindergarten families, but all ages and grades are welcome to come and learn more.

To RSVP for one of our tours go to [http://stevens.seattleschools.org/about/new\\_students](http://stevens.seattleschools.org/about/new_students)



**The new bus and parking zones.**

### Stevens Marathoners\*

**Congratulations Stevens Star Marathoners** crossing the finish line!  
 Room 305 - **A'Trael - Ava - Hazel - Maysun - Milo - Isabel**; Room 304 - **Andre - Jay - Joshua - Mari** ; Room 301 - **William** ; Room 306- **Wenonah**; Room 204 -**Ellie - Fina - Nina**; Room 102- **Evie**; Room 101 - **Kaya - Isae**



*\*Student Marathon T-shirts will be ready in the next week or 2! We're waiting on an order & will silk screen our logo on them! Thank you Stevens PTA for supporting this program for our students!*

### Sign-Up is NOW for Girls On The Run (GOTR) At Stevens!

Girls On The Run is an after school program that uses running to teach girls to celebrate, honor, and recognize their gifts and activate their power! The program is open to all girls 3rd-5th grade of ALL fitness levels. Session details are below. *Applications are due by Feb 17th. Please contact Ms. Goubert, [smgoubert@seattleschools.org](mailto:smgoubert@seattleschools.org) with any questions.*

**When: Season runs 3/6-5/11, each Tuesday & Thursday 3:15-4:45**

**Where: Stevens Elementary**

### Library News: Check it out! ✓

#### Million Words Update

**3,500,000** more words were logged in the last week! If you haven't contributed your words yet, please do! Let's see just how many words the Stevens community can consume this year!

#### Global Reading Challenge

Two months ago fourth and fifth grade students were invited to participate in the Global Reading Challenge. Forty-three students have accepted the challenge! Teams have been formed and the first practice was held at lunch today. Exciting times! Participants sit with their teammates during lunch on Wednesdays. As they eat, they will also be working together; talking about the books, trying to ask and answer questions about the books, making sure the team reads all the books in the challenge and making sure that team members share the responsibility for knowing these books.

What a fantastic opportunity!

So, what will they be reading? Follow this link. <http://www.spl.org/audiences/children/global-reading-challenge>

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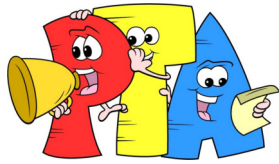
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# From the



PTA Action Day 1/16 – Olympia, WA

PTA Meeting: Tuesday 1/24, 6:30-8:00pm

Stevens School Tours for prospective families 2017-18: Jan 24, 8:30am & Feb 2, 9:30am

Jumpathon: Thursday 1/27

## PTA Action Day 1/16

Take a road trip with your kids to Olympia for PTA Focus Day on MLK Day! Click the link for details:

[http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus\\_day/](http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/)



## VOLUNTEER CORNER:

### SCHOOL TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Stevens will be hosting school tours on **Tues, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30am**, and on **Thurs, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30-10:30am**. We need 3-4 parent volunteers to help co-lead these tours with our 5th-grade student ambassadors. Volunteers are NOT expected to know and answer everything about the school, curriculum, staff, and practices. Tour overview and training will be given to all volunteers. All that is needed is a positive attitude and a willingness to share your experiences and inform new parents about our wonderful Stevens community. **Please contact PTA Outreach Co-Chair, Jenn Edrosa at [jennedrosa@gmail.com](mailto:jennedrosa@gmail.com) if you are interested.**

## JOIN THE PTA BOARD

Please consider taking on a leadership position and join our board. No experience necessary, only your dedication to improving our school! All positions can be tailored to your busy schedule. To learn more about the responsibilities involved, please contact one of our current Board members ([info@stevenspta.org](mailto:info@stevenspta.org)). We look forward to hearing from you!

Open Positions for 2017-2018: Co-President, Treasurer, Communications, Fundraising, Annual Fund, Auction, Tutu's Pantry, Jump-a-thon

## Used CDs and Records needed!!

Siri Miller is collecting used/scratched CDs and old unplayable records for a student art project. If you find any around the house, please drop them off in the PTA office in the box labeled "CDs/Records." Give these throw-away items a new life!



## Calling all Artists!!

The PTA is collecting art work to be auctioned off at the Spring Student Art Show on March 12th. If you are an artist, or know an artist, please consider donating a piece of work to the show. All proceeds will go towards the arts at Stevens. Donations can include all art forms: paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, jewelry, photography, fiber arts!! If you have a donation, please contact Siri Miller at: [siridmiller@gmail.com](mailto:siridmiller@gmail.com)