

Stevens Speak

★ THE STEVENS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ★

UPCOMING EVENTS



1242 18th Ave E
Seattle, WA 98112

March 1, 2017

From The Principal

**March 12- Art Walk
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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**March 17- End of
second trimester**

**March 22 - 2 hour
early dismissal**

**March 28 - PTA
meeting 6:30 - 8:00**

BIG A, little a, what begins with A? Aunt Annie's alligator. A...a...A. Tomorrow would have been the 113th birthday of Theodor Geisel, better known to all of us as Dr. Seuss. Though he passed away a couple of years before my first child was born, Dr. Seuss had a profound impact on the relationship I have with him and my other children. Many of you share the common experience with me of reading Dr. Seuss books as a child and then sharing them with your children. Though I haven't read the book in more than 15 years, I could still recite that book cover to cover pretty well. Strong memories of an unreconcilable, overly tired toddler in a car responding and quieting down as mom and dad began to recite Dr. Seuss's ABC An Amazing alphabet Book now bring a smile to my face. Dr. Seuss eventually gave way to Winnie the Pooh and Charlottes' Web and then Lord of the Rings and challenging biographies about people with amazing and impactful stories. Reading with our children provides common experiences and memories that enhance our relationships with our children, provide opportunities for us to influence what they spend time thinking, and support their learning all at the same time. Researchers tell us that children reading for just 30 minutes a day every day throughout the year can make a year's progress in reading, even without additional instruction! I encourage you not to wait any longer. Whether you read aloud to your kids, take turns reading to each other or they read to you; grab a book you will both enjoy and read, and talk and share.

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Here are three ideas that we talk about with your children as part of their reading instruction that can guide your conversations. Text-to-self: How does the story relate to me and my experiences? Text-to-text: How does this story relate to another story (common through lines)? Text-to-world: How does the story relate to things happening in the world (things outside myself)? These three strategies can provide wonderful support to helping your child learn to think deeply about a variety of topics and practice sharing their thinking. Give it a try and let me or your child's teacher know how it goes.

If you're not sure what to read, talk to your child's teacher or Ms. Canning in the library. We have thousands of great books here in our library. Our Stevens challenge each year is that our kids will read a million words. Ask your kids about it. It's not too late to get started! So, what are you going to read this weekend with your child?

Dr. Brian K. Fitch, Principal

**Due to the Feb. 6th
snow day, the last day
of school will now be
Monday, June 26,**

Special Education

The Special Education Department is hosting Regional Meetings for staff, families and the community to learn more about Special Education in Seattle Public Schools. The topics will include information about changes in the department and updates about the Continuum of Services for children with special needs. We want to hear directly from you as we continue to partner in improving services for our students.

CENTRAL REGION

Tuesday, **March 7**, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

McClure Middle School Library

1915 1st Ave. West

Seattle, WA 98119

We will provide:

- Supervised children's activities
- Light snack
- Spanish, Somali, Chinese, and Vietnamese interpreters*

* Please contact Margo Siegenthaler if you have questions or wish to request ASL (American Sign Language) or language interpretation that is not listed above: 206-252-0794, masiegenthaler@seattleschools.org
Interpretation requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

From the Nurse



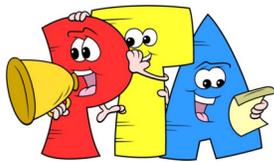
Hello Stevens Families! We are excited to have Neighbor Care Health coming to offer **FREE dental screenings and fluoride application** at the end of the month. If you would like your student to receive a free dental screening please make sure to sign and return the consent form. They will be sent home in "backpack mail" and will need to be returned by March 28th. If you have any questions please feel free to find more information on the bulletin board by the front door or contact me anytime.

In Good Health,

Nurse Grace

Tuesdays, 206-252-3407, gmuomoto@seattleschools.org

From the



Important Dates:

Deadline for donating art: TODAY, Wednesday, March 1st—Fill out procurement form and drop at school office.

Carnival Planning Kick-off: Monday, March 6th, 6:30pm, RSVP to mcboyce@mac.com

Meany Middle School PTSA Mtg: Tuesday, March 7, Miller Community Center

Green Team Meeting: Thursday, March 9th, 7-8:30pm, Central Cinema – RSVP to michelle@leapingmedia.com

Stevens Art Show: Sunday, March 12, 2-5pm, Optimism – **RSVP by March 8th:** <http://evite.me/BW5A385eyG>

Stevens PTA Meeting: Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30-8:00pm, Stevens Library

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For employee questions about or requests for disability related accommodations and/or complaints of alleged discrimination, including sexual harassment, contact: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Seattle Public Schools, Mailstop 33-157, P.O. Box 34165, Seattle, WA 98124-1166, (206) 252-0024, or hreoc@seattleschools.org.

Tutu's Pantry

Each week, the Tutu's Pantry volunteers use your donations to provide food for about 30 students over the weekend and ALL of what we receive goes directly to Steven's families. **THIS WEEK** Feb 27-Mar 3: **Second** Grade families, please donate food items.

Next week Mar 6-10: Fifth Grade
Things we are always need include:

- ◆ canned entrees (Ravioli, Spaghetti-Os and Chili)
- ◆ single serve snacks (such as granola bars, fruit snacks or pudding cups)
- ◆ boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- ◆ monetary donations - we will do the shopping for you!

Thank you again for all of your support!!

Jump-a-thon Goal Surpassed!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Jump-a-thon FUNdraiser. We surpassed our \$10,000 goal, raising \$12,537.04! We've still a ways to go to meet our full year goal, but this is a great help!



Stevens Spring Art Show
March 12, 2017 2-5pm
Optimism: 1158 Broadway; Seattle 98122

Come Celebrate the Arts at Stevens!
Free admission for the whole family. Every Stevens student will have a piece of art on display.

Also included: a performance by Choir5, arts and IdTech activities for kids, and face painting. There will also be drinks and snacks.

To continue to support the Arts, the Stevens PTA will be raising money by offering the following select Silent Auction Items.

Classroom Art Projects
Professional Art
Teacher Experiences
Buy-in Kid & Adult Parties

RSVP by March 8th :
<http://evite.me/BW5A385eyG>

Stevens Spring Art Show

Sunday, March 12th from 2-5pm

Please **RSVP to the Art Show NOW**, so we know how many to expect
<http://evite.me/BW5A385eyG>

Free admission for the whole family. Every Stevens student will have a piece of art on display to take home! Choir5 will perform, there will be art activities for kids, and drinks and snacks to enjoy.

Bring your checkbook to participate in the silent auction. Bid on professional and classroom art projects, kid and parent events, and teacher experiences: Garden Party, Name that Hello Robin! Cookie, Principal-for-a-Day, Old-School Dance Party, Movies & Milkshakes, and much more. A full list of items will be available for preview the week before the event. All proceeds go towards funding the arts at Stevens.

Deadline for donating art is TODAY, Wednesday, March 1st. We're happy to accept donations of hand-made two- and three-dimensional work to sell at the Art Show. Please **complete a procurement form** and deliver to Stevens Office or contact Siri Miller at siridmiller@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your donation and support to Stevens Elementary!

Stevens Elementary Art Show 2017

Please complete the following form and attach to your donated art item. Items can be dropped off in the PTA room in the school office

Donated Item Information

Item Name _____

Detailed Description _____

Fair Market Value \$ _____

Tangible Item *will be present for display at event*

- Item accompanies this form
- Item will be delivered by donor on date: ____
- Item to be picked up on date: _____

Intangible Item *gift certificate or item that cannot be displayed*

- Gift certificate accompanies this form
- Donor to provide gift certificate on date: _____
- Stevens Event Team to create gift certificate based on description

Donor signature _____ date _____

Donor Information

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

Referred by Stevens Parent (if applicable):

Name _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Stevens Elementary Arts Committee 1242 18th Avenue E. Seattle, WA 98112

info@stevenspta.org or siridmiller@gmail.com

Thank you so much! Your donation benefits the Stevens Elementary PTA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization,
EIN #91-1154938.

Thanks for your donation!!



Start Thinking **CARNIVAL!**

This year's carnival is set for Friday, June 9th, from 5 to 8 pm!

It is an all-grade, all-inclusive Stevens community event, and **we want all grades represented in its planning**. So, if you are interested in helping us plan for this year's Super Fantastically Fun event, now is the time to let us know! We are looking for one more event coordinator for 2017.

The **Carnival Planning Kick-off Meeting** is next **Monday, March 6th, 7pm** at the home of Megan Boyce-Jacobs, 1714 E Thomas Street (parking available in Group Health lot next to house). **All are welcome!** Please contact 3rd grade parents Lori Bugaj at lekjhb@earthlink.net (415.999.0818) or Megan Boyce Jacobs at mcboyce@mac.com, or 1st/4th grade parent Amy McRory at a_mcrory@yahoo.com to bring your enthusiasm to this great community event!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Have fun and help out by **volunteering NOW for the DAY OF the ART**

SHOW. Many hands equals short shifts for set up, greeting/handing out catalogs, assisting at food table, and clean up.

Pick the activity and time slot that works for you at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DACAB22A46-spring>.

Meany Middle School PTSA Meeting

Interested in providing important input as part of new **Meany Middle School PTSA?** Attend the meeting **next Tuesday, March 7, 6:30pm at Miller Community Center** to learn more about what's currently going on and let your voice be heard towards future plans for school opening this Fall.

Come join the Stevens Green team at the Central Cinema March 9 2017 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Many Green Team parents have graduated and we need new folks to help out. We will be discussing past and future green team initiatives.

- Garden plans: Volunteers to water current plantings – twice per week rotation, Veggie garden? To plant or not.
- Energy Audit review and video.
- Bike to school month plans – lots of volunteers needed.

And more.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to michelle@leapingmedia.com

