

Stevens Speak

★ THE STEVENS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ★

UPCOMING EVENTS



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March 15, 2017

From The Principal

March 17 - End of second trimester

March 22 - 2 hour early dismissal

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

April 5-7 - 5th Grade Camp

April 10 - 14 - Spring Break - No School

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Miller After School Classes

Spring Session Registration date is March 21st at noon. Brochures will go home March 17th.

Guest Author, our counselor, Laura Betz, shares more information about our school-wide RULER program .

This strategy below is called the Blueprint.

The Blueprint is a problem solving strategy completed by students following any kind of conflict between two people. First, the students recognize their own feelings. Then the students are invited to think about what the other person might have been feeling. Second, students brainstorm reasons why they felt the way they did and again invited to think about the other person and why they felt the way they did. Third, the students evaluate both his or her own reaction as well as the reaction of anyone else involved. The student compares their reactions to the *Stevens Way* by asking, "Was I safe, respectful and responsible? What about the other person?" Finally, the student reflects upon what they did well and what they could do differently in the future. They also have the opportunity to brainstorm ways to make the situation right. Solving problems with *The Blueprint* improves children's empathy as they consider other people's feelings. It also empowers children to problem solve in order to improve situations.

Family Survey

Coming April 17 - May 19

Families of K-12 students can participate in two easy steps!

- By March 16, make sure your child's school has your current email address on file.
- Respond to the survey you receive in late April by email (or regular mail for families without an email address)

For more information, including results of the 2016 Surveys. Please select "School Climate Surveys" at the following webpage:

SeattleSchools.org/performance

Music Room News



The biggest event in the music room was the 3rd grade trip to Benaroya Hall. I was very proud of how Stevens students behaved. They heard some great music from the Seattle Symphony and sang, listened, or played along (their choice) on 5 of the pieces. We will move on to working with the xylophones to build more musical literacy skills.

1st and 2nd graders are both able to sing 2 note songs and show the hand signs for them. Ask them about SO and MI and the Mystery Note that we don't have a name for yet. They are all getting very good and reading 4 beat patterns using ta (quarter note) and ti ti (paired eighth notes). All are about to (or have just started) work on their Multicultural Night performances. 2nd graders spent some time with Beethoven's 5th Symphony and can tell you what a MOTIF is.

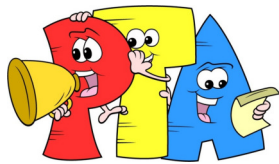
Kindergarteners continue to sing and move listen to lots of different music. They're identifying and defining BEAT, when they hear it and when they don't. We're going to be working with musical words for fast and slow and listening to pieces with big changes in speed (TEMPO). We'll also learn the name for that thing we hear in music that is not the beat.

4th and 5th grades have all been working hard on performing 3 part marimba music on the xylophones. Queen Anne Elementary generously loaded me their collection again (11 xylophones and 2 glockenspiels).

Starting this week, 4th graders will be moving on to playing more complex marimba pieces and creating music ideas of their own. 5th graders will start to work on more complex percussion ensemble pieces that will be performed for Multicultural Night.

Amy Carroll, K-5 Vocal Music Teacher
Stevens Elementary School

From the



Important Dates:

Stevens PTA Meeting: Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30-8:00pm, Stevens Library – only 2 meetings left!

PTA Budget Committee Meeting: April 1 or 2 TBD, email info@stevenspta.org if interested

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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 Mar 13-17, Third Grade** families, please donate food items.

Next week: Fourth 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!

VOLUNTEER CORNER



BIKE TEACHING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PE Team needs assistance teaching **bike & pedestrian safety to 3rd & 4th graders** during school days this April 17-May 5.

Sign up for available slots, Mon-Fri, 8:00-11:15am or 1:30- 2:00pm:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aaba729a0fa7-bike>

All grade-level parents welcome, but you must confirm with school office as **approved Stevens volunteer** to work with students.

For more info, please contact PE teacher Mr. Peters: ejpeters@seattleschools.org, 206-252-3412

Here is link to getting approved for ANY Stevens Volunteer

role: http://stevens.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/volunteering_at_stevens

STEVENS ART WALK POST-SALE

Items/experiences still available!

Thank you to everyone who made the Art Walk such a fun, well-attended event!

We still have some **buy-in events available for Kids and Grown-ups.**

Look for a flyer coming home Wednesday in student backpacks with complete event details. Then contact Caren Ezratty O'Connor to purchase/register: ezratty@hotmai.com

If you were unable to attend or were outbid on the art you wanted, please still **consider donating to Stevens PTA directly**, to continue to fund Arts Programming.

We can accept **cash or checks made out to the Stevens PTA** or click on the PayPal icon on Stevens PTA donations page: <http://stevenspta.org/join-us/donate/>. PayPal charges 3% processing fee, so cash/checks are preferred to maximize your donation.

BUY IT NOW items available:

- RESIST posters: 11 available, \$30 each
- Stevens Elementary Prints: 4 available, \$10 each

FOR THE KIDS:

- **3rd Grade Pool Party! Saturday, March 25th 4:30-6:30pm** - 14 spots/\$50 each
- **3rd-5th Grade Dance! Dance! Dance! & Dinner too! Friday, March 31st 6-8pm**- 36 spots/\$50 each
- **Movies & Milkshakes Saturday, April 1st matinee** - 2 spots/\$50 each Kids' Club staff taking 5 kids to see the movie *The Boss Baby*.
- **K-2 Dance Party! Friday, May 12th from 3-5pm** - 20 spots/\$25 each
- **Bike Adventure Tour 2017 with Mr. Peters! Saturday, June 3rd** - 12 spots/\$35 each
Adults are welcome and encouraged to chaperone. Students must have bikes and be comfortable riding at a leisurely pace. (Rain date: Saturday June 10th)

ADULTS ONLY:

- **Optimism Brewery Beer Tasting & Dinner Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm** - 39 spots/\$50 each
- **Dim Sum Social Friday, June 2nd 6-10pm** - 13 spots/\$50 each - *Hosted by Alexa Ingram-Cauchy, Siri Miller and Caren Ezratty O'Connor.*
- **Garden Party Saturday, June 10th** - 6 spots/\$50 each - *Hosted by the Martins and the Caposselas, catering from Tallulah's.*
- **Summer Shrimp Boil Saturday, August 5th, 7-11pm** - 5 spots/\$50 each - *Hosted by the Adams, Guthries, and Rhoads families, LIVE MUSIC.*

Questions or suggestions for anything PTA-related, email info@stevenspta.org

Thank you, Stevens PTA