

# Stevens Speak

★ THE STEVENS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ★

## UPCOMING EVENTS



1242 18th Ave E  
Seattle, WA 98112

Nov 23, 2016

## From The Principal

**November 24-25 -  
No School  
Thanksgiving**

**December 2-3 - Tree  
Sale - Friday 6PM -  
8PM- Saturday  
9AM-2PM**

**December 3 -  
Pancake breakfast  
8:30-10:00  
Performance 10 AM**

**December 8 - All  
school Field Trip**

**December 16 -  
Miller After School  
classes end**

### NEW Parking Zones at Stevens Elementary School

Starting January 3, 2017

- East Galer Street School Bus Load Zone MOVED: will be open to parking at all times
- NEW School Bus Load Zone on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave East, in front of existing City Bus Stop, 7:00am-3:00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ave East School Bus Load Zone times revised: 7:30am-8:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm
- NEW Passenger Load Zone on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave E for morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up: 7:30am-8:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm

### Please Keep Our Students Safe!

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

##### DO:

- Please Refer to Parking Signs and Follow Instructions
- Cross only at crosswalks and corners
- Find a legal parking space a block away and walk in with your child
- Drive only North on 18th Ave East
- Ride your bike or scooter to school, but dismount and walk with your wheels at crosswalks and once you reach school campus.
- Drop your child off at the passenger load/unload zone

##### DO NOT:

- Let children cross in the middle of a block
- Drive South on 18th Ave. East
- Use or park in the school bus load zones during restricted times
- Make U-turns near school
- Ride your bike or scooters through crosswalks or on campus
- Park in passenger load/unload zones during restricted times,
- only use this space for immediate drop-off and pick-up

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#### Miller After School Classes

The last day for **Fall Session** is Friday December 16th.

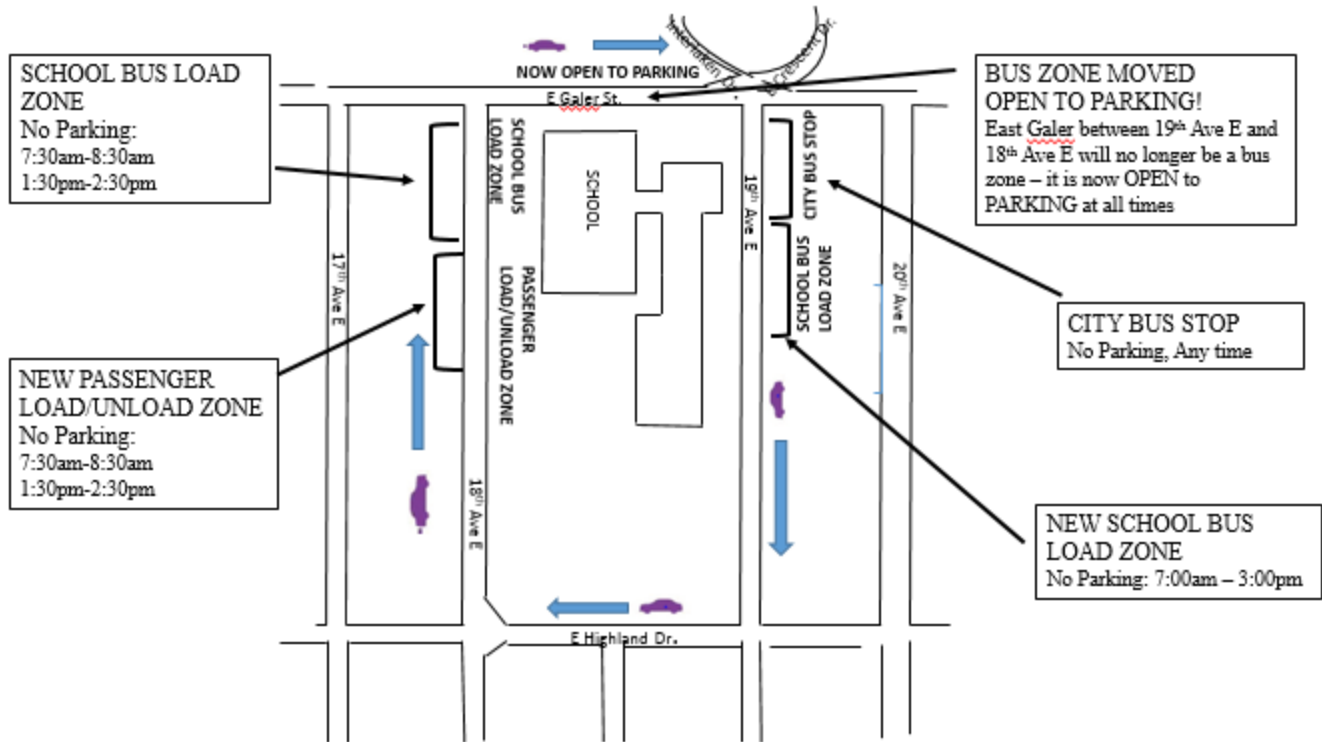
**\*Winter Session** begins

Tuesday January 17th through  
Friday April 7th.

Winter Registration is January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2 sets of classes Mon - Thurs  
2:15-3:15 or 3:30-4:30

See Map on Page 2



## News from the District

Change is hard but it also can be invigorating and positive. I know there are lots of questions around the growth boundary changes that have now been approved by the SPS School Board. . Come and hear more at the meeting below:

Washington MS, 6 pm, Thursday, 12/1

My interim assistant principal, Princess Shareef is leading the WMS Transition Team. Be assured that both schools are preparing to make this a win/win.

Best Wishes,

Susan Follmer

## From the PTA

### Important Dates:

Tree Sale **Online** Pre-order deadline: 11/29

Special Ed Parent Meeting: 11/29

Stevens Annual Fund Drive Last Day: 11/30



## Amazon Link

During this season of giving, if you and your friends and family will be doing any shopping through Amazon.com, please do so by clicking on the Amazon icon on the Stevens PTA page:

<http://stevenspta.org/join-us/>

This guarantees that 7% of your purchase comes back to Stevens to fund great enrichment opportunities for your children! Last year this amounted to more than \$5,000. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors can follow the same link to earn money for Stevens. This is a quick and painless way to put your shopping dollars to work for our children. Please help spread the word, it couldn't be easier!

# Annual Fund

**Goal: \$150,000 by 11/30 with 100% participation**

**Progress towards goal: 46% Funding (\$69,206) with 35% participating**

We are grateful to all of you who have already given your support to Stevens this year in so many ways! It is so encouraging to see donations coming in at EVERY LEVEL, from \$10 to \$5,000; from new families to graduating families, and everyone in between.

But as you can see, with less than two weeks left in the Annual Fund Drive, we are still a ways from reaching our **100% goal of participation** from all families and staff. We hope you will join in our enthusiasm to contribute at whatever amount you're able to help our community thrive.

## How to Give:

- **Send a cash donation or check**, payable to Stevens PTA, in an envelope marked ANNUAL FUND. Deliver it to your student's classroom, drop it off at the office, or mail it to Stevens PTA, 1242 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA, 98112.
- **Donate online** with your credit card at [tinyurl.com/stevensannualfund-2016](http://tinyurl.com/stevensannualfund-2016). (For large donations we recommend a check or money order to avoid the Greater Giving 3% online fee)
- **Pledge your gift** for the school year! Pledge your gift in November by contacting Emily Lieberman: [emilylieberman@gmail.com](mailto:emilylieberman@gmail.com). We will count your pledge now toward our goal and you can make your payment later in the school year.
- **Deliver in-person!** We will have a table set up on the **playground on Tuesday, Nov 29** at drop-off & pick to collect final cash and checks you want to drop off to count towards our full participation goal!

Every donation matters and adds up to support our students and school programs. Stevens PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization so all Annual Fund donations are fully tax deductible. Please let us know if your employer matches your donation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your Annual Fund giving, please contact Emily Lieberman or any of the PTA Board Members in person or via [info@stevenspta.org](mailto:info@stevenspta.org).

## Holiday Tree Sale and Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to all those who submitted their pre-order forms for trees & greenery to the office by 11/21. You can still **pre-order ONLINE by Tues, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>** at <http://www.tinyurl.com/stevenstreesale-2016>

If you pre-order you can:

- Pick your tree without waiting in line to pay.
- Sign up for the "white glove" delivery where very adorable girl scouts or boy scouts sing you a song, serve you nog, and your precious tree is placed with care in your tree stand, getting you all set up without getting sap all over your hands and clothes!

We welcome your help to pull off this awesome event by signing up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a5af2daafe3-2016> or email Nash [sonjanash@gmail.com](mailto:sonjanash@gmail.com).

Or look for us on Tuesday, Nov 29 at playground drop-off/pick-up to sign up in person.



## Tutu's and Winter Wishes Needs You!

The families associated with Tutu's Pantry and Winter Wishes need your help now more than ever! Help us show our continued love and support to our fellow families by:

- Donating food by placing it in the green Tutu's bins by the office (non-perishable, canned, high-protein foods needed – soups, chili, spaghetti-os are appreciated)
- Making a craft or two with your child to sell at the Winter Wishes Craft Table at the Tree Sale on Dec 2nd and 3rd
- Baking some cookies or other goodies that can be sold at the Bake Sale Table at the Tree Sale on Dec 2nd and 3rd

Making a monetary donation to Tutu's Pantry and Winter Wishes – we'll do the shopping for you!

(Please let us know as early as possible if you are making crafts for us to sell by contacting Lori Bugaj at [lori@oneeyedcollie.com](mailto:lori@oneeyedcollie.com) and she will make sure your items are beautifully displayed. And if you plan to help by baking some goodies, please be sure to drop them off the afternoon on Dec 2nd or the morning of Dec 3rd, and contact Joy Southworth at [joysouthworth@hotmail.com](mailto:joysouthworth@hotmail.com). Donations in check form can be made out to "Stevens PTA" with "Tutu's Pantry" noted in the memo field. We know you are asked to do a lot during the holiday season. Please help only where you can – and THANK YOU for all of the wonderful things you do for Stevens!

### **The 6th Annual Tutu's Pantry All-School Food Drive is up and running!!!**

The classroom that donates the most food between now and December 16th wins the beautiful, one-of-a-kind Tutu's Trophy!

### **Special Ed Families**

Families of students receiving special education services at Stevens: Please join us for the school year's second special ed parent meeting on **Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 6:30-8pm in the Stevens Library**. This is a chance for parents and guardians of special education students to get together informally and share how things are going for their kids this school year and talk about both in-school and out-of-school concerns related to raising our kids. (Childcare is not provided for this meeting.) Questions and RSVP (optional, but appreciated) to Larisa Moore, [raincitykitty@hotmail.com](mailto:raincitykitty@hotmail.com).



## **Chess Team News**

The Stevens Chess Team had a strong showing this past Saturday at the Fall Kickoff sponsored by Orlov Chess Academy at Broadview-Thompson Elementary. Stevens finished in the Top 5 for both the K-1 and 2-4 Divisions. Griffin O'Connor (2-4) and Charlie Dossick (K-1) registered strong individual performances, placing 4th and 5th, respectively. Additionally, at least six of the team members individually qualified to attend the state-wide competition in April 2017 to be held in Tacoma! A very good time was had by all attendees. Go Stevens!