

Stevens Speak

★ THE STEVENS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ★

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Seattle, WA 98112

March 29, 2017

From The Principal

**April 5-7 - 5th
Grade Camp**

**April 10 - 14 -
Spring Break - No
School**

**May 4 - Multi-
Cultural Night 6:30-
8:30**

**May 10 - 2 hour
early dismissal**

Dr. Nyland delivers!

Dr. Nyland's first visit to the Stevens community may well have been delivering flowers in an old pick-up truck for the Ballard florist he worked for as a Roosevelt High School Student. Last night he came again to share a current "state of the district" message with our PTA. This was the first in what will be a handful of visits to Seattle Public School PTA meetings between now and the end of the year. Our third year Superintendent also spent about 20 minutes answering questions from our parents. The dialogue was both passionate and positive during a conversation that included topics such as honors for all, boundaries, enrollment and wait list, community building and the shared desire to close the gap and address equity issues. Attendees also had the opportunity to write additional questions down that Dr. Nyland said he would address and get answers for. I'm so appreciative that our Superintendent made time to address and hear the voice of the Stevens community in person. Thank you Dr. Nyland!

This June a group of Stevens alumni will be graduating from high school and go off into the world in pursuit of their dreams. Those seniors were Kindergartners when our Administrative Assistant started at Stevens. This Friday, Val Derosier will beat those seniors by a couple months as she pursues some hopes and dreams she has for herself and her family. Though I've been here less than a year, I've clearly seen Val's fingerprints all over this school. I'm so thankful for all she has done to help me transition into Stevens. Indeed, some of the credit for the things I'm trying to accomplish here go to her. From budgets to band aids, Val's done it all. I can't let her go without a public sharing of my appreciation for all she has done for me, for Stevens, our staff, families and most of all the children. Thank you!

In Val's absence, Linn Haralson, will be moving into the Administrative Assistant's role and Jacqueline Saxton will sub for us long term in Linn's position. We are fortunate to have these ladies able to step into these roles in Val's absence to assist us in helping us to keep the office running as smoothly as possible.

Thanks, Brian

Dr. Brian K. Fitch, Principal

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Girl's Chess Team

Several of our Stevens chess players participated in the Queen's Quest Chess tournament, an all-girls tournament, this past weekend. Out of 24 teams in the 1st- 3rd grade section, our Stevens girls finished in **6th place**—just 1/2 point out of the trophies! In the 4th- 6th grade section, even though we did not field a full team, our small crew of 3 still finished in 8th place, out of 24 teams! Way to go Stevens girls!



Library News:

Check it out! ✓

Author Visit

Fourth and fifth graders will visit the library next Tuesday, April 4, to hear a presentation by Kevin Emerson, a local author. Mr. Emerson, a former science teacher, loves science and writing. His latest book, ***Last Day on Mars***, is the first book in the **Chronicle of the Dark Star** series. The book takes place 200 years in the future, after our sun started expanding as a super nova. Humans had taken refuge on Mars while they searched the universe for a more permanent home.

If you would like to pre-order a copy of this book and have it autographed, please print the order form attached to the email and return to the library with payment by Monday, April 3.

Million Words Update

The numbers did not change significantly in the last month. Hey Readers! Turn in your Million Word logs! I am certain everyone is reading. Let's see if we can hit 100,000,000 by the end of the school year!

	December	January	February	March
Total # of Readers	56	86	93	94
Have read > 100,000	49	78	87	90
Have read > 500,000	10	20	34	39
Have read > 1,000,000	6	11	21	22
★s on the bulletin board				32
Words read	18,491,129	34,899,183	55,964,631	63,203,925

Forms and instructions on how to fill them out are available on the Stevens website.

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award

Starting Friday, all students in Kindergarten – 3rd Grade will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite book from the W.C.C.P.B.A. nominees. Please open the document attached to the email to see the nominees! Ask you student(s) which book they liked best (and why!).

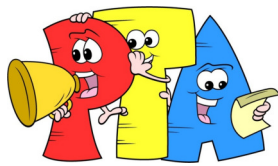
Seattle Public Schools, SPS, provides Equal Educational Opportunities and Equal Employment Opportunities and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex; race; creed; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; age; economic status; sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity; pregnancy; marital status; physical appearance; the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability; honorably discharged veteran or military status; or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal. SPS also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

For students and members of the public, the following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Office of Student Civil Rights, (206) 252-0306, or oscr@seattleschools.org, or by mail at Seattle Public Schools, MS 32-149, P.O. Box 34165, Seattle, WA 98124-1166. In that department:

- For sex discrimination concerns, including sexual harassment, contact: Title IX Grievance Coordinator, (206) 252-0367, or Title.IX@seattleschools.org
- For disability discrimination concerns contact: ADA/Section 504 Grievance Coordinator, (206) 252-0178, or accessibility@seattleschools.org

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.

From the



Important Dates:

April 18 - Meet the Moon Café Dine Out Fundraiser

April 29 or 30 TBD - PTA Budget Committee Meeting, email info@stevenspta.org to attend

May 21st, 4 pm – Seattle Storm Stevens Elementary Day

VOLUNTEER CORNER



Carnival



Where Do You Wanna Work at Carnival This Year?

Planning is underway for this year's carnival, June 9th. If you know where you want to work, claim your spot now! If you want to help plan an area or hear about the different ways to volunteer, please contact Kindergarten parent Emily Keurvorst emily.keurvorst@gmail.com or 3rd grade parent Megan Boyce Jacobs mcboyce@mac.com. Let's have someone from every family volunteer this year!

Hello Spring & Goodbye Clutter - Think CARNIVAL for Your Unwanted Toys!

Time to get rid of those small toys you keep stepping on! And those big toys that take up way too much room...

All clean, non-broken items **WANTED** for this year's carnival: Small toys, board games, stuffies, bikes, scooters, electronics - you name it, we **WANT IT!** Please bag or box your toys and drop them off in the Carnival donation boxes located in Stevens front entry hallway, so they can be loved by someone new.

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

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. **March 27 - 31: Fourth Grade families** (Chua/Perez/Vielbig classes), please donate food items - especially canned pasta sauces & chili this week.

Next week: Kindergarten

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!!

Stevens Elementary PTA Seattle Storm Game

- **Sunday, May 21st, 4 pm**

Join us for a fun, family-friendly afternoon at Key Arena as the Seattle Storm Women's Basketball Team takes on the Washington Mystics. A portion of each ticket sold will come back to Stevens PTA.

Look for flier coming home in student backpacks this week. **Use promo code: STEVENS17** to purchase tickets at <http://seattlestormbasketball.com/ticketcentral/stormyourschool.html#/> Sign up early! The first 5 families who purchase tickets will receive two (2) post-game autograph passes! Kids receive free Storm ThunderStix (bam bams) and there's a post-game free throw on the court for kids 12 and under.

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

Thank you, Stevens PTA