

# Tillicum Middle School PTSA – November 2011

## Note from the PTA President

I wanted to thank the many parents that came up to the PTA table during Parent/Conferences in November to say hi, get their membership card, and even purchase a Chinook Book. PTA supplied the Teachers with a wonderful dinner for both nights. A special thanks goes out to our VP Suzy Dalton and Membership Michelle Robertson for helping me man the PTA table for both nights.

The students of the ASB put on a great dance this past month too. We, the PTA supplied a few Chaperones to help out with the dance. Our kids are in great hands at these dances and I encourage parents that if they really feel the need to stay then they should volunteer to chaperone. However, the spots are very limited and will only be on a first come first serve basis.

We hosted a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble on December 11 at the Crossroads and online from the 11<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who make this a successful event from the staff at Barnes and Noble, to the book purchases and gift wrappers. Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing the results.

We are looking for a Nominating Committee for next year's officers. Three PTA members are needed and we will provide you with any and all the information you will need.

Our next General Meeting is January 19th in the library at 7PM. I am working on a great speaker to attend as well. So please mark it on your calendar now.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to email me. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Meg Dunwiddie  
Tillicum PTA President  
[presidentmeg@gmail.com](mailto:presidentmeg@gmail.com)

## Grant Summary

A total of \$7,134.00 was granted to teachers who submitted requests to enhance their curriculum. A detailed list can be found at [www.tillicumpta.org](http://www.tillicumpta.org)

## Snow Make up Days

The two snow make-up days have been added to the Bellevue School District calendar.

- January 24, 2011 for **secondary students** (middle school & high school) or March 11, 2011 for elementary students
- **AND**, June 17, 2011 for all students (last day of school)

## College Conference

**Bellevue School District will hold its annual College Conference** on Wednesday, January 26 at Interlake High School and Thursday, January 27 at Sammamish High School. This event will begin each evening at 6:00 p.m. with keynote speaker, Dr. Karen Copetas, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Planning from Western Washington University. Breakout sessions will begin at 6:40 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

[View the College Conference program to learn about the sessions offered and to plan your evening >](#)

## Superintendent Coffee Hour

Join Superintendent Amalia Cudeiro in a relaxed conversation about our schools during a coffee hour at a school near you. These conversations are intended to provide parents and community members with a chance to have a conversation with Dr. Cudeiro and share ideas and dialogue.

Coffee Hours are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on:

- January 12: Chinook Middle School (library)
- January 26: Highland Middle School (library)
- February 3: Sammamish High School (library)
- February 9: Newport High School (library)

## Upcoming Events

School starts Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

General Membership Meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Tillicum library

## Key Resources

[Tillicum PTA Website](#)

[BSD Tillicum Website](#)

[Friday Focus](#)

[Parent Internet Viewer](#)

## School Contacts

Attendance: 425-456-6708

Office: 425-456-6700

## PTA Contacts

President - [Meg Dunwiddie](#)

Treasurer - [Don Pelo](#)

Secretary - [Kimberly Nelson](#)

VP Membership/  
Volunteers - [Michelle Robertson](#)

VP Hospitality - [Suzy Dalton](#)

VP Programs - [Julie Freeman](#)

## King County Green School Program

Tillicum's Green Team will be working for the second year with the King County Green Schools Program. This year we will be working to create an Energy Conservation checklist. This checklist will be used as an assessment tool to regularly monitor Tillicum's energy conservation practices. We will also be working on a variety of projects based on our energy audit. The team consists of students, staff, and administration. We are looking for parent representation. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd at 3:00. We will determine projects and future meeting dates and times at our first meeting. Contact Diane Tuttle, vice principal at [Tuttled@bsd405.org](mailto:Tuttled@bsd405.org) if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

## Become a Volunteer in Bellevue Education – VIBES

What is a VIBES volunteer? VIBES volunteers are community members – professionals, seniors, parents, grandparents, college students - who volunteer one hour a week for the duration of the school year to support student success. Parents who become VIBES volunteers work with students other than their own child or in classrooms other than their own child's classroom.

Tillicum Middle School needs VIBES volunteers. Take volunteering to the next level by dedicating one hour a week to support Tillicum's 2010-2011 Instructional Learning Goal - **increase student performance in the area of Reading Comprehension**. Tillicum expects 100% of the student body to demonstrate positive growth in Reading Comprehension as measured by the Spring 2011 MSP. To support this goal Tillicum has established multiple reading support classes and they need volunteers Monday through Friday. Please consider volunteering one hour a week to support young students striving to succeed. More information can be found at [www.tillicumpta.org](http://www.tillicumpta.org)

## Breakfast at Tillicum

The Student Breakfast Program at Tillicum MS needs to serve 50 students per day to continue offering breakfast. We currently average 26 students per day. Unfortunately, if we cannot increase participation in the new year, the breakfast program will be discontinued. A nutritious hot breakfast is offered daily from 7:15 am to 7:40 am. Breakfast is \$2.25. If your student qualifies for the reduced meals program, then the cost is free.

## PTA Membership

Thank you to the 414 currently enrolled PTA members. It is never too late to sign up to be a member of the PTA. Your vote counts! We are all advocates for our children, but being a member of the PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) provides us a venue as a group to be heard by our school, school district, city, county and state legislatures on issues that affect all of our children. [Click here](#) for membership forms. Family membership is \$20, Individual is \$15. Checks are made payable to Tillicum PTA. Forms and checks can be dropped off in the office at Tillicum.

PTA's mission is "Building a Better World for Children."

## Board Meeting Notes

PTSA General Membership meeting was held on **October 20, 2010**. Notes can be found at [www.tillicumpta.org/](http://www.tillicumpta.org/)

## Worried about Paying for College?

**If you are worried about affording college for you student, please read further!**

The Washington Higher Education Board is offering college scholarships to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students who pledge to do well in school, are good citizens, and meet their income standards. To find out more, please go to [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound), or stop by the main office to pick up information. Please hurry, the deadline to apply is June 30, 2011. Please call you student's school counselor if you have further questions.

**Si está preocupado de no poder pagar la Universidad (College) para su estudiante, por favor siga leyendo!** El Consejo de Educación Superior de Washington está ofreciendo becas para estudiantes de 7<sup>º</sup> y 8<sup>º</sup> año que prometan tener buenas calificaciones en la escuela, ser buenos

ciudadanos y que cumplan con los estándares de ingresos. Para más información, visite [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound) , o tome la información disponible en la oficina de la escuela. Dese prisa, la fecha límite para aplicar es el 30 de junio, 2011. Por favor no dude en llamar al consejero de su estudiante si tiene mas preguntas.

### Join Tillicum PTA

Was this email forwarded to you? Would you like to be added to the distribution list? If so, consider joining Tillicum PTSA. Help your school and students while receiving benefits to your membership. [Click here](#) to obtain a membership form. Family membership is \$20, Individual is \$15. Checks are made payable to Tillicum PTA. Thank you, we appreciate your support!

### New to Bellevue School District or Tillicum?

Did you know that there is a wealth of information on the Bellevue School District site for newcomers to the district? Access this information by clicking [here](#) or to the website: [www.bsd405.org](http://www.bsd405.org) . For information on Tillicum, you can choose the school in the drop down panel of the left navigation bar. From there, you'll be able to access the [Tillicum school](#) website and [PTSA website](#).

If English is not your first language, you can access the multilingual hotlines/phone numbers located on the [PAAC](#) web page. Also, there are afterschool [activities](#) such as tutoring, sports, and reading. We are getting a new program

### Friday Focus

Not receiving the Friday Focus? The Friday Focus comes directly from Tillicum Middle School and is sent out weekly. In the past the Tillicum PTSA has also forwarded it to PTSA members with added information. If you are not receiving the Friday Focus, please email your name and request to receive the Friday Focus to Tillicum's Office Manager, Barbara Ghaffari at [www.ghaffarib@bsd405.org](mailto:www.ghaffarib@bsd405.org).