

Sun Dragons' Dayette



B.F. DAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 3	4	5	6	7
		Spring picture day Choir and Sunshine Store at lunch Afterschool Clubs: Creative Coding, Sewing 2-5, Drama K-2	2:15 – 3:45 Building Leadership Team meeting 5:30 – 7:00 Take Your Parent to School Night – Mock Farmers' Market	Sun Dragon Fun Run School Spirit Day – “Dress for Fun, Dress to Run!” Instrumental music in PM
10	11	12	13	14
Spring Break – School is closed - Office is open				
17	18	19	20	21
7:50 – 8:15 K-2 Family Assembly WITS in 4 th and 5 th grades Music with Mr. Erik	Monthly safety drill – reverse evacuation (playground to gym) at lunch recess	Music with Mr. Eric 8:00 – 8:30 125 th Anniversary Committee meeting	10:00 – 12:00 All school Field Trip to see Fire Station 7 2:15 – 3:45 Building Leadership	Music with Mr. Eric Instrumental music in PM

Afterschool Clubs: Yoga 1-4; Karate, Spanish K-2	Afterschool Clubs: Kickball K-2; Art, Spanish 3-5	Sunshine Store and Choir at lunchtime Afterschool Clubs: Clay Animation; Coding 3-5; Drama K-2; Tennis	Team meeting in staff room Afterschool Clubs: Kickball/Frisbee 2-5; Piano, World Dance K-2	Afterschool Clubs: Dinner Club; Garden/Green team, Adventures in Sport 2-5; Jr Coding 1-2
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Coming Up:

April 22 – Earth Day Spring Clean grounds stewardship project @ B. F. Day
 April 27 – Meet the Hamilton MS Principal from 6:30 – 8:00 in our Library
 May 20 – B. F. Day School 125th Birthday Celebration! Please share attached flyer
 Through June 2nd – Smarter Balanced Assessments for Grades 3 - 5
 June 26 (Mon) – revised last day of school

Principal News

Take Your Parent to School Night

Please remember that our “Take your parents to school night” event is this Thursday evening. This is the 4th in a series of parent events to offer insights into your child’s education. On TYPTSN, you will have the opportunity to learn from your child as they give you a tour of their classroom and their work folders. We will also have a Mock Farmers Market event in the Gym brought to us from PCC. Details can be found here: <http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/pcc/videos/kids-love-veggies-market>
 Grades K-1 can start shopping at the market between 5:30 and 5:45, Grades 2 – 3 between 6 and 6:15 and Grades 4 – 5 start shopping between 6:30 and 6:45. The school will be open from 5:30 – 7:00. These are suggested times, so, if you are not able to come at that time, please attend with another group. Many Teachers will be on hand to answer questions you have, but the event really belongs to the student presenters!

Budget and staffing update

Our district budget and human resources offices have updated our staffing for next year, following the announcement that the Levy Lid postponement was enacted by the legislature and Governor. The end result is better news with another classroom section and two fully staffed PCP teachers – Art and PE. We are projected at 265 students, which is still under capacity for our building. I will be watching the enrollment trends over the next few weeks very carefully, as we are currently at 294 students. Our enrollment officers cite a lower birth rate 5 years ago for a lower number of incoming K students. Carrie and I would appreciate hearing from families who may not be returning to B. F. Day next year.

This is how our staffing grade level configuration is looking at this time:

- K – Ms. Kendrick and Mr. Zillig
 - 1 – Ms. Steel and Mrs. Papineau
 - 1/2 – Mrs. Ferrel in Room 304
 - 2 – Ms. Dawson
 - 3 – Mrs. Cerulia and Ms. Sawyer
- Mini Middle School Model
- Math – Mr. Maldonado (4th grade homeroom)
 - Science – Mr. Olegario (4/5 grade homeroom)

Literacy – Ms. Noreng in Room 308 (5th grade homeroom)

We typically create class lists in late May/early June. During this process, we will consider which homerooms in Grades 1-3 will be the designated Spectrum classrooms. This current year, Spectrum students were evenly divided into each of the Mini Middle School model classrooms. This was very successful in keeping classes balanced. We are exploring the possibility of evenly dividing the Spectrum students in Grades 1-3, as well. I'll be interested in your feedback on this tentative plan.

We are always interested in your input as we create class lists. Our policy in receiving input is to have parents comment around preferences for the learning environment and teaching style in general, not in requesting specific teachers. For example, parents may request a teacher with a lot of classroom structure, someone soft spoken, someone who is nurturing, etc. I will let families know through the Dayette when this task becomes closer.

Fourth & Fifth Grade Lunch Adjustment

For the last couple of weeks, we have adjusted the lunch and recess times for all 4th and 5th graders. All students now come to the cafeteria at 10:15 to eat lunch. Their recess time begins at 10:35, although we do allow students who finish their lunch earlier to be excused to go outside to play after 10:25.

The adjustment was made for a few reasons. Students were expressing their desire to eat with all their friends at the same time. We were also trying to address a problem with students forgetting to bring their lunch with them or to place their lunch in the classroom bin that is brought to the cafeteria. This led to students wanting to go back upstairs to get their lunches, without supervision for all the requests.

Now, all students leave their enrichment classes (PE, Art or Leadership) and get their lunch without going outside to recess first. This helps with supervision of the transition, remembering their lunch and having an opportunity for students to feel their voice matters in how we structure their day.

Group Pictures – Classroom group pictures are being taken tomorrow morning. **We are also taking a whole school picture (rain or shine) on the West side stairs as was done for the 100th B. F. Day Birthday Celebration. Students must be on time – 7:50 in their line at the bell and join their classmates at 7:55 when the picture is being taken.** Return envelopes to the classroom teacher no later than the day of – April 5.

Volunteers Needed on 4/22, & 5/20 events:

- 1) Saturday, 4/22 Earth Day B. F. Day Spring Clean Grounds Beautification and indoor projects, 9:00 – 1:00, part or all of the time. Please let Carrie in the office know if you can help.
- 2) Saturday, 5/20 B. F. Day 125th birthday celebration carnival – games, art, history, music, play, food trucks, tours, 10 – 6, part or all of the time. Please let the office or PTSA president know how you would like to help
- 3) B. F. Day has an official African Name – the school that is. We need a researcher to present this information for our 125th Birthday. Ms. Carrie has some info to go on if you feel like being a detective.

Thanks all!

Opportunity for students to nominate Washington's Best Teacher

Ivar's and Kidd Valley Restaurants are asking all kindergarten through eighth grade students to nominate their favorite teacher for a chance to take home the 2017 Teacher of the Year honors. Ivar's and Kidd Valley encourages students to recognize and praise educators who have positively impacted them, and to share inspirational stories with other students and teachers. Two well-deserving educators will be selected as grand prize recipients to bring home a \$500 gift card for classroom supplies, a commemorative plaque and the official title of either Ivar's Teacher of the Year or Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year. Plus, the nominating students of the grand prize winners will receive either an Ivar's Kids Meal – including a visit by Ivar's famous Dancing Clam – or a Kidd Valley Kids Meal for every student in their class. To nominate a teacher, students 14 years old or younger may visit select Puget Sound area Ivar's or Kidd Valley locations (excluding stadiums, airport and Eastern Washington restaurants) to complete an official entry form, or go online to www.lvars.com/teacher or www.kiddvalley.com/promos-events.htm. All entries must be received by May 19, 2017

Early Entrance to Kindergarten - the application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK) is now on our district website. If you scroll down on this page: http://www.seattleschools.org/students/academics/advanced_learning/ you will find a little more information along with the link for the application.

Please understand a child must turn five between September 1 and October 31 to apply; testing happens late in the spring so MOST accepted students are only able to enroll in their Attendance Area schools. A child who is accepted starts with a one-month trial—it is up to the principal whether an EEK student continues past the one-month trial.

Jump Start will be held here this summer from August 21 – 25, 9 – noon daily. The contractor completing our seismic upgrade this summer will work around Jump Start. Registrations will be mailed home to new families when we receive our list. If you know a family that would like one we are happy to forward. Completed registrations should be given directly to the school before the end of June. Jump Start helps new kindergartners experience joyful learning, learn and practice school routines and become comfortable with the school setting.

B. F. Day will have an onsite Preschool next year – Here is a link to the City of Seattle's website which has the new application for the Seattle Preschool Program 2017-18.

<http://www.seattle.gov/education/early-learning/child-care-and-preschool/seattle-preschool-program/apply-to-the-seattle-preschool-program>

Families can indicate on the application that they would like to apply to B. F. Day, All of the sites are listed. The first round of enrollment runs from March 15-April 25. Families can apply after April 25th but they will prioritize 4 year olds that live in the BF Day attendance area that applied in the first round. Not sure how fast they will fill up. Our district is in process of updating the SPS website which will have a link to the City's application as well. Go to seattle.gov and search preschool if you don't have the above link. This will take you to the Seattle Preschool Program page. Families should be notified by May 2 if they have been accepted.

Please contact us if you would like some assistance in submitting the form. We are happy to help with using a school computer or in guiding you through the application process itself. You can stop by the office or call 206.252.6010.

Since the program is run by the city of Seattle, there is information at the Seattle.gov website, as well. I believe the Seattle.gov site is more informative, but you have to click 'apply' then register to get to the details.

<https://seattledeed.microsoftcrmpartals.com/en-US/parentportal/application/>

The City will have information translated into Spanish, Somali and Chinese by start of next week. Online application is available in multiple languages. For those with limited computer access or language skills, they can call. They will get an interpreter and take info to complete application for families over the phone. Please note that the application deadline is being extended for ELL families, since information was only available in English initially.

Enrollment planning

Please let us know if your child is not returning to B. F. Day next year, as soon as you know. Please email or give the office staff a call so we can plan for openings in our school. Thank you!

Lost & Found: Items will be donated to charity during spring break. We appreciate you retrieving your child's coats, hats, gloves, water bottles, and lunch items from inside our northeast door.

Family Assembly Schedule:

Date	Audience
April 17	Primary
April 24	Intermediate
May 1	All
May 8	Primary
May 15	Intermediate
May 22	No assembly
May 29/30	No assembly
June 5	All
June 12	Primary
June 19	Intermediate

PTSA News

The Sun Dragon Fun Run-- This Friday!!

The Sun Dragon family has gotten off to an amazing start in the pledge-collecting department! Mind. Blown. Now it's almost time for the big day, so let's bring it on home. Few things:

Volunteer!

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up to help! The following positions still need to be filled:

- Set-up crew: We could still use about 3 more people. This is a perfect job for people who have to head to work. We've slated for the majority of set-up to be done between drop-off and start time (8:45am), but some of us will begin at 7am. If that time works better for you, please considering signing up. Many hands make light work!
- Half-day support: Whether working at the desk or helping organize each wave of hourly volunteers, we

need a few good parents to help the whole day run smoothly. Can you be one of these people?!

- Oranges: A few more bags will help all the kids get the energy and hydration they need to do their best. Please bring to the “Upper-uppers” at drop-off.
- To sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d48a5a62ca3fd0-bfdayfun>. Questions, email saraparent@gmail.com

Fun Run Day-of Reminders

- **Bring a FILLED water bottle from home!** Remember, the kids will get an extra punch on their lap-counter punch card for remembering! We will still have paper cups for those who don't bring one, but we want to do our part to reduce waste and congestion at the water station.
- **Dress for Fun! Dress to Run!** On this Spirit Day, we encourage kids to wear what makes them feel *fast!* (e.g. Superheroes, Sports Stars, Fast Animals). But please remember sneakers and comfortable/non-restrictive or delicate attire so they can actually *be* fast! Also, remember to check the weather-- Sun Dragons run in rain or shine!
- Remember, there are **school-wide goals**, so let's all put our best foot forward! Thanks to generous donations, the 10 cents/ per lap per student pledge has been matched by another BF Day family business! That means that **every lap by every kid** will bring in money to support arts and music at BF Day!! What better reason to run?! AND... By legging out laps and encouraging classmates, the Sun Dragons can also earn some extra fun. Here's a reminder of the tiered incentives:
 - First tier (3,000 laps, approx 10 per kid): Kids will earn a "super fun extra recess" with a kids vs. grown-ups game/contest.
 - Second tier (4,000 laps, approx 14 per kid): They ADD a movie assembly!
 - Third tier (5,000 laps, approx 18 per kid): They ADD a dance party with Mr. Eric! (in addition to the previous two prizes!)

After the Fun Run

- When kids return from Spring Break, they will receive a note home that congratulates them on the number of laps they completed. They can use that number to finish collecting pledges.
- Kids will receive a little prize for **handing in their envelopes by April 28th**. They will also get entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to the Sunshine Store (where they can buy a BF Day t-shirt or other little gifts)! Families who choose to do all of their pledge-gathering online (through www.bfday.myevent.com) are *not* required to turn in an envelope, but those who collect cash and check will need to turn one in. Also, for those families who were not able to collect pledges this year, please still turn in your envelope to collect the prize and enter the drawing. (Remember, we all automatically have pledges!) Extra envelopes are available in front of the office.

Please contact Sara Parent at saraparent@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for generously supporting the Sun Dragons of BF Day!

Fun Run Schedule for April 7

8:55 -9:40	Kindergarten	(8:55 arrive/ 9am start)
9:45 – 10:30	3rd and 3/4	(9:45 arrive/ 9:50 start)
11:35 – 12:20	MMSM 4, 4/5 and 5	(11:35 arrive/11:40 start)
12:25 – 1:10	2nd	(12:25 arrive/ 12:30 start)
1:10 – 1:55	1 st	(1:10 arrive/ 1:15 start)

BF DAY After-School ACTIVITIES - Still time to sign up. Activities attached again😊