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	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9
	All week: Bike Safety Unit for Grades 3-5 during PE	WITS for Grades 4 and 5 1:10 Dismissal	WITS in Grades 4 and 5 9:30 – 1:30 K and K/1 trip to Seattle Aquarium	Instrumental Music
	Afterschool Clubs: Yarn Art 2-5 Drama K-2 Spanish 3-5 Tennis K-5 Green Team	Afterschool Clubs: Core Coding Adventures in Science K – 3 Art with Kids Create 1 – 5 Dinner Club 1-5	Afterschool Clubs: Drama 3 – 5 Robotics, World Dance K-2 2:45-4:15 BLT	Afterschool Clubs: Piano K – 5, Chess K – 5, Jr. Coding 1-2

			5 – 8 PTSA Mtg, Family Dinner & Movie Night	
Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16
7:55 All School Assembly African American Parent involvement Day All week: Bike Safety Unit for Grades 3-5 during PE 1:00 – 2:00 Global Reading In-school Challenge in gym Afterschool Clubs: Adventure sports, Yoga, Karate, Spanish K-2.	1:00 Monthly safety drill: Shelter in Place Afterschool Clubs: Yarn Art 2-5 Drama K-2 Spanish 3-5 Tennis K-5 Green Team	1:10 Dismissal Afterschool Clubs: Core Coding Adventures in Science K – 3 Art with Kids Create 1 – 5 Dinner Club 1-5	WITS writing celebrations for Grades 4 – 5 during literacy period 9:05 – 10:05 Recology truck visit for pre-school Afterschool Clubs: Drama 3 – 5 Robotics, World Dance K-2 5:30 – 7:00 Science Fair	Instrumental Music Afterschool Clubs: Piano K – 5, Chess K – 5, Jr. Coding 1-2

Coming up:

Feb. 19 – 23 – Mid-winter recess

Feb. 28 – Parent Information Session with Betty Peralta – 6:30 – 8:00. Childcare provided.

Principal News:

Upcoming Family Dinner

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our first family dinner of the year this Thursday! Join us on February 8 at 5:00 for a Valentine's Day themed, tasty dinner. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP at: <https://goo.gl/forms/XhxPI4AJoa4ULfLA3>

Dinner will be followed by an informative PTSA meeting for parents and a fun movie night for kids! You can also sign up to volunteer on the day of the event:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4cada929a5fb6-bfdayptsa>



Welcome Nurse Rebecca

From Nurse Rebecca: Thank you all for welcoming me into your warm community! I feel very fortunate to be here and getting to know your beautiful families. Before coming to B. F. Day, I worked in various nursing roles in the pediatric, immunization, and maternal-infant programs at Public Health – Seattle & King County. I have also worked as a mother-baby home visiting nurse with families in Snohomish County. My husband Tony and I have three children and live close to B. F. Day. Our eighth grader Malcolm and sixth grader Eliana are at Hamilton, and our fifth grader Mireya is at John Stanford. When we're not busy with work and school we love to spend time with family and friends, play sports, and take our dog Roxy on walks around beautiful Seattle.

Please feel free to stop by the health office to say hello. Also, don't hesitate to contact me by email rcdubin@seattleschools.org or phone 206-252-6017 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you again for the warm welcome!

Interviews with Nurse Rebecca

By: Sasha

Q: Have you been a nurse at any other school?

A: No, this is my first school nurse job and I'm happy to be starting here because B.F. Day is a great school

Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

A: I like to spend time with my family. I have three kids, one in eighth grade, sixth grade, and fifth grade, and they all like to play sports. I also like photography and cooking.

Q: If you were to travel anywhere in the world where would it be?

A: One place I would love to go is Guatemala. I also have an aunt that lives in Kenya, so I would like to visit her and explore more. Also, I would like to go back to Germany, because I lived there as a kid and would love to go back as an adult.

By: Nora McIntosh

Q: Have you always wanted to be a nurse or doctor?

A: "I have always wanted to work in health care. But I haven't always known I was going to be a nurse."

Q: Where are you originally from?

A: "My dad was in the army so I never really grew up in one place, we lived all over the U.S and also in Germany, but I've never really been from one specific place."

Q: If you had the opportunity to have any job in the whole world what would that job be?

A: "I love to laugh, I love to make other people laugh so It would probably be something involving humor. Maybe a director or author in comedy, something where I would be able to communicate to people with humor."

Parking Lots can be dangerous

In September, we implemented end of day PICK UP on the playground for grades K – 2 for safety reasons. One of those reasons was because students and adults were using the parking lot as a walkway. Recently we had a student going through the parking lot to school who was almost hit by a car. Please impress upon your children to use the sidewalks and to never walk through our parking lot. As adults, please model this same behavior and use the sidewalks whenever possible. From now on, we will be blocking off the entrance to the north parking lot in the morning for safety.

As a reminder, Fremont is a much better drop off. Children simply walk up the stairs to the playground in the morning. Linden is for bus drop off, excepting preschool which have their own marked spots in the south parking lot.

Green Team After School Class

This year's Green Team wants to know – what do you want to see growing in our edible gardens? We will be working on our planting plan next week and we would like B. F. Day families input as to what you like to eat. We grow organically in the raised beds area of the playground. Most produce is harvested in the summer and early fall by families and neighbors. Please email cbauer@seattleschools.org what you'd like to pick and the Green Team will work as many items in to the program as possible.

There are four spaces remaining in this sessions Green Team, today – April 10, on Tuesdays. The second session is full.

Bus driver contract negotiations

As you're aware, the bus drivers are on strike with First Student, the company from which our district contracts transportation services. All indications are that this may be a long strike. As we work to support families, please let us know of particular circumstances that we may be able to assist with.

We will continue to offer a "walking bus" to the Wallingford Boys and Girls Club. We will also have additional staff on hand to assist with supervision until parents are able to make it to school due to traffic and work demands.

The traffic on Linden Ave N. was a bit haphazard when many more cars were present during arrival and dismissal times. In addition to the increase in numbers of cars, parents dropped children off at the school curb side coming from both the north and south on Linden. This made for a bit of a hair raising experience in traffic management. Here are some recommendations:

- If you travel southbound on Linden, please use the school side curb to drop off
- Attempt to drop off in the front of the school. (Cars tend to back up traffic on Linden if you drop off by the field. If there is a strike, you will be allowed to use the bus zone)
- If you travel northbound on Linden,
 - use the east side curb to drop off, which is the opposite side from school – or
 - enter one of the parking lots – or
 - consider going around the block and joining in the south bound group. (Preferred!)
 - Please do not move into the opposite lane to drop off at the school-side curb.
- Everyone should consider dropping off from Fremont Ave N. There are steps mid-block that go directly to our playground

Thank you!

Please dress for the weather!

Rainy weather is continuing. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for these cold/wet days. Hats, raincoats, boots, snow pants if really cold, warm jackets and gloves or mittens are essential for the students to be able to enjoy their time at play outside. Rainboots are especially important with the puddles on our playground

Global Reading Challenge

Fourth and Fifth grade Global Reading teams are meeting with Mr. Hammer every Wednesday in the Library with their teams. Students meet from 12:45 – 1:10 to practice answering questions with their teams. Our in school Challenge will be held in our gym on Monday, February 12 in the afternoon.

New Family Tours

Please let your friends and neighbor with little ones know about our final tour date:

February 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a group here is the volunteer sign up link to share etc.:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4cada929a5fb6-beanew> We will meet our potential new families in the library and then split off in to groups to conduct tours. We will have preschool informational flyers as well.

Open Enrollment began January 8, 2018. Parents and guardians can enroll their students online or in person for 2017-2018 at the John Stanford Center, 2445 3rd Avenue South if you do not have computer access at home. We also have computer availability at school.

PreK Registration Open!

PreK Registration for 2018-2019 has begun! It's a month earlier than we were expecting, so if you know any families with 3-4 year old's please let them know. Applications are through the Seattle Public School website: Families can apply to as many schools (that have PreK) as they want.

Alice Tackett, our current preschool teacher is happy to help families register if they have trouble with the website or do not have access to a computer. You can find her in Room 206.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for School Choice is open from Feb. 5 until 16. Read more about [Open Enrollment for School Choice](#). For students that qualify for Spectrum this year this is an important timeframe as this is when you will need to submit a school choice form if you want your child in Spectrum at B. F. Day next year. They do need to qualify first of course but they are not officially in the program unless you choose it on a Choice Form.

Hamilton Middle School Meeting

Hamilton International Middle School is an exciting and vibrant learning community and it is my privilege to welcome You!

We will be hosting a "Meet the Principal" night at B. F. Day Elementary School on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The event will be located in the Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

We look forward to meeting our new rising Hamilton Hawk Community!

Sincerely,
Tipton Blish, Principal

Rainier Scholars

Current 4th grade students are eligible to apply for this program which provides students with academic support in their 12-year journey through college graduation. As 5th graders next year, students will experience academic supports beginning this summer and through their 5th grade year. Then, there is on-going academic counseling and support in Grades 6 – 8. During HS grades, students also experience leadership development.

We currently have two B. F. Day students who are participating in the program. You may email me for more information. There are several evening family information meetings that are coming up this month from 6:30 – 7:30, plus one Saturday session from 10:00 – 11:00.

National African American Parent Involvement Day

Monday, February 12th is being designated as a national day encouraging parent involvement from our African American Families. I will be reaching out to families to detail the day's possible events. I hope you will be able to make some time for B. F. Day and join in for this united effort!

PTSA NEWS

Upcoming Parent Class –Wednesday, February 28

Please plan to attend a two hour Positive Discipline class on Wed., February 28th from 6:30 – 8:30. There is onsite childcare available. Our staff will receive a companion training on January 10th, so that we will be aligned in our techniques and understandings. Thank you, Betty!

Family Dinner, movie, and PTSA Reminder!

Hi everyone,

We are excited to have dinner together on Thursday at 5:00! This is an inclusive school community, free event! We will be serving spaghetti. Our homemade sauce (or 'gravy' if you are clearly not from around here :) will be vegetarian and nut-free. We will have gluten free pasta available as well.

RSPV is highly appreciated but not necessary. Please RSVP at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/XhxPI4AJoa4ULfLA3>

If you do not have a google account or experience any difficulties rsvp'ing, please email me, Michal Inspektor, at michal_ins@yahoo.com. Let me know who you are, and how many dinner guests we should be expecting.

Please consider volunteering the day of the event if you are able! That is a big part of this community building spirit! Thank you in advance!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4cada929a5fb6-bfdayptsa>

Last, but definitely not least, we would like to remind you that after dinner,

we will have movie night in the gym and a general PTSA meeting. We need at least four volunteers to assist with childcare during the movie, so parents can attend the PTSA meeting. If you are able to help, please email Julie Bragg at jbragg44@yahoo.com. Many thanks!

Thanks so much and looking forward to seeing you soon!

The Family Dinner Planning Committee.

Michal Inspektor
