



Upcoming Events

Thur. 3/14-3:30
PTO Meeting

Tues. 3/19-6:00
School Brd. Mtg.

Fri. 3/22-11:00
Early Release

Fri. 3/22-5:30-8:30
Dinner, Live & Silent Auction

Fri. 3/29-11:00
Early Release

Mon.-Fri. 4/1-4/5
No School
Spring Break

Weds.-Fri. 4/17-4/19
11:00 Early Rel.
Parent/Teacher
Conferences -
Book Fair

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From the Principal/Superintendent

We just started the second semester of the school year. The time has flown!

Our students had a great time playing in the snow during recess. We will provide updates regarding how to manage making up the snow days, if necessary.

The Brinnon School District has recently been awarded a \$134,000 grant for playground improvements and a new fire panel.

The \$73,000 playground grant includes the following:

- Four new pieces of playground equipment to replace three older existing pieces

- Soccer goals
- Engineered playground fill to replace the pea gravel.
- New asphalt in the area between the covered play area and the playground.

The \$61,000 fire panel grant includes the following:

- Addressable voice evacuation fire alarm panel
- 28 smoke detectors
- Heat detectors
- Manual pull stations
- Wire and cable

We are excited that these upgrades come at no cost to our taxpayers.

Our students, staff and facility will be safer with the new fire panel and related upgrades.

Our students and community will certainly enjoy the upgrades to the play areas.

Thank you for your continued support.

We live in a generous community.

Go Bobcats!



Mrs. Patricia Beathard

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Every March, school children around the world celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, a beloved and timeless author of everyone's favorite childhood books.

Lunch Lady Nicole took it to the next level with a breakfast version of Green Eggs and Ham,

including a skewer with *green* romaine, a ribbon of *ham*, a hard boiled *egg*, and a cherry tomato just for fun. A side of *goldfish*, complemented this whimsical, and nutritious breakfast!

And for lunch? Go Dog Go hotdogs, Pork & Wee Beans with Plumpkin Pears, of course!



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March 2019

Washington Reading Corp. (WRC) Happenings

The clothing drive that WRC sponsored in January was an overwhelming success. We were able to provide over a hundred individuals with free, gently loved clothing items.

The hallway bulletin board recently featured Olaf with a cup of hot chocolate. Soon his cup brimmed over with 1,500 "marshmallows", representing chapters our students had read. We look forward to hearing of the adventures your next chapters take you as you continue reading!

Did you know?

The term "bookworm" derives from tiny insects who feed on the binding of books!



Greetings from the Exceptional Learners (ExL) Classroom by Mrs. Britney Edwards, teacher

We are already over halfway through the school year, and we are back from the big snow-down of 2019. That was a lot of snow!

We have been seeing so many encouraging outcomes from the amazing specialists that are helping our students this year. As you may know, we have a new room in the portable that supports specialists from Jumping Mouse, MCS Counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy and our school psychologist.

We are amazed at the positive response from

our students and hope to expand services in the future.

In the ExL portable, we always try to teach the way kids learn. To that end, I will be starting a running club at the school. This will be an optional recess activity that will give students a focused, vigorous way to increase activity levels. There are a myriad of studies that show a connection between sustained physical activity and improved learning and optimal health. A recent article I read by Nancy Barile (Award-winning teacher,

M.A.Ed), explains that exercise gets your brain ready to learn, helps retain information, reduces stress, anxiety and depression and can help students with ADHD sit longer and focus in the classroom. So, what's not to love about running?

Look for the Running Club to start in March of 2019!



Staying Busy with After School Programs by Alicia Simmons

We have had an exciting year so far! The 4-H After School Program had a neighboring 4-H club visit with fun programmable robots. "Mystery Martha" from the Jefferson County Library visits

monthly with fun projects including paper dragons and clay creations. We have learned how to give presentations, and about the importance of community. We have also learned about chickens

(with live birds in attendance!). And there is still so much more to learn and experience.

Sound fun?
Come join us!





Middle School

Humor Submitted by:
Noah Boling, Grade 7

Okay, so you walk into a room and notice there is a pipe leaking water into a bucket. You see that there are three doors. The one on the left has a vat of acid. The one in the middle has a flame thrower that will fry you to a crisp (chip). The door on the right is a room full of spiders. Which door do you choose to survive? (See the bottom of the page for the answer.)

Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?

Answer: Because he had no-body to dance with.

How much does a skeleton weigh?

Answer: A skel-a-ton.

*From Kaydence Yeoman,
Grade 8*

What do you call a rooster looking at a salad?

Answer: A chicken "sees a" salad!

Answer to joke at top of page: You pour the bucket of water onto the flame thrower in the middle room, thus putting the flame out, and you enter.

Mrs. McEdwards' Fabulous 2nd and 3rd Graders

After Winter Break we have worked to improve our friendship skills. We are learning about personal character traits and how to recognize them in ourselves and others. Ask us about our humanity, cooperation and respect lessons.

Our social studies have centered on learning about the concept of time through the use of a timeline, where we charted inventors of popular technology like the telephone and the light bulb. We also learned about the trials and tribulations of

Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan, Keller's teacher and life long companion. We are working on focusing our determination to study with as much drive as they did.

Second graders are learning about telling time on an analog clock, counting coins, place value, and writing numbers. Third graders are learning about adding and subtracting using information from graphs and charts, reading numbers to 1,000, estimating, and rounding numbers to the tens and hundreds place.

We continue to improve our readings skills and enjoy reading many non-fiction topics on science, social studies, and the workings of the world.

Did you know Helen Keller's image is on the Alabama state quarter? The words Helen Keller are on the quarter in Latin and in braille!



Lights, Camera, Action! by Lisa Johnston, teacher/director



The Kindergarten/1st grade class is gearing up to film their second movie of the year. "Lego Bank Heist" is in post-production and the screenplay writers and voice actors had a wonderful time creating it. Set

design for "The Trouble at Violet Castle" is underway, and filming will begin soon. Thanks to a grant from the Jefferson County School Retirees Association and the Brinnon P.T.O., we were able to purchase a new video camera! This should greatly improve

sound and picture quality. This camera will also be used for the after school movie making club. This club will have produced 3 movies by the end of the year. We are hoping to have a mini film festival in late May or June to show off all of our hard work!

All That I Could Have Hoped For by Mrs. Elizabeth Frantz, 3-4 gr. Teacher

One year ago, I was a busy stay-at-home mom of 5. Homeschooling and going to school myself, I had hopes of one day becoming a teacher. Fast forward to April of 2018 and you'd find me in front of an interview panel being considered for the position of 4th-5th grade elementary teacher. When I met up later with Mrs. Beathard, I found out I was hired. With this news I was transported over the moon, where I stayed for weeks! Now it is one year later and I am half-way through my first year of teaching. Working at Brinnon has been all I could hope for and more. I had expected to be given a classroom, students, and a few teacher's manuals. What I've received since the day I was hired has been much more than that. Here is a short list to give you an idea of what I have come to expect as a Brinnon school teacher.



1. Food, food and more food! - Whether a potato bar at holiday time, Valentine's Day chocolate, or a box of "help yourself" snacks, there is always food. My tummy thanks the thoughtful PTO and other staff members.
2. Extra, extra-curriculars - Busy, but it's that good kind of busy. Amazing efforts are being made to bring Brinnon students positive educational experiences during and after school. Shout out to 4H, Champions, Movie Club, Homework Club, community and parent volunteers, Reading Corp., and staff.
3. Support - I can't say enough about how great and supportive my colleagues are. The staff here is considerate and cooperative in sharing resources and answering questions. Their kind words have meant so much.
4. Fabulous parents/guardians and students - I've had the privilege of establishing relationships with many parents and guardians. They are dedicated to the work involved in supplying an education that sparks a passion for learning. I feel fortunate to be a teacher where I once was a student. Our students are bright, fun, creative, and caring. They have an exciting future ahead with an entire community behind them cheering them on.

My hopes for the year ahead include growing as a teacher, helping students achieve greater academic gains, and to return the kindnesses and support I've been given.

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